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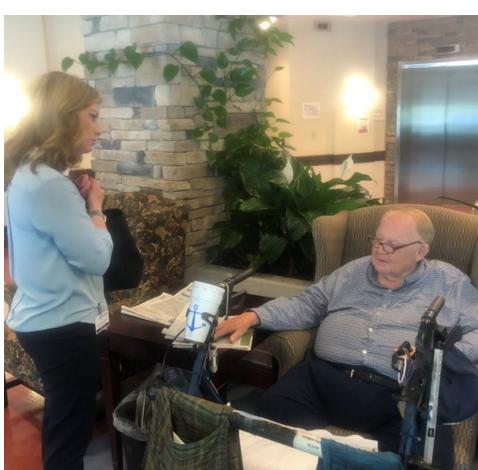


### Dear Residents of SD-44:

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a nice Memorial Day weekend. I spent the day remembering the lives and sacrifices of the veterans who have passed, as well as thinking about those who are living in nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the Commonwealth amidst the Coronavirus pandemic. The COVID-19 crisis <a href="has exacerbated problems">has exacerbated problems</a> that existed in nursing home and long term care facilities for years. When you combine such a vulnerable population with a workforce that is under-protected, understaffed, and underpaid — and then add in the challenges of the novel coronavirus, it's a recipe for a dangerous and deadly scenario that is now a reality in many of these facilities.

light on issues that have cost the lives of our veterans and elderly residents in nursing and long-term care facilities.

I have spent countless hours talking with direct care providers and families who have shed



for the removal of top administrative staff at the Southeastern Veterans' Center after learning of questionable treatment protocols and the continued influx of troubling information that I receive from family members and individuals close to the center.

I will not let the veterans in this facility, their families, and the healthcare workers who care

In a call earlier this week with Maj. Gen. Anthony Carrelli, head of the state DMVA, I called

for the residents continue to suffer under the failed leadership at the SEVC. I have also submitted a formal written request to Attorney General Josh Shapiro to conduct a thorough criminal investigation into possible violations at the center.

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

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# and Berks Counties to Yellow on June 5th



region. With that said, moving to the yellow phase does not erase the economic losses that our region has faced due to extended closures, so I am working with the administration to appropriate a large share of federal stimulus dollars back into Montgomery, Chester, and Berks Counties in order to help small businesses and rebuild our communities.

Food Recovery Infrastructure Grants

I am happy to report that 3 local food banks in SD-44 were awarded grants through the

help ensure that food banks are adequately supplied to meet the needs of Pennsylvania

food recovery infrastructure grant program. A total of \$158,942 is coming to our district to

residents.

This grant was awarded to the:

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

## <u>Chester County Food Bank</u>

Honey Brook Food Pantry

Grants will allow food banks, shelters and soup kitchens to cover the costs of equipment purchases necessary to prepare, transport, and store food acquired from retailers, wholesalers, farms, processors, and cooperatives. These grants will also foster a relationship between the food banks and local farms to get more food to the people who



### **TODAY- Mail-in Ballot Registration Deadline:**

### **DEADLINES** for the June 2 **Primary Election:**

 5 pm May 26 APPLICATIONS for mail-in and absentee ballots must be RECEIVED by your county election office

 8 pm June 2 **VOTED BALLOTS must be RECEIVED** by your county election office postmarks do not count



## Apply Online at VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot

Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot online with a <u>valid PA driver's license or</u> photo I.D. from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Military and overseas voters should visit the information for military and overseas voters web page for information on how they can obtain an absentee ballot.

# SNAP Program Update



leave their homes due to health concerns. We have good news! The Wolf Administration received approval from the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow Pennsylvania to join the pilot program that lets recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, purchase groceries online through participating retailers. The pilot program currently includes three approved retailers: Amazon, Walmart, and

ShopRite. DHS expects to have online grocery purchasing activated for SNAP recipients by the beginning of June. Learn more **HERE**.

### Join us on May 28 for our Coronavirus Scam Slam event.

Scam Slam Event

 During this unprecedented time, scams have been continually increasing and targeting many members of our community, especially the elderly.

We want to make sure everyone has the tools and resources they need to protect themselves.

Find more information click **HERE**.



## **How to Stay Informed**

Below is an extensive list of information, statistics, and resources to ensure you stay upto-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 <u>Daily COVID-19 report</u>. Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on Twitter.
- Follow them on Facebook.

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

- <u>Track confirmed cases in the US.</u> (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 <u>Twitter.</u>
- Follow the CDC on Facebook.
- Learn how best to <u>prevent "community transition"</u> with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

### World Health Organization

- Learn what's happening Worldwide with the <u>WHO's Daily report</u>. 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 <u>website</u>.
- Stay informed on <u>Twitter.</u>
- Follow their <u>Facebook</u> 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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