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Dear Residents of SD-44:

This past week our region and the nation has been devastated and heartbroken by the murder of George Floyd. We cannot sit idly and allow these injustices to repeatedly occur to our black and brown brothers and sisters. As Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw poignantly stated, “communities of color are tired of reliving atrocities such as this over and over again. They are sick and tired of being sick and tired.”



Early last week, I applauded Montgomery County Commissioners Val Arkoosh and Ken Lawrence for [denouncing](#) Commissioner Joe Gale after he released a [statement](#) that was racist, divisive, and undeniably unbecoming for any individual, let alone an elected official. We do not need leaders who seek to divide and tear us apart.

“The only way to break down ignorance is through education and learning about the systems of oppression that exist and how you’re complicit in them.” We need to listen more than we speak. The transformation can start within all of us to not only acknowledge the privilege that exists, but to confront how ignorance has become a tool of racial domination.

My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at [senatormuth@pasenate.com](mailto:senatormuth@pasenate.com) to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need. We will also continue to share new information through E-blasts, social media and on [website](#) as we receive it to ensure you, your family, schools, and small businesses have the most up-to-date information.

Senator Katie Muth

## Southeastern PA Moves into the Yellow Phase

As of Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Montgomery, Chester, and Berks Counties have moved into the yellow phase. This phase still requires that aggressive mitigation measures remain in place, including social distancing, telework if possible and limitations on gatherings of 25 people or less. I will continue to have conversations with constituents around their plans to safely reopen their businesses such as salons, barbershops, and pet grooming. We have been advocating on your behalf with the administration and I am hopeful that we will see additional business reopening announcements ahead of our move into the green phase.

### MOVING TO YELLOW

#### WHAT'S OPEN + WHAT'S NOT?

#### OPEN

- All life-sustaining businesses
- Child Care Centers
- Retail Stores (curbside pickup and delivery preferred)
- Pet grooming and care
- Restaurants (curbside pickup and delivery only)
- Real Estate sales and legal services following guidelines

#### STILL CLOSED

- Hair Salons & Barbers
- Gyms, Fitness Centers & Spas
- Casinos
- Amateur & Professional Sports Facilities
- Public gatherings of more than 25 people

## PennDOT Announces Additional Centers Reopening

Additional Driver and Photo License Centers are reopening with limited services available.

Details <https://www.penndot.gov/pages/all-news-details.aspx...>

Hours of operation at the reopened locations will be Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM. Wednesday and Thursday between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM will be designated times for customers 60 years or older.





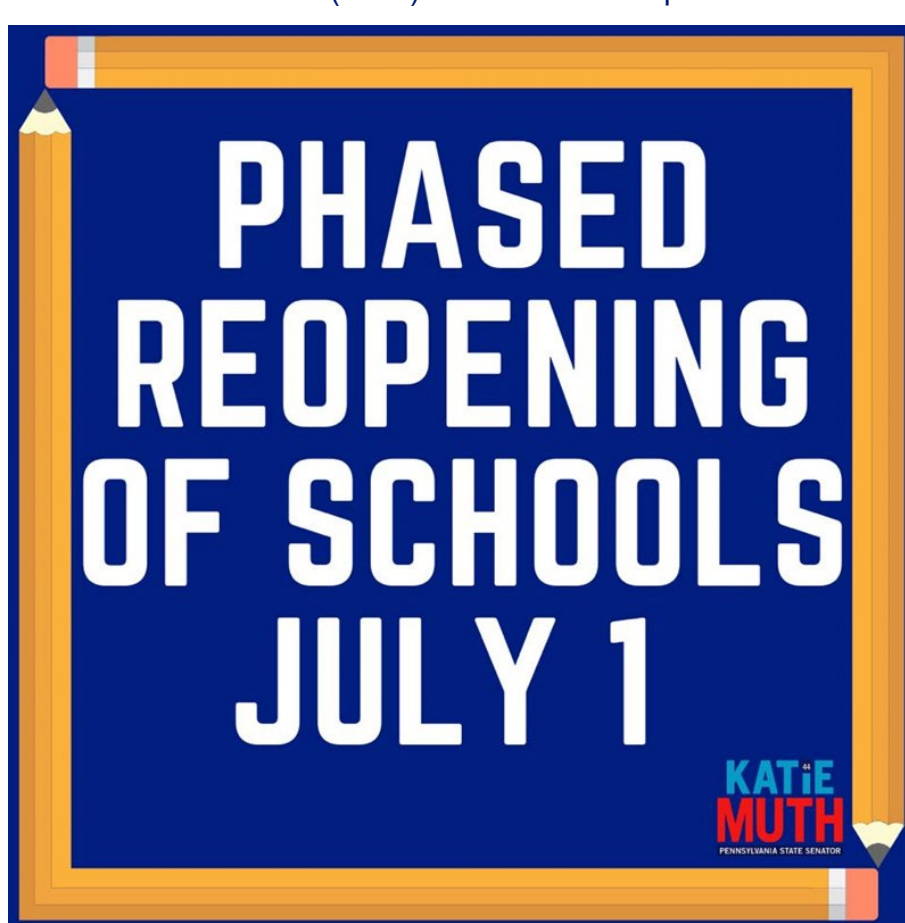
Available services include:

- Commercial Driver License (CDL) transactions
- Initial issuance transactions—including out-of-state transfers, permit testing, skills testing, and ID card issuance
- Photo license services
- Driver license restoration services that cannot be completed online or via mail
- Medical-related testing
- Non-U.S. citizen transaction processing

Questions? Please contact us at 717-412-5300.

## Phased Reopening of Schools Beginning July 1st

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) last week announced elementary and secondary schools in the state's yellow and green phases may resume in-person instruction and activities beginning July 1 under a phased reopening approach that first requires schools to develop health and safety plans based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the state Department of Health (DOH).



## Drive-Thru Antibody Testing in Chester County

REMINDER: Chester County Health Department and Chester County Department of Emergency Services, in partnership with Lehigh Valley Genomics, invite all essential workers who have been working onsite at their workplaces through the red phase, who live or work in Chester County, and their household members to drive-thru COVID-19 Antibody Testing.

Click [here](#) to register. Public testing will be available at a later date. Questions call 610-344-6225

**Drive-Thru Antibody Testing**  
Now Available For Essential Workers  
who have been working onsite during the **RED** phase

For information on locations, appointment times and registration visit Chester County's COVID-19 Antibody webpage

- By Appointment Only
- You Must Bring Confirmation Code to Test Site
- Everyone Will Be Screened for Symptoms

**No Symptomatic Individuals Will Be Permitted Onsite**

Public testing will be available at a later date  
Please note: testing is weather dependent and dates are subject to change

## Take Care of Yourself

This COVID-19 pandemic can be a stressful and anxiety-producing time. Remember, it's ok to ask for help.

Check out these resources below for you and your family:



# Mental Health Help During COVID-19

## Crisis Text Line



Text 'PA'  
to 741741

## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



1-800-273-8255

## Preventing suicide in PA



preventsuicide  
pa.org/

## Disaster Distress Helpline



800-985-5990

## Get Help Now for substance use disorder



1-800-662-4357

## Veterans in crisis



veterans  
crisisline.net

## PA's support helpline



855-284-2494

## Coping with COVID-19 stress



bit.ly/covid-coping

## COVID-19 resources



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org/covid19

## Funding for the 44th

\$280,750 in grants is coming to SD-44:

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has awarded four COVID-19 Working Capital Access Program grants to our district to help businesses plan and reopen.

Congratulations to:

Ori Eats LLC, South Coventry, Chester \$62,000

MG Rink Management LLC, Uwchlan, Chester \$100,000

Level Seven Salon LLC, East Pikeland, Chester \$18,750

Lionville Family Dentistry PC, Uwchlan, Chester \$100,000

In total, 745 businesses were approved for loans totaling \$60,722,64. Thank you DCED for helping our small businesses.



## How to Stay Informed

Below is an extensive list of information, statistics, and resources to ensure you stay up-to-date with any changes happening due to COVID-19.

Check out [my website](#) for a comprehensive list of resources or one of the helpful site below.

### Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH [Daily COVID-19 report](#). Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

### U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [Track confirmed cases in the US](#). (This site is updated weekdays at noon and shows numbers that were current as of 4 p.m. the previous day.)
- CDC provided information regarding "[What you should know about COVID-19](#)"
- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).
- Learn how best to [prevent "community transition"](#) with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

### World Health Organization

- Learn what's happening Worldwide with the [WHO's Daily report](#). The most recent report is located at the top of the page. It includes confirmed case and death tallies.
- Additional COVID-19 information is provided on their [website](#).
- Stay informed on [Twitter](#).
- Follow their [Facebook](#) page.

Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



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