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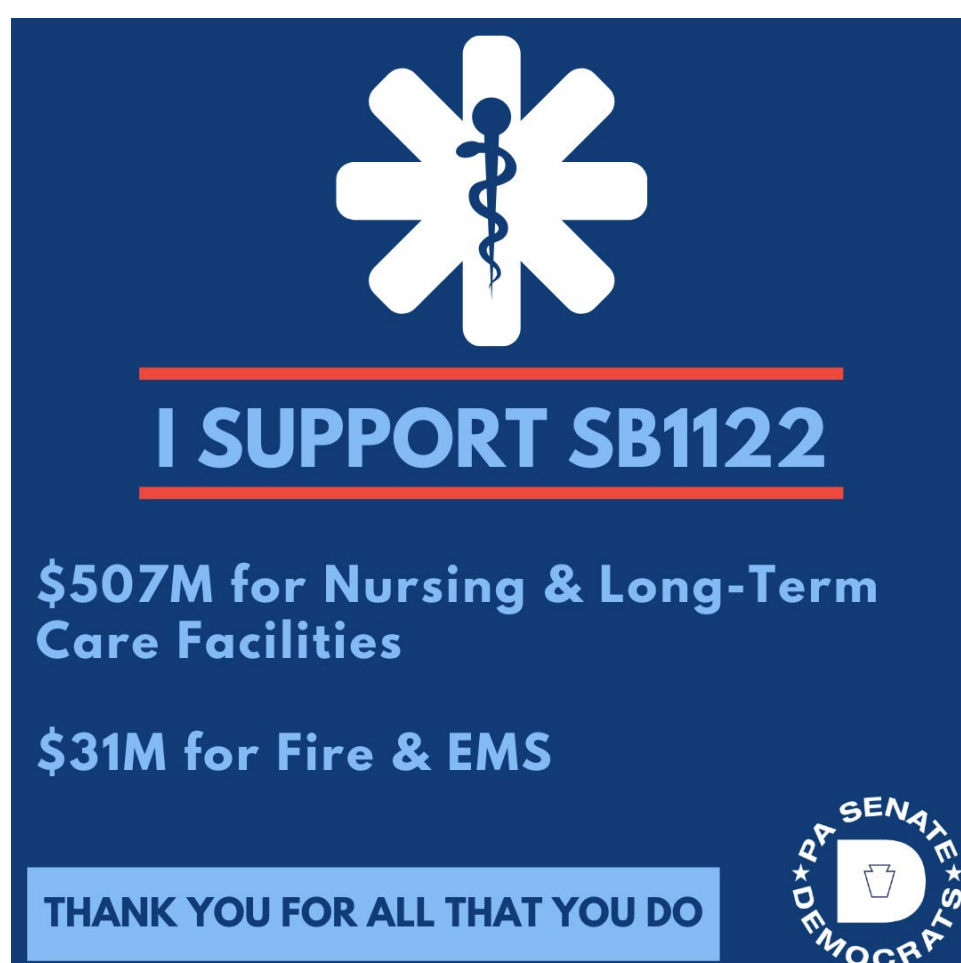


Dear Residents of SD-44:

Last week, my colleagues attempted to add amendments onto two bills ([HB2388](#) and [HB2412](#)) to protect Pennsylvania workers, families, and businesses so that certain industries can safely reopen. These amendments would have ensured worker safety, strengthened protocols, and enforced compliance for businesses operating under CDC guidelines. The Governor had indicated that the bills in their current form would be vetoed. So in an attempt at compromise, we offered the amendments to resolve the inadequacies within the bills, which would have increased the likelihood that they would have been signed into law, therefore allowing certain industries to safely reopen. Sadly, ALL of those amendments failed along party lines.

I've heard from many small business owners who are anxious to return to work and re-open, but a vast majority do not want to do so at the cost of risking the health of their employees and customers. Ensuring and enforcing lifesaving protections for all places of work, business, and public spaces is the only way to safely reopen. I will continue to fight for an evidence-based approach with adequate testing and a secure supply chain for PPE, that prioritizes worker and public safety, while also arming businesses with the tools and resources that are necessary to sustain an aggressive mitigation strategy against this deadly virus.

In the absence of a national coordinated response, this pandemic will only get worse, further prolonging a safe reopening and will result in historical death and illness rates. We must work together to implement a safe reopening strategy and protect our Commonwealth from further harm.



The Senate did come to a bipartisan agreement and unanimously passed [Senate Bill 1122](#). The bill provides \$507 million for nursing and long term care facilities and \$31 million for fire and EMS in Pennsylvania. The legislation is a perfect example of smart, reasonable, and thoughtful plans that we can implement to help Pennsylvanians throughout the Commonwealth.

My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help alleviate some of the confusion, fear, and frustration that you may be dealing with. We will also continue to share new information through E-blasts, social media and on my [website](#) as we receive it to ensure you, your family, schools, and small businesses have the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

Increased Testing for Nursing and Long Term Care (LTC) facilities



Last week, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DoH) [announced](#) that it will be implementing a universal #COVID19 testing strategy for staff and residents in nursing homes throughout Pennsylvania.

I am grateful that the DoH [heard what my colleagues and I, along with so many of my constituents, have been advocating for](#) over the past two months. COVID-19 has created intense challenges for direct care providers in congregate care settings. They're putting themselves at risk while trying to protect our most vulnerable. I will continue to advocate for legislation that addresses other areas of concerns in relation to our nursing, long term care, and congregate care facilities including:

- Creating a protocol for residents, as well as families who are eligible to receive notifications about a resident's health, to review their notification agreement and update it in the case of an infectious disease outbreak.
- Providing guidance and prioritization for testing and personal protection equipment (PPE) for residents and staff in facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Mandating aggregate data to be published by facility outlining the number of confirmed positive and presumed positive COVID-19 cases and deaths due to COVID-19 for residents and staff of the facility.
- Outlining inspection, assessment, and auditing guidelines to ensure facilities are following safety and reporting protocol.

How to Get Involved with Contact Tracing



The Department of Health continues to receive inquiries from individuals and organizations about getting involved with Contact Tracing efforts, specifically through the Civilian Coronavirus Corps or other entities that are built to support individuals who are displaced through COVID-19 or are former health care providers who want to get involved.

PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- When an individual calls and inquiries about getting involved with Contact Tracing, they are asked to register on www.serv.pa.gov
- During this registration, they will be asked to join an organization. The individual should choose Contact Tracing (PA DoH)

PROCESS FOR GROUPS

- When a group (or an individual representing a group) inquiries about getting involved with Contact Tracing, they should email RA-DHCONTACTTRACING@pa.gov.

In their email they should include:

- The name of the group or organization they represent
- Inquiry or topic related to contact tracing
- Contact information for their group's person of contact

Daily Bread Food Pantry in Need



Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry — the fourth-largest food pantry in Montgomery County — [is in crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

As the quarantine continues, an unprecedented number of people are losing their jobs. Consequently, more and more Montco citizens need food assistance from Daily Bread.

Sodiah Thomas, owner of S&B Event Concepts & Catering, located at 25 Bridge St. in Collegeville, has turned her facility into a designated drop-off location for Daily Bread every Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Daily Bread Food Pantry, located at 3938B Ridge Pike, Collegeville, needs the following items most of all:

- Any canned meat
- Cereal, juice, tomato products, spaghetti sauce, and jelly
- Baby wipes/ bars of soap /shampoo
- Laundry/dish soap and tissues
- Any cleaning products
- Side dishes like Rice A Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.

To make a contribution, call the S&B business office at 267-263-2616 in advance to inform them of any deliveries.

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



Due to COVID-19, many Memorial Day services will not continue in the traditional manner, but we still cannot forget our fallen heroes.

As a result, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services is presenting a Virtual Memorial Day

They are asking residents to send information on veterans they would like to be included in this Virtual Memorial Day Tribute.

Please submit your Veterans' information by [clicking HERE](#) by May 20th.

The tribute will also include photos from the Hometown Heroes organization.

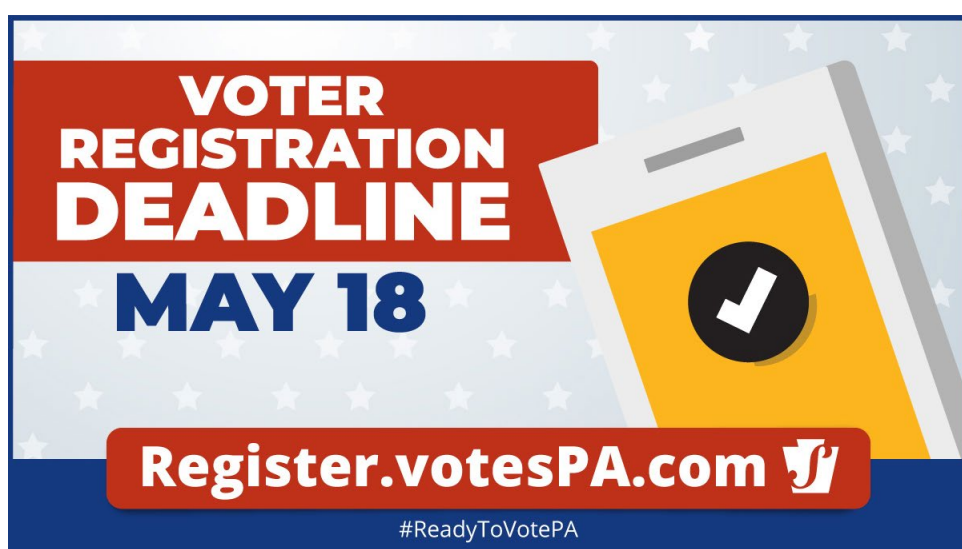
Funding for the 44th District

\$369,358.88 of grant funding for Fire and EMS divisions is coming to SD-44. Our first responders continue to serve on the front lines of our state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and we owe a great debt of gratitude for their courage and selflessness.



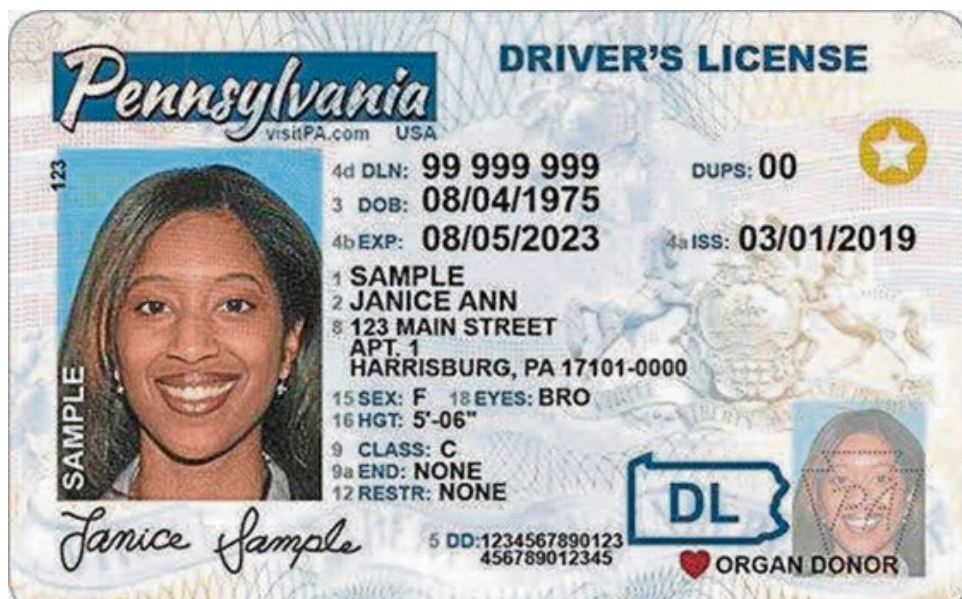
Today: Voter Registration Deadline!

Voter registration deadline for the Primary on June 2nd is TODAY! Head on over to register.votespa.com to sign-up!



PennDOT License Renewal Update

Customers who [renew their driver's license](#) or photo ID card online or through the mail will get a new card using the most recent photo that exists of them in PennDOT's system.



No temporary licenses will be issued to these customers and they will get their new cards by mail within 15 days.

PennDOT already [has extended the expiration dates on driver's licenses](#), photo ID cards, learner's permits and camera cards that were set to expire from March 16 through May 31. Those cards now will expire June 30.

The department also has suspended issuing REAL ID cards during the coronavirus shutdown. [Enforcement of REAL ID in Pennsylvania has been pushed back a year](#), to Oct. 1, 2021.

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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