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Dear Residents of SD-44:

With the Fall resurgence of COVID-19 in full swing, taking advanced precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the virus are essential.

- [Masks are an additional step](#) to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with everyday preventive actions and social distancing in public settings.
- Masks should be washed regularly.
- Whether you hand wash or machine wash, make sure to completely dry the mask after washing.



Do you need assistance? My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

October 27: Final day for early, in-person voting:

All eligible PA voters can apply for a mail ballot, mark, and cast their ballot all in one trip. Just go to your county election office or other designated location and vote TODAY! The deadline to vote early in person is Tuesday, October 27.

Click below for locations by County:

- [Montgomery](#)
- [Chester](#)
- [Berks](#)

Learn more: votesPA.com/EarlyVoting



Standing up for the rights of patients, families, nurses and facility staff in long term care facilities

Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have fought tirelessly for the rights of patients, families, nurses and facility staff in long term care facilities, trying to make sure their needs are met and that they are kept as safe as possible during a global health pandemic.

Senate Bill 1279, while well intentioned, fails on many levels to establish a safe, resident-centered process to designate essential family caregiver(s) in long term care facilities.

Last week in Harrisburg, I offered an amendment to SB1279, which would have addressed these shortcomings by allowing the resident or their responsible party to self-select their essential care giver and by explicitly providing for adequate PPE and rapid testing for residents, staff and visitors. However, the majority party did not value these additions that centered resident choice and safety, and the amendment failed to be adopted into the bill.

Furthermore, the bill remains to be inconsistent with federal guidelines, and, if enacted, would be more restrictive than those current guidelines.

Because of the inconsistency with federal guidelines, the absence of resident rights, and the lack of safety protections for residents, staff, and visitors, I ultimately voted no on the bill.

I will continue to fight for resident rights in long term care facilities as well as reasonable and necessary safety precautions we all should be taking during a pandemic to protect our loved ones.



National Pumpkin Day: Safe and fun ways to celebrate

Today is National Pumpkin Day!

Some Halloween traditions may look different this year to keep everyone safe during this COVID-19 pandemic, but we have all kicked creativity up a notch to have fun this holiday season!

Whether you are carving a jack-o-lantern or cooking up a delicious dish, celebrate National Pumpkin Day in a safe and fun way:

[Pumpkin carving ideas](#)

[Delicious pumpkin recipes](#)



Energy efficiency and pollution prevention grants

[Grants are available](#) to Help Farmers and Small Businesses Save Money and Reduce Pollution.

Pennsylvania farmers and other small business owners with 100 or fewer full-time employees are eligible for the grants. Projects must save the business a minimum of \$500 and 25 percent annually in energy consumption or pollution related expenses.

Natural resource protection projects are exempt from the minimums; however, the projects must be able to quantify sediment and nutrient reductions into nearby waterways.

Businesses can apply for 50 percent matching funds for equipment or materials, up to \$7,000, when adopting energy-efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.



Thanksgiving dinners for families suffering financial hardship

12 police departments across Montgomery County are collecting non-perishable food items in support of Montgomery County Children & Youth Services for Thanksgiving Dinners for families in financial hardship.

Suggested items are:

- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned sweet potatoes/yams
- Canned turkey gravy
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Biscuit/corn bread mix
- Boxed or bagged stuffing mix
- Boxed dessert mixes

Also needed are Giant Gift cards from \$10 to \$15, to be used by the families to purchase a turkey. Donations may be dropped off at:

- [Upper Providence Twp. Police Dept](#)
- [Limerick Township Police Dept](#)
- [Lower Pottsgrove Police Dept](#)

Event Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 - 8:00am to Friday, October 30, 2020 - 4:30pm



Honoring the Royersford Fire Department

Last week, I welcomed four members of the Royersford Fire Department (Jared Weeks, Adam Alberico, George Gilliano, Bree Godin, Gary Wezel) to the State Capitol. While I am always proud to support our local emergency first responders, it was my distinct honor to acknowledge and thank the members of the Royersford Fire community who have taken the extra steps to unite the Royersford Borough in the fight against breast cancer.

The Fire Department has spearheaded an effort to raise funds (over \$5,000 alone this year!) for Helens Angels, which provides support for those affected by breast cancer.

Thank you to all of the members of the Royersford Fire Department for your bravery and continued commitment to our community.



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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