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Dear Residents of SD-44:

Last Friday, Governor Wolf [announced](#) that the state has been working with the federal government to set up 27 federal vaccine program sites in the commonwealth. The announcement also laid out plans which included three key areas (listed below). While some of these announcements are welcome changes that I have been calling for both [publicly](#) and privately in calls with the DOH and the Administration, I am still concerned by the lack of clarity and transparency relative to allocation data and the lack of commitment to establish multiple regional sites in each of the collar counties, which have been short-changed thus far.

Both Montgomery and Chester counties have the capacity to quickly distribute vaccine doses via mass vaccination sites in communities across our region, but currently they are not receiving enough supply to do so. It is imperative that we have accessible mass vaccination sites in both Western Montgomery County and throughout Northern and Western Chester County and I continue to work with the County Commissioners across Senate District 44 to ensure that our communities are prioritized.

See below for the updates announced by the Governor:

- **Scheduling vaccine appointments for those in Phase 1A** who are still seeking a vaccination. The Secretary of Health will be issuing an Order that will require vaccine providers to make best efforts to schedule all 1A appointments by the end of the month. To assist them in achieving this goal, the state will be providing greater visibility into their future allocations. This will allow them to schedule appointments with confidence in having sufficient supply to keep those appointments.
- **Establishing Regional Vaccination Clinics** using a portion of the weekly allocation of Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses after the completion of the special initiative to vaccinate teachers, school staff and child care workers. This will be made available to regions and counties throughout the commonwealth.
- **Targeting frontline workers and first responders** using a portion of J&J doses. Targeted industries include law enforcement/correctional staff, grocery workers, firefighters (both career and volunteer), meat processing and agriculture workers. Using the J&J supply to support regionally planned and facilitated mass vaccination sites, as well as quickly completing vaccine missions for critical frontline workers means more shots in arms while helping our seniors secure appointments and receive their vaccine before more broadly opening up to additional populations.

My office continues to help senior citizens and other constituents who may be having difficulty registering for a vaccine appointment, due to a number of factors like not having an email address.



# NO EMAIL? NO PROBLEM!

## CALL OUR OFFICE AT

# 610-792-2137

### WE CAN HELP PRE-REGISTER YOU FOR A COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENT

You can always call my office at 610-792-2137 and my team will help answer any questions and register you based on your county of residence.

I will keep posting updates from the DOH, as well as any vaccine opportunities that pop-up across our community while I continue to advocate for more vaccine doses directly to our region in SEPA. Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Senator Katie Muth

## COVID-19 Vaccine for Pre-K to 12 School Staff

Last Wednesday, Governor Wolf [announced](#) that the state will allocate their first allocation (94,600 doses) of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine starting with staff that have regular and sustained in-person contact with students during the regular school day, including teachers and staff providing pre-k and elementary instruction, special education, English learners and associated support staff.

In a call last Tuesday with the DOH and PEMA, I pressed for answers as to whether or not our region would be prioritized given that our schools have been shut down considerably longer than other areas of the state. It is critical that our children are back in school and vaccinating our teachers and support staff quickly is a big step in making that a reality.

There will be at least one vaccination site per IU region. School staff will be directed to the vaccination site in the region within which their school is located. The Pennsylvania National Guard and AMI, a health organization contracted by DOH, will direct operations and administer doses at these sites. Each vaccination site is expected to begin operations between March 10-13, 2021. A list of FAQ's can be found [here](#).

## COVID Vaccination Registration

### Montgomery County

If you live or work in Montgomery County and are 65 and older or you have a health condition that qualifies you for the vaccine under Phase 1B or 1C, you can pre-register for the vaccine [HERE](#).

Montgomery County Vaccination Registry

### Chester County

Chester County continues to vaccinate groups in Phase 1A to include the individuals 65 and older, and individuals between the ages of 16-64 with certain medical conditions.

Chester County Vaccination Registry



## Berks County

If you live in Berks County, Vaccine distribution is handled by licensed healthcare providers and pharmacies. The County of Berks cannot distribute nor determine who gets the vaccine, but officials are working closely with local health care providers as they continue to coordinate and communicate vaccine distribution efforts. Learn more about how to register with providers [HERE](#).

[Berks County Vaccination Registry](#)

## Hospitality Industry Recovery Program Grants

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under Act 1 of 2021 (SB 109), created an initiative known as the **COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program** (CHIRP). Act 1 allocated \$145 million in funding assistance to hospitality industry businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Chester County

Applications open today, **March 15**, and interested applicants can apply [HERE](#).



### Montgomery County

Applications opened on **March 12**, and interested applicants can apply [HERE](#).



## Berks County

Applications open today, **March 15**, and interested applicants can apply [HERE](#).



## Reimagine Ridge Pike

Do you have special talents in design or an interest in community development? If so, Lower Providence Township is inviting you to participate in the Reimagine Ridge Pike Design Challenge. The challenge is part of the Township's Comprehensive Plan Update process.

This type of design challenge is often used by local governments to go beyond a typical presentation format to include a creative and interactive way to generate ideas and involve the community. Participants are asked to create a conceptual vision of a Ridge Pike streetscape in the form of a Computer Aided Design (CAD), hand-drawn image, vision board or some other visual medium.

The target area can be any section of Ridge Pike between Trooper Road and Eagleville Road. Submission deadline is April 23. Learn more [HERE](#).

## REIMAGINE RIDGE PIKE

A COMMUNITY VISIONING  
DESIGN CHALLENGE

CALL FOR  
SUBMISSIONS

Entries Due  
April 23rd



## Tax Season Seminar

It's tax prep season! If you have questions while completing your tax forms, then join our virtual seminar TONIGHT at 6PM where we will have tax attorneys from Villanova and Philadelphia Legal Assistance available to help provide assistance. Register [HERE](#).





# TAX SEASON SEMINAR

JOIN SENATORS AMANDA CAPPELLETTI, TIM KEARNEY, JOHN KANE, KATIE MUTH, AND STEVE SANTARSIERO FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT



WITH TAX ATTORNEYS  
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OMEED FIROUZI



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MARCH 15, 2020 AT 6PM

**REGISTER HERE:**

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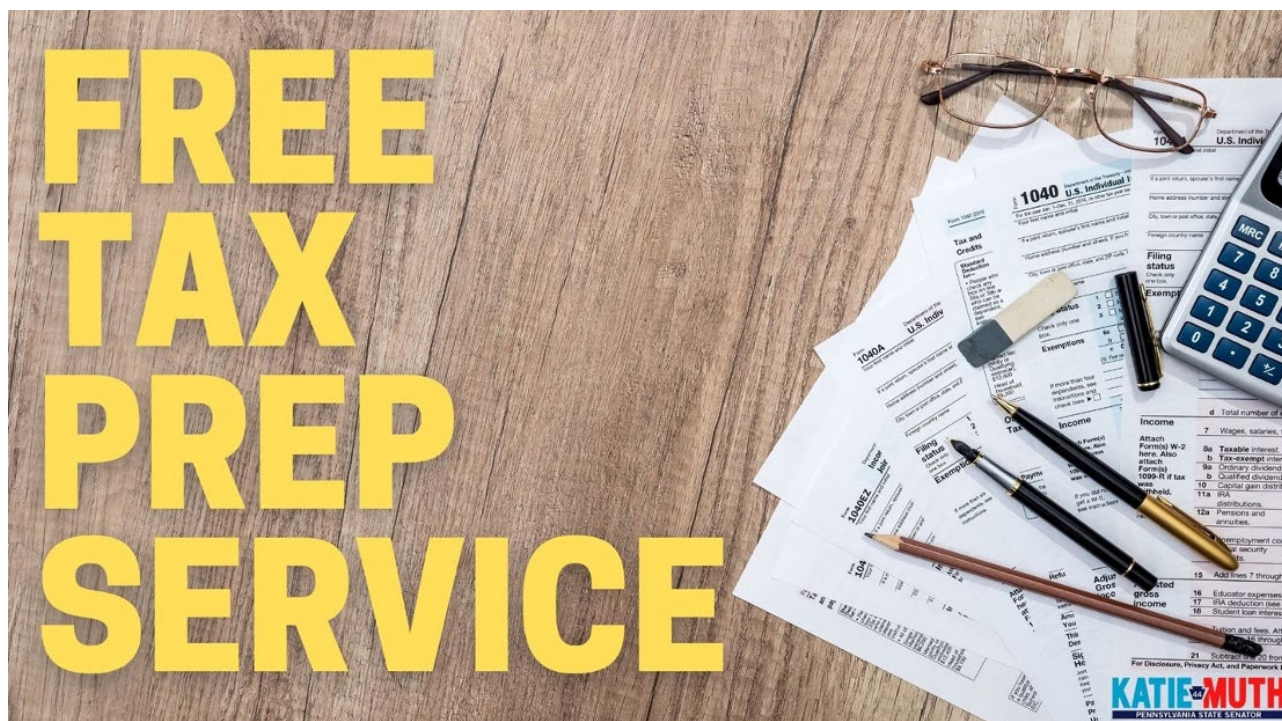
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## Free Tax Prep Service

My district office in Royersford Borough is offering free tax prep service for anyone who needs to file a tax return by using a 1040 form. This service will be offered on Thursdays from 5-7pm through April 8 (all COVID precautions will be enforced).

You **MUST make an appointment** by calling my office at 610-792-2137 (ask for Nikki). To learn more about the service and what you will need to bring to your appointment click [HERE](#).



## How to Stay Informed

### 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

- 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.

## Stay Connected

Follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news and updates.



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