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Dear Residents of SD-44:

This past week I was in Harrisburg fighting to protect our environment, sustain our economy, and create good paying jobs for hardworking Pennsylvanians. The [Senate passed HB2025](#) which hurts Pennsylvania's economy by denying our state essential revenue by delaying Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Investment of RGGI proceeds into emergency efficiency programs will lower demand & drive costs down for everyone.

My staff continues to receive a large amount of calls regarding mail-in ballots. If you have [applied](#) for a mail-in ballot, then you should be receiving it in the mail within the next few weeks. It is highly recommended that you mail your ballot back in at least 2-3 weeks before the Nov. 3rd election.



How to be a Proactive Mail Ballot Voter

1  **Register now to vote**
Or at least **2 weeks before** the **October 19 deadline**

2  **Sign up to vote by mail ballot**
Online: Now or at least **2 weeks before** the **October 27 deadline**

3  **Return your voted mail ballot**
By mail: at least **2 weeks before** the **November 3 election**

Don't wait, get started today.

votesPA.com

Counties will be releasing the locations and dates of their secure ballot drop boxes soon. Ballot drop boxes are another great option, especially if you receive your ballot closer to the election.

You are not alone when faced with issues that you need assistance with. We are here to help! 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

Legislative Updates

In the near future, I plan to [introduce](#) legislation that would increase transparency in patient-doctor interactions and enhance consumer protections for patients. Currently, there are no protections in statute to notify patients if a healthcare professional is facing disciplinary actions for the aforementioned reasons.

My legislation would require healthcare professionals to notify their patients prior to an appointment if they have been disciplined by their regulatory board for one of the following:

Sexual misconduct with a patient

Drug abuse that can harm patients

Criminal conviction involving harm to patients

Inappropriate prescribing resulting in patient harm and five or more years of probation

This legislation, modeled off of legislation recently passed in California, would apply to physicians as well as surgeons, naturopathic doctors, chiropractors, podiatrists, & acupuncturists.



Drive-up Flu Vaccinations

Beginning September 13 and running through October 17, select GIANT pharmacies will offer drive-up flu vaccinations where patients can pull into a spot in the designated area of the store parking lot and be vaccinated without leaving their car. For customers who cannot be safely vaccinated from inside their vehicle or for walk-up customers, seating will be available. Social distancing measures will be in place if more than one patient is being served.

Most insurance plans cover flu shots at \$0 copays, including Medicare Part B. Flu shots are administered by immunizing GIANT pharmacists, subject to state regulations. No appointment is needed for both the in-store and drive-up vaccinations.

Find the nearest GIANT pharmacy and the complete schedule of drive-up flu clinics by visiting the [GIANT website](#).

**FLU SHOTS
AVAILABLE AT ALL
GIANT PHARMACIES**

“Whether visiting a pharmacist in store or via our new drive-up vaccinations, now more than ever it’s important to get your flu shot this season.”

DRIVE-THRU

**DRIVE THRU FLU CLINIC
LOCATIONS AVAILABLE**

KATIE MUTH
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Events

Household hazardous waste events are back! This program is a community service to the residents of Montgomery County and the Southeastern Pennsylvania County Region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties) only and is not open to businesses, institutions, or industry.

Pre-registration is required. Click [here to learn more](#) and find an event near you.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
2020 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS
By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required**

DATES:

Saturday, September 26
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Rd., Royersford
Registration Link:
<https://9-26-2020-royersford-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, October 3
Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Rd., Gilbertsville
Registration Link:
<https://10-3-2020-gilbertsville-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

SUNDAY, October 11
Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Ave., Harleysville
Registration Link:
<https://10-11-2020-harleysville-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

SUNDAY, October 25
Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley
Registration Link:
<https://10-25-2020-pennvalley-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties.

For additional information and in case of severe weather:
Please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.org, or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Follow us on Facebook at [MontgomeryCountyRecycling](https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyRecycling).

Montgomery County is working to add more events. Check our website for updates at MontcoPARecycles.org

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Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide is the leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 29 and for every suicide that results in death, there are as many as 40 attempted suicides.

How to help someone who may need it:

- Talking about suicide is an important first step in ridding society of the idea that mental health issues should remain hidden.
- Listening. People with suicidal thoughts often feel alone and misunderstood, so be sure to let them know that you deeply care about what they have to say.
- Do a safety check. Learn the warning signs of suicide ideation, and if spotted early, act. If you are concerned about their well-being, remove anything they could use to harm themselves, including access to a car, weapons or medications.
- Ensure they seek professional help, it is important to seek additional help from a counselor, social worker or doctor.

For more information on Suicide Prevention, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention/index.shtml>

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

CREATING AWARENESS TO STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE.

GET INVOLVED AND LISTEN TO THOSE WHO NEED HELP.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)



Free Shred Event: September 26th from 1-4pm

Join State Representative Danielle Friel Otten and Senator Katie Muth for a FREE Paper-Only Shred Event!

Bring your confidential documents to be destroyed! Each car will be limited to 4 file-size boxes. Small paper clips and staples are OK, but please no binder clips, binders, or cardboard (plan to take your boxes home with you). **To limit personal contact, this event will be drive-through. Please place papers to be shredded in your trunk, wear a mask, and remain in your vehicle.**

The mobile shredding unit will be located at the north end of the parking lot in front of Rep. Otten's office (631 Pottstown, Pike in Exton) on Saturday, September 26th from 1-4 PM.

This event is first come, first served. When the truck is full, the event will end. All shredded paper will be recycled! If you have any questions, please contact our office at 610-792-2137.

PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DANIELLE FRIEL OTTEN
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KATIE MUTH
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

FREE, NO CONTACT, DRIVE-THROUGH
SHREDEVENT!



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

- [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.

Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS

from

KATIE MUTH
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

Submit your mobile number to stay up-to-date with the latest events and happenings from Senator Katie Muth sent right to your phone.

Mobile Number

Submit



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