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Dear Neighbor,

The situation with coronavirus (COVID-19) is rapidly evolving, and I am committed to updating you with important information as it becomes available.

If You Think You Should Be Tested

Actions by the Trump Administration and innovative medical providers have substantially increased the availability of testing for COVID-19. Soon, Congressional action will further expand accessibility. **Those seeking to be tested should contact their doctor or the Pennsylvania Department of Health by phone.**

PA Dept. of Health Phone: 877-PA-HEALTH

HOW TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19

PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENT

I think I may need tested or have a clinical question:



Contact your health care provider to discuss your symptoms



No health care provider? Call 1-877-PA-HEALTH

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

I think I have a patient that needs tested or have a clinical question:



Call 1-877-PA-HEALTH to discuss patient symptoms



Testing is also available through commercial laboratories



Actions by the Federal Government

President Trump and Congress are hard at work together to use the tools at our disposal to **flatten the infection curve of COVID-19**. The president this weekend declared the virus a national emergency. This action released billions of dollars in aid to states and local governments. Concurrently, the House of Representatives passed supplemental funding Friday night to, among other things, provide free COVID-19 testing, paid sick leave for workers, and financial relief for small businesses. The Senate is expected to consider that bill this week. **Our goal is to ensure that Americans who get this virus receive the medical treatment they need. We also are aiming to limit economic hardship for workers and small businesses.**

Actions by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Stay up to date on actions by our state government and the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth:

- [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)
- [Governor Wolf's Newsroom](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development \(DCED\)](#)

PA Department of Community and Economic Development Small Business Survey

The U.S. Small Business Administration requires Pennsylvania to assess the business impact of coronavirus to access low-interest federal disaster loans. Small business owners should review and determine whether they would like to participate in this survey, which can be accessed below.

Small Business Survey

Completed surveys should be a-mailed to: business.dced@pa.gov.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable

States and local governments across the nation have closed schools, certain businesses, and limited public gatherings of a certain size to slow the spread of this virus. While the effects of these orders are inconvenient, they serve a necessary purpose: to protect our seniors and those with underlying medical conditions who are at risk of severe illness or death from this virus. This clip from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines what older adults can do to protect themselves, but this guidance applies to all Americans.



[Social distancing is crucial](#). The temporary restrictions being implemented across the country will protect the vulnerable and will help prevent the U.S. medical system from being overwhelmed by new patients.

Federal Agency Resources

- **CDC:** Get [latest updates and guidance](#) on the fight against COVID-19.
- **Veterans Administration:** [The VA has guidance for veterans on its new web page](#). Any veteran experiencing fever, cough, and shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility.
- **Small Business Administration:** [SBA will offer disaster assistance loans](#) to businesses affected by coronavirus after Governor Wolf requests an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration. Call 800-877-8339 or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information.
- **Internal Revenue Service:** [The IRS will update its guidance for taxpayers here as information becomes available](#).

An Update on Services Available from my Offices

My staff and I will continue providing services to constituents. My district offices in Butler, Erie, and Sharon are open. Our phones are on and we continue assisting constituents in dealings with federal agencies. **We do ask if you are experiencing symptoms of any illness, please refrain from visiting in-person and instead call to make arrangements to conduct business by e-mail or U.S. mail.**

My Washington office will also continue operating, but the United States Capitol Visitor Center and the House office buildings are closed to the public until at least April 1 by order of the Sergeant at Arms. **Therefore, while my office remains open and my staff continue their duties, visits to all Capitol office buildings are not permitted until further notice.**

In addition to the U.S. Capitol, sites around Washington, D.C. have closed, including:

- The White House
- The Library of Congress
- The Supreme Court
- The Pentagon
- The Smithsonian
- Arlington National Cemetery

Most, if not all attractions in our nation's capital have temporarily suspended tours and public access.

We Will Get Through This

As I have mentioned before, America is the most prepared nation on earth to handle infectious disease outbreaks such as this one. All levels of government, the private sector, and the American public are working together to limit the spread of this virus while vaccines and treatments are in development. Americans have faced many challenges throughout our history and have overcome them all. We will also overcome COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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