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Summer Food Service Program: https://bit.ly/303Ch2C
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We do ask that you reach out to us to schedule an appointment by calling 215-952-3378. This is to ensure that our office can help members of our community in getting the help they need. We have since returned to the office and are available to help you with all state government-related needs.

We'll continue our efforts to help you with all state government-related needs.

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First Police Reforms Become Law

In July, Governor Tom Wolf officially made the first part of our police reform package a reality by signing two bills into law. These bills will help to protect the public trust and ensure that people who commit crimes are held accountable. They also will help to improve the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians by empowering locals with more control over the direction of their police departments.

This new law is about jobs and allowing people to start a new career and support themselves and their families. Someone who has a history of drug use, for example, would not be able to obtain a license to practice their trade. Thankfully, this will no longer be the case.

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New Law Increases Job Access

We also must reform how police unions negotiate contracts to ensure that law enforcement is trained in a universal way to properly respond to incidents and apply the same guidelines statewide.

Second, House Bill 1910 will mandate increased training on how to deal with people who have mental or physical conditions. With many officers on duty every day, this is critical.

Involving creating a statewide public use-of-force policy is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. We've seen a Highway 3 is necessary to keep our students from falling behind. 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New Group Formed to Tackle Police Reform

Following the murder of George Floyd, I joined lawyers and advocates at the state and local level from across Pennsylvania to form the Police Reform Working Group. Our goal is to make it more transparent and allow for public input as we work to form the Police Reform Working Group. Our goal is to ensure that records of police misconduct are public and that law enforcement is trained in a universal approach to proper response to incidents and to apply the same standard of accountability for all races.

PHLConnectED to help students learn virtually

In August, Philadelphia announced a new program to help ensure all K-12 public school students have access to learn virtually this fall. The new program provides 85,000 K-12 student households with free Internet Essentials in-home kits. The program also includes offering students access to ConnectED for one year. ConnectED provides students with a laptop or tablet. The program will also be expanded to offer internet to those who don't know how to use these devices.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications now available

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is open and now accepting applications, and our office is available by appointment to help fill out your application. To be eligible, Pennsylvania 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities. The maximum income limit is $35,000 per year for homeowners and $15,000 per year for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded, and the maximum benefit amount is $2,628.

incentives to keep our students from falling behind. We must ensure that all eligible households, specifically prioritizing those who live in areas that are impacted by the pandemic, receive this program. This new program, PHLConnectED, will help to ensure that we keep our children learning. We don’t yet have a full picture of how much Pennsylvania’s financial budget has been impacted by COVID-19 and the pandemic. However, in this time of need, we believe that increased funding should be used to help us all in our efforts to keep our students learning and our schools open.
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To be eligible for PHLConnectED, students must live at least one day in 2019 and meet all eligibility requirements. Affidavits can be completed by the student or a parent/guardian. If a student does not have an internet connection or device, they can apply to receive either a tablet or a laptop. The program will also provide digital training for parents and caregivers who don’t know how to use these devices.

This program aims to help our neediest students continue their education uninterrupted. This school district plan to gather data to identify eligible students who specifically promoting families without internet access or those who are homeless in our school system. It would make sure that amid this pandemic that has disrupted our lives, we work hard to not disrupt our children’s education. We’re entering a “new normal” for the start of this school year and educational equity is necessary to keep our students from falling behind.

Legislative Passes Temporary Budget

Earlier this year, the state Legislature passed a temporary budget last but not until the end of October to get us through the rest of the pandemic. Sign this law by Gov. Wolf, the budget builds fully funded education for an entire year to keep our children learning. We don’t have a full picture of what Philadelphia’s financial will look like, but we do know that our budget has taken from COVID-19 is severe. Our hope in passing this partial budget is that by November we’ll have a full picture of just how severe our funding shortfall will be. There’s also hope for local aid for salaries across the Commonwealth. We all groan with the damage the pandemic continues to do. This budget is an investment in making sure we have enough money to keep our schools open and keep our students learning.

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We’re available to help you with:

- Unemployment Compensation/Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Issues.
- PropertyTax/Rent applications.
- PENN DOT services, such as car registrations, handicap placards or titles.
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications.
- Birth and death certificates.
- Pennsylvania income tax questions.
- Consumer complaints.
- FACE cards for senior citizens.
- Renewals of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- Any other question about state government.

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Mitigation Tactics Crucial to Staying Safe Against COVID-19

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The virus is frail and can be destroyed by many common things like hand sanitizers, soap and water. This is a minor act that can have major implications in protecting ourselves and others. We will get through this pandemic, but we must continue practicing good hygiene.

That’s why we must continue practicing good hygiene, like frequently washing our hands, practicing social distancing as much as possible, staying home when sick and wearing a mask. You’ve probably heard it, but it’s undeniably true: Your best defense is an offense.

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Food Stamp Program

Local Food resources: https://bit.ly/3a2tXJn

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

https://bit.ly/3fHd6xb

COVID-19 mortgage and rent relief:
https://bit.ly/2Pwa3x2

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Unemployment Compensation/Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Help is Available

This pandemic has left millions of Pennsylvanians struggling through no fault of their own due to business or reduced employment. Our Unemployment Compensation (UC) system has been overwhelmed with claims. Since March 15, 2020, there have been over 2 million new UC claims and over $4 billion in payments issued. These are numbers unheard of for our UC system. To help more Americans, the federal government created a new program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). PUA is meant to help those who don’t normally qualify for regular UC, such as barbers, gig workers and self-employed individuals. In addition to the over 2 million UC claims, there have been over 1.7 million PUA applications submitted since the program started accepting them on April 18. This adds up to over 29% of Pennsylvania needing some form of unemployment benefits. Unfortunately, due to the tremendous increase in requests, the UC and PUA systems have been awash with applications. While most Pennsylvanians have started receiving payments, some are still waiting. PLEASE KNOW THAT MY OFFICE CAN HELP if you’re having trouble with the UC or PUA system, please contact us at 215-952-3378. My staff and I are here to serve you and we’ve already helped countless neighbors work through the issues and get their payments. Don’t wait any longer and call us today for assistance.