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Dear Friends,

In these trying times, hardly a day begins without uncertainty on its horizon.

Still, we wake up, count our blessings and look for new hope hiding in the new normal.

COVID-19 has taken a great toll, but we must not despair. We will defeat this pandemic together.

Study after study shows how the simple acts of masking, distancing and regularly washing our hands mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Throughout this whole process, Dr. Rachel Levine, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, has been a steady and reliable leader, somebody who's driven not by a political agenda but by her desire to preserve and protect the health of all Pennsylvanians.



With the worldwide pandemic caused by this novel coronavirus, the path forward is fraught with obstacles. Strength and resolve in the face of uncertainty is crucial to our perseverance, and that is why Dr. Levine and Governor Tom Wolf's level-headed, science-based guidance has been so recovering.

Many issues remain unresolved – but I am confident that we will get through this. Together.

My office continues to be available to assist you. The back of this newsletter outlines some of the ways my staff and I can help. We are seeing constituents by appointment only, though, and masks are required.

Please, if you have concerns or questions about any state-related matter, do not hesitate to call or email to discuss your issue.

Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely,



Health & Environmental Benefits of Breastfeeding



Can breastfeeding your baby help save the planet?

Health benefits of breastfeeding are well documented, but many people do not realize that it also has environmental benefits.

World Breastfeeding Week 2020 just happened (Aug. 1-7), and the theme this year was “Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet.”

During my time as a state representative, I’ve been a strong advocate for the benefits of breastfeeding, and I continue my work to protect employees who are breastfeeding and to generally focus more attention on this subject.

Breastfeeding is among the best investments in saving lives

and improving the health of mothers and future generations. It protects children against a wide variety of infections and diseases, including sudden infant death syndrome, diabetes and respiratory illnesses. It can also improve maternal health, lowering the risk of certain cancers and cardiovascular disease.

Additionally, breast milk lowers your carbon footprint because it is natural, renewable food that is environmentally safe. It is produced without pollution, packaging or waste, whereas formula production and consumption generate greenhouse gas emissions that accelerate global warming.

We must protect working mothers by providing them safe and sanitary breastfeeding options, and I will continue my pursuit of legislation to offer these commonsense protections and bring attention to this wonderful, natural and healthy action.

Conshohocken company tabbed for statewide project

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) board of directors recently awarded two service contract offers, including one for lead testing in schools and child care facilities to a company based out of Conshohocken in the 148th Legislative District.

Terraphase Engineering Inc. will perform comprehensive statewide sampling in enrolled schools and child care facilities for the presence of lead contaminant in drinking water. Funding for the program will be provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, and oversight for the services will be administered by PENNVEST in conjunction with the PA Department of Education, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

“These contracts each represent the multi-million dollar investment in Pennsylvania’s citizens and environmental resources,” said Eric Menzer, chairman of the PENNVEST board of directors. “Ensuring that our future generations have safe, reliable access to clean drinking water is vital



to the success and growth of our communities. And the development of a one-stop shop for water quality resources will enable Pennsylvania’s government to better assist partners in their efforts to maintain a clean, healthy environment.”

Since its inception in 1988, PENNVEST has funded more than 3,000 clean water projects throughout Pennsylvania, providing nearly \$10 billion in grant and low-interest loan funding.



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Want to learn more about what is happening in our district and in Harrisburg? Sign up for my email!

You can receive my regular email updates by visiting my PA House page: www.RepMJDaley.com. Just scroll down to “Stay Informed” and sign up!

You can also follow me on Facebook (www.facebook.com/RepMJDaley) and on Twitter (twitter.com/RepMJDaley).

For the latest and best information about COVID-19, rely on the CDC (cdc.gov/coronavirus), the PA Health Department (www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus), and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (www.montcopa.org/covid-19).

Relief for restaurants, bars and clubs

Citing the distressing impact that COVID-19 is having on Pennsylvania's restaurant industry and a recent Yelp survey showing more than half of restaurants could close permanently due to the virus's impact, Democrats in Harrisburg have crafted a legislative package aimed at providing relief to community business owners and the workers who cook and serve our food.



The package, which I fully endorse, includes nine bills that would provide grants to local restaurants, bars and clubs, reduce and eliminate specific licensing fees, extend discounts to licensees and protect businesses by guaranteeing their insurance pays out in future emergencies.

These efforts will provide direct relief to an industry the virus has hit hard. Restrictions put in place have been necessary in the state's response to COVID-19. But we recognize the hardship the virus has continued to place on the restaurant industry. Restaurants have served as the backdrop of many life occasions and special moments, and they need support now more than ever.

Details of the package of bills can be found at www.pahouse.com/NewsCenter.

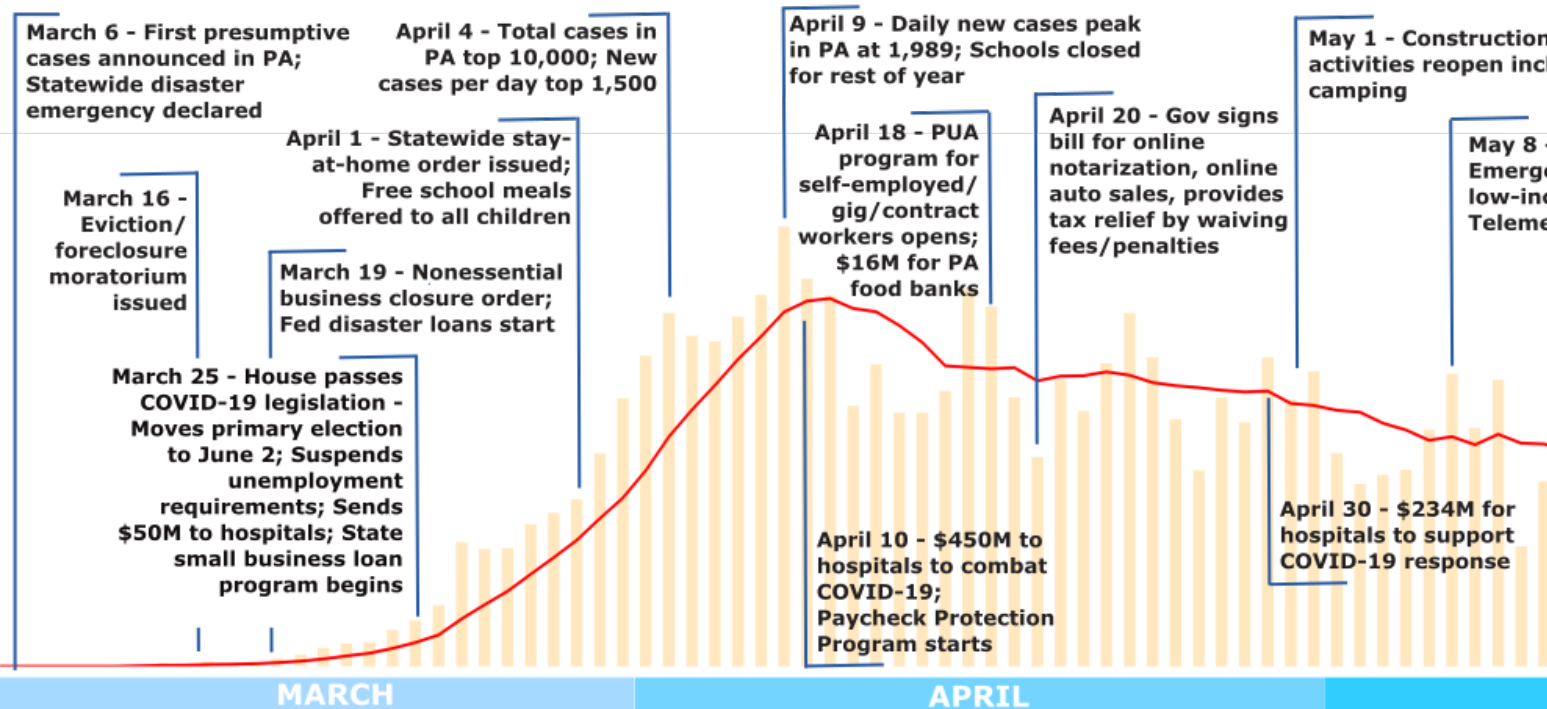


Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides a set of vouchers (\$24 value) for seniors to use at participating farmers markets through Nov. 30, 2020. Vouchers must be obtained by Sept. 30, though, and you must be 60 or older by the end of the year and meet certain income requirements to qualify. Call 610-628-2400 for questions or for more information on how to apply.

Because of COVID-19, vouchers are available by mail-only this year. You cannot apply for vouchers in person. You can download an application at montcopa.org/148/Senior-Services, or my office can mail you a copy of the application. Call to request help: 610-832-1679.

Pennsylvania's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



Small Business Advantage Grant



Pennsylvania is committed to assisting those small business owners who want to become energy efficient, increase their profitability, and help the environment.

DEP SECRETARY PATRICK MCDONNELL



The Small Business Advantage Grant, which opened for applications last month, provides 50% matching grants, up to a maximum of \$7,000 to enable Pennsylvania small businesses to purchase energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment, or adopt waste reduction processes.

Pennsylvania-based businesses with 100 or fewer full-time employees are eligible. Eligible applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must save the small business a minimum of \$500 and at least 25% annually in energy consumption or pollution prevention related expenses (Natural Resource Protection projects are exempt).

For more information on this program and how to apply, visit www.dep.pa.gov and search "Small Business Advantage Grant."

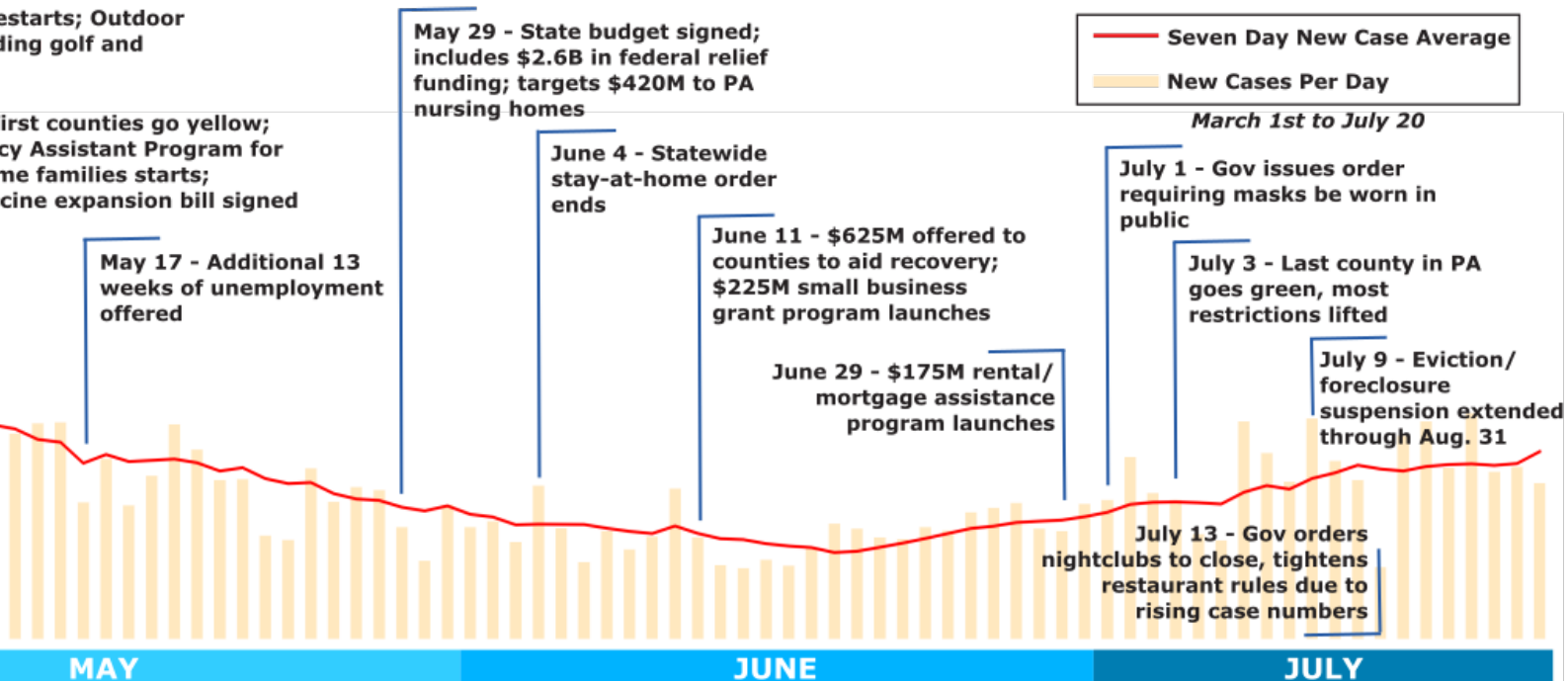
PUA and additional UC

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program is available for self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers, and those workers affected by COVID-19 but not eligible for regular unemployment compensation.

The PA Department of Labor & Industry also launched the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program to provide an additional 13 weeks of benefits to people who exhaust their regular unemployment compensation. If you have an open UC claim but exhausted all your benefits, the 13 additional weeks will automatically be added to your existing claim.

If you need help applying for Unemployment Compensation or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, reach out to my office or visit www.uc.pa.gov.

Decisive Action Saved Lives and Flattened the Curve



Free Shredding Event

State Rep. Pam DeLissio and I are co-hosting a free shredding event Saturday, Aug. 15. The rain-or-shine shredding event will run from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. – or until the truck is full, whichever comes first – in the parking lot of the Magisterial Courthouse at 925 Montgomery Ave., Narberth.

Suggested items for shredding include credit card statements, bank and investment statements, canceled checks, etc.

Newspapers, magazines and journals will not be accepted.

There is a four bag limit. Shredding will be done on site with COVID-19 protocols in place, and all shredded paper will be recycled.

All attendees must wear masks. Attendees will be asked to park their vehicles and carry their own bags or boxes to the shredding bins. Attendees will be asked to stand at least six feet apart.

I will also be co-hosting a fall shredding event on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Beth David Reform Congregation at 1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne, PA 19035, from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, please contact my office rather than Beth David.

REP. DALEY & REP. DELISSIO'S
**FREE SHRED
EVENT**

- MASKS ARE REQUIRED
- ATTENDEES MUST BE ABLE TO CARRY THEIR OWN CONTAINERS FROM THEIR VEHICLES TO THE SHREDDING BINS

SAT. AUG. 15 • 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
MAGISTERIAL COURTHOUSE
PARKING LOT
925 MONTGOMERY AVE.,
NARBERTH, PA 19072

Spotted Lanternflies are BACK!



The invasive spotted lanternfly insect has emerged for the summer.

The spotted lanternfly presents a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

If you find any of these life stages of the spotted lanternfly, remove and/or kill the insects.

For more information or to report a spotted lanternfly infestation, call 1-888-4BAD-FLY or visit www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly.

SEPTA Senior ID Card Update

A reminder from SEPTA that all Senior SEPTA Key Cards expiring in calendar year 2020 have been extended for one year. For example, cards with a May 2020 expiration date will continue to be valid for travel through May 2021.

Since no Senior Key Cards will be expiring until January 2021, my office will be scheduling appointments for new cards only, with photos being taken by appointment only.

PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates on Driver's Licenses, ID Cards, and Learner's Permits

PennDOT recently announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification cards and learner's permits will be extended for Pennsylvania residents in response to statewide COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Effective July 24, expiration dates for driver's licenses, photo ID cards and learner's permits scheduled to expire

from March 16, 2020, through Aug. 31, 2020, have been extended until Aug. 31, 2020.

A camera card is considered a driver's license, so it is covered by the same terms and conditions extending other driver's license products. Camera cards with expiration dates within this timeframe are also extended through Aug. 31, 2020.

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT EXPIRE FROM MARCH 16, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020 ARE NOW EXTENDED THROUGH **AUGUST 31, 2020**

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DRIVER LICENSES, PHOTO ID CARDS, CAMERA CARDS AND LEARNER'S PERMITS

EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2020



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Vote by Mail

For the first time, Pennsylvanians were able to vote by mail in the June 2020 primary. This is a secure, convenient and safe option to ensure that your voice is heard from the comfort of your own home. Because we're not sure what the fall will bring regarding COVID-19, I highly encourage using this option for the general election on Nov. 3. You can **apply for a mail-in ballot online at www.VotesPA.com now**. To be certain that your ballot will arrive on time, please apply no later than Oct. 13 or three weeks before Election Day. Applying online is the best way to go, but if you would like my office to mail you a hard copy application, contact my office at 610-832-1679.

Also, make sure you're registered! Visit www.register.VotesPA.com to check on your status or to get registered. Deadline is Oct. 19!



My office can help you with:

As COVID-19 may have affected some of these services' availability through the departments, please contact my office for more information.

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver license applications
- Obtaining and completing state forms
- Voter registration and mail-in/absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies
- Department of Human Services programs like SNAP, LIHEAP, etc.