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Dear Residents of SD-44:

38 Counties in PA are now at a substantial risk of community spread. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The positivity rate statewide is at 6.9%, which is up from 6.1% a week ago. Locally, Berks County is at 7.7%, Montgomery at 5.2% and Chester at 5.1%. We all need to do our part by encouraging our family, friends, and neighbors to wear a mask, practice social distancing, frequently wash hands, and avoid large gatherings.

My team and I are here to help you and your family. In this newsletter you will find information on our upcoming healthcare town hall and enrollment event, which will help answer any questions that you have about the new state-based marketplace.

Do you have a question, or need assistance? My team and I are here to help and can be reached at senatormuth@pasenate.com, or via phone at 610-792-2137.

Sincerely,



Senator Katie Muth

Upcoming event: Virtual ACA enrollment event and town hall



During the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, access to quality and affordable healthcare is now more important than ever. Unfortunately, I have heard from so many of my constituents that the process to obtain the right insurance plan can be complex and frustrating. This virtual event will help answer questions, provide assistance, and ensure that everyone in my district has access to an insurance plan that meets their individual needs.

My office will host an Affordable Care Act [Virtual Town Hall](#) on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department and trained navigators to help answer general questions about selecting an insurance plan in a COVID safe, remote setting. In addition, my office will host a [Virtual Enrollment event](#) on Thursday, November 19th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm where constituents will be able to make one-on-one appointments for virtual consultations with health insurance navigators online.

This is the first year that Pennsylvanians will be using a state exchange to purchase insurance instead of the federal ACA exchange. The Pennsylvania state exchange (Pennie) will be open for new and updated enrollments from November 1 to January 15 and financial assistance is available to lower monthly premiums or out of pocket expenses for state residents who will qualify.

Those interested in participating in the Pennsylvania state exchange are reminded to have a few pieces of information on hand as they go through the enrollment process: documentation to verify your annual income (a W-2 or paystub) and a driver's license or other government-issued photo ID. Please note, the Virtual Enrollment event has limited availability due to one-on-one discussions with trained navigators and interested constituents are encouraged to sign up for this event as early as possible.

To sign up for any of these events and receive the meeting link, or to check for updates, please visit senatormuth.com/aca. For questions about the Pennsylvania state exchange, please contact my office at (610) 792-2137 or SenatorMuth@pasenate.com.

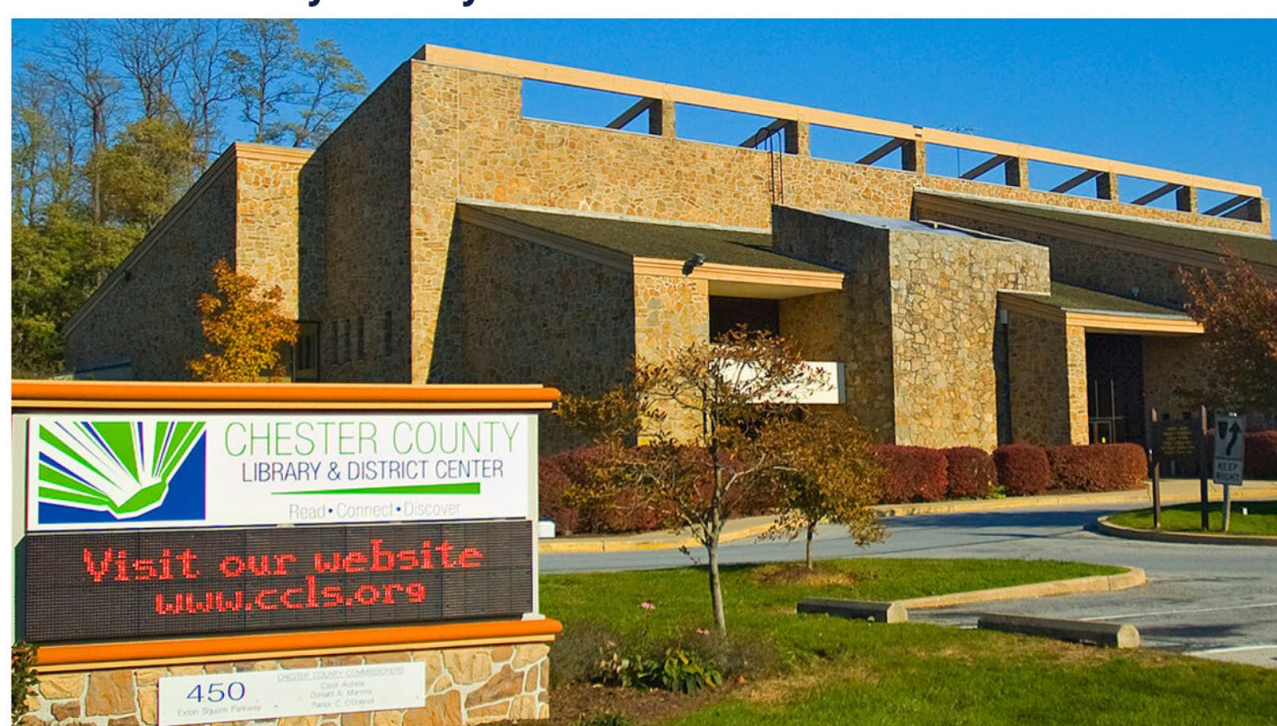
Grant funding awarded to Chester County Library & District Center

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded \$387,500 in grant funding to the **Chester County Library and District Center** for renovation of the first floor in order to improve accessibility, while also adding public workspaces and seating; combined service desks.

The Chester County Library system is nationally recognized for the resources and programs that they offer the residents of Chester County, and this grant will help expand their ability to provide members of the community safe places to learn, work, and connect.

The Department of Education (PDE) awarded \$5.1 million in Keystone Grants to 18 libraries for the construction and rehabilitation of public library facilities. The award recipients were selected through a competitive grant process. The Keystone grants will aid public library facilities in installing equipment, upgrading security systems, and more.

Senator Muth Announces \$387,500 In Grant Funding For Chester County Library and District Center



“Pumpkin Patch of Kindness” Winner

Last Friday was World Kindness Day! This year, we partnered with Simply Positive Kids by having children color pumpkins with a way that they can make a difference and spread kindness in our community.

We had so many beautifully drawn pumpkins filling up the pumpkin patch in our front window on Main Street. Thank you to everyone who participated and I hope Evelyn Ferrell enjoys her gift card to Handel’s of Royersford.

In our schools, workplaces, homes & communities; promoting kindness towards others is important now more than ever.

For more ways to celebrate Kindness Day, visit:
<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>



LIHEAP: Energy Assistance Grants

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as LIHEAP, helps low income homes pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance and crisis grants. This program has been vital for so many throughout Pennsylvania long before COVID.

Completed applications should be sent to your local County Assistance Office. For more information or to apply for LIHEAP, visit: www.compass.state.pa.us.

If you have any questions or need help applying, please reach out to my office at senatormuth@pasenate.com or via phone 610-948-3037.



9 OUT OF 10
HOUSEHOLDS HELPED BY
LIHEAP HAS AT LEAST ONE
ELDERLY PERSON, CHILD, OR
PERSON WITH A DISABILITY.

LIHEAP HELPS KEEP OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS SAFE.



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.

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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