

A MESSAGE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE WENDY ULLMAN



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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Seniors have always been the backbone of our community — serving our volunteer organizations, taking care of grandchildren and actively supporting civic events. The vitality and personality of our community owes so much to your contributions.

You also are contributing to the effort to protect the health of every member of our community as we work together to contain this terrible virus, COVID-19. We all know that many people over 55 are especially at risk of serious complications from COVID-19. Thank you for following sensible guidance to wear masks, wash hands frequently and maintain safe social distancing. Right now, our community is seeing the rates of COVID-19 flatten. I pray this trend will continue.

We live in uncertain times, and no one can predict what the fall will bring. However, when I talk with community leaders and constituents, I am encouraged by their determination and civic spirit. If we stick together, take care of our neighbors and are sensible and respectful about safety measures, we will get through this together.

I've put together this newsletter for your easy reference in the months ahead. If you have any questions, please let me know by emailing RepUllman@pahouse.net.

Municipal Contact Information:

Bedminster

Tel: 215-249-3320
Fax: 215-249-8270

<https://bedminsterpa.com/>

Bridgeton

Phone: 610-982-5255
Email: info@bridgetontwp.org
<https://bridgetontwp.org/>

Buckingham Township

Phone : 215-794-8834
Fax : 215-794-8837
<http://www.buckinghampa.org/>

Doylestown Township

Phone: 215-348-9915
Fax: 215-348-8729
Email: info@doylestownpa.org
<https://doylestownpa.org/>

Doylestown Borough

Phone: 215-345-4140
<https://doylestownborough.net/>

Durham Township

Phone: 610-346-8911
Fax: 610-346-8941
Email: info@durhamtownship.org
<http://durhamtownship.org/>

Haycock

Phone: 215-536-3641
Fax: 215-536-7211
<http://www.haycocktp.com/>

Nockamixon

Phone: 610-847-5058
<http://nockamixontownship.org/>

Plumstead

Phone: 215-766-8914
Fax: 215-766-9831
www.plumstead.org

Tinicum

Phone: 610-294-9154
<http://www.tinicumbucks.org/>

Borough of Riegelsville

Phone: 610-749-2726
Fax: 610-749-0610
Email: riegelsville@gmail.com
<https://riegelsville.org/>

School Districts:

Central Bucks

Phone: 267-893-2000
<https://www.cbsd.org/>

Palisades

Phone: 610-847-5132
Fax: 610-847-8116
<https://www.palisd.org/>

Pennridge

Phone: 215-257-5011
<https://bit.ly/30H40Mo>

Quakertown

Phone: 215-529-2000
<https://www.qcsd.org/>

IF YOU DO NOT USE THE INTERNET OR
DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER,
CALL MY OFFICE AT 267-768-3670 FOR
ASSISTANCE. WE WILL GET YOU THE
INFORMATION YOU NEED.

VOTING

VOTE BY MAIL

Pennsylvanians became able to vote by mail for the first time 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. Since we're not sure what the fall will bring regarding COVID-19, I highly encourage utilizing this option for the General Election on Nov. 3. You can **apply for a mail-in ballot online (<https://www.votespa.com/>) now**. To be certain your ballot will arrive on time, voters are encouraged to apply no later than Oct. 13 (three weeks before Election Day). Applying online is quick and easy, but my office can also mail you a paper application to complete and return. **Just phone 267-768-3670.**

You will receive a pre-paid envelope with your ballot so you will easily be able to mail in your completed ballot.

Also, make sure you're registered! Visit www.register.votesPA.com to check on your status or to get registered.



Deadline Alert: If you plan to vote by mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, your completed application must be received in the county office by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27. Your completed ballot must be received by the Bucks County Board of Elections office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3. A late application will not be accepted, even if it was postmarked before the deadline.

If you do not use the internet, call 1.877.VOTESPA (1.877.868.3772)

VOTING REGISTRATION

Last Day to Register to vote or make changes to registration for the 2020 General Election is Monday, Oct. 19.

WHERE TO REGISTER:

- ✓ Online <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>.
- ✓ At the Registration Office in the Bucks County Courthouse, Doylestown.
- ✓ By picking up a Voter Registration Application at any Post Office, Wine & Spirit Shoppe, Municipal Building or Library.
- ✓ Downloading a Voter Registration Application at: http://www.buckscounty.org/docs/default-source/boe/voterregistrationapplication2020.pdf?sfvrsn=67d09ef_0.

NOTE: Make sure you have your Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card handy.

In addition, you can register to vote or update your registration when you apply for or renew your driver's license.

TO REGISTER, YOU MUST:

- Be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before Nov. 3.
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before Nov. 3.
- Be 18 on the day of the election.

The Voter Registration Application may be typed on-screen, printed, signed, and must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Board of Elections. The county must have a signed original form in its files. Faxed copies are not permitted by law (*there are exceptions for military voters and overseas civilian voters - please contact our office or visit <http://www.fvap.gov/> for further information*).

All voter registration applications being mailed in must be received NO LATER than Oct. 19. Postmarks DO NOT APPLY.

For questions call the Bucks County Board of Elections at 215-348-6154 or email elections@buckscounty.org.

The courthouse is located at 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901.

GENERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

Seniors are particularly vulnerable to contracting COVID-19, a new virus that results in respiratory illness and is extremely contagious. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath and diarrhea. Reducing exposure for those with greater risk is especially important.

Here's How You Can Reduce Exposure:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Wash your hands often.
- Keep space between yourself and others (6 feet).
- Wear a cloth facemask in public.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



What to Do if You Think You May Have COVID-19:

Stay home and call your doctor. Call 1-877-PA-HEALTH if you don't have a health care provider.

Know the Emergency Warning Signs:

Warning signs may include difficulty breathing, persistent chest pain or pressure, new confusion, an inability to awaken and stay awake, blue lips or face, or any other issues that are severe.

If you develop emergency warning signs, seek medical care immediately.

Where to Go for Help:

PA Link assists older adults and individuals with disabilities by providing information and connecting them to supports and services they need (non-medical and medical) to live safely in their homes and communities. Contact the PA Link Call Center by phone at 1-800-753-8827 or online at www.carelink.pa.gov.

Bucks County Coronavirus Information: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/healthservices/HealthDepartment/CoronavirusInfo>

Physical and emotional health are key to remaining strong.

REMEMBER TO

- Schedule and go to your doctor's appointments.
- Exercise regularly. Walk for a half hour a day.
- Eat healthy foods.
- Take your vitamins.
- Engage in your favorite hobbies.
- Remain in contact with friends and family by phone or via online video chats.



STAY UP TO DATE

For the most accurate and timely information regarding COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Health's COVID-19 Resource Page or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

BUCKS COUNTY COVID-19 INFORMATION HOTLINE: 800-383-0371

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: 215-345-3318
Email: COVID19@buckscounty.org

BUCKS COUNTY AAA

Website: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/HumanServices/AAA>

The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) can connect you to programs and services that can help you stay home and stay safe. While the AAA office is closed to in-person visitors, the office is still operating and taking calls. **Call 267-880-5700 for assistance.**

The National Institute on Aging also offers a free, 24-hour phone line at **1-800-971-0016**. For more information, go here: <https://www.ioaging.org/services/all-inclusive-health-care/friendship-line>.

HEALTH CARE/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance (MA), also known as Medicaid, pays for health care services for eligible individuals.

How to Apply

There are different ways to apply for MA. Please choose the option that suits you best. If you do not know if you are eligible, you can still apply.

1. **Online:** Using the COMPASS website, you can apply for MA and many other services that can help you make ends meet. <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>.

2. **Telephone:** Call the Consumer Service Center for Health Care Coverage at 1-866-550-4355.

3. **In-Person:** You can contact the Bucks County Assistance Office at 1-800-362-1291 or 215-781-3300.

4. **On Paper:** You can download an application and send to your local CAO. If you need help completing the application form, a CAO staff member can help you. You can download an application via one of the web addresses below.

- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Documents/Benefits%20Applications/PA-600-2-20-Final.pdf>
- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Documents/Health%20Care%20and%20Medical%20Assistance/Solicitud%20de%20la%20cobertura%20medica.pdf>

What if I am not eligible?

Contact your CAO and a trained staff member will determine what programs might be available to you.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Older Pennsylvanians may purchase yearly senior hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates. Lifetime fishing licenses are available to residents 65 and over, as well as 3-year and 5-year senior fishing licenses.

If you desire to fish for trout or salmon, you must also purchase a trout/salmon permit. These permits are also available for multi-year purchase. Senior lifetime hunting licenses are also available as well as a lifetime combination license that grants hunting, fur taker, archery and muzzleloader privileges.

Please call 215-348-6244 or email Treasurer@buckscounty.org with any questions.

REDUCED FEES FOR SENIORS

Retired Status Registration

Under this program, certain retired people can register their vehicles for an annual \$10 instead of the usual registration fee. You are eligible if you are retired on a fixed income under \$19,200. You can get the necessary forms from a local notary public, Area Agency on Aging, or:

**Pa. Bureau of
Motor Vehicles
1101 S. Front St.
P.O. Box 68269
Harrisburg, PA 17104
Phone: (800) 932-4600**

You can also complete and fill out this form:
<https://bit.ly/2PFZJT7>.

Transportation Services for Seniors

DOYLESTOWN DART & DART WEST

Bucks County Transport provides public transportation around the Doylestown, New Britain and Chalfont area, offering connections to the SEPTA Doylestown Rail Line and Route 55 Bus. There are two bus lines: The Doylestown Dart and the new Dart West. Seniors ride DART for free.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL BUCKS COUNTY TRANSPORT, INC. AT 215-794-5554 (EXT. 500).

Area agencies on aging also provide transportation for older people who have special needs or live in areas where regular mass transit services are not available. You can use this service for rides to senior centers, medical appointments and social agencies.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

People of all ages have been feeling isolated during the pandemic. Loneliness affects mental health. If you are suffering, know that you are not alone and there is help for you.

STATE AND NATIONAL *resources*

- **PA crisis text help:** Text "PA" to 741741 for help 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- **PA crisis helpline:** Administered by the PA Department of Human Services 855-284-2494.
- **Disaster distress helpline:** Experiencing emotional distress due to the pandemic? Call 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.
- **Get help for substance use disorder:** Reach out for support from the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs by calling 1-800-662-4357.
- **Mental Health Crisis Intervention Services:** 1-800-499-7455
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):** 800-662-HELP (4357) www.samhsa.gov

BUCKS COUNTY RESOURCES

- **Bucks County COVID-19 Behavioral Health Hotline:** 215-399-5681, M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Bucks County:**
Helpline: 1-866-399-NAMI (6264)
Office: 215-343-3055
Fax: 215-343-3299
Email: info@namibuckspa.org
Web Page: <https://namibuckspa.org/>
- **Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.:** 215-444-2700 www.bcdac.org
- **Bucks County Department of Mental Health:** 215-444-2800
<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/HumanServices/MHDP>.

If you are a Bucks County resident who is eligible and covered under the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Medicaid Program, please call Member Services at 1-877-769-9784 or visit www.magellanofpa.com.

BUCKS COUNTY COVID-19 RESOURCES

Bucks County Coronavirus Information:
<https://bit.ly/3gaBeJz>

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Bucks County Department of Health: 215-345-3318 or email COVID19@buckscounty.org

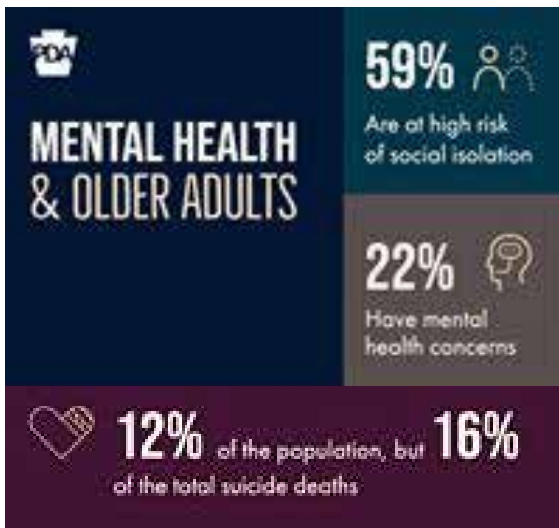
Bucks County seniors can call 267-880-5700 (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) for assistance, as well as information on services, such as meal delivery and independent care. After hours and weekends, seniors and their caregivers can leave a message and the Area Agency on Aging will return the call.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging: 267-880-5700

Bucks County General Number: 215-348-6000

Bucks County Social Complaints (for citizen complaints not related to businesses or other identified priorities): 215-328-8500





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DISTRICT OFFICE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

My office is open by appointment only until further notice. To schedule an appointment, call (267) 768-3670 or email RepUllman@pahouse.net. My district office is located at 1032 N. Easton Road, Suite C, Doylestown, PA 18902.

Please wear a mask to your appointment. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and my office will be happy to help you by phone.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT 19** Last day to register to vote for the general election.
register.votesPA.com
- OCT 27** Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.
votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot
- NOV 3** Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by the county by 8pm.
votesPA.com/County
- NOV 3** General election day. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm.
votesPA.com/Polls

VotesPA.com

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

hosted by Rep. Wendy Ullman & Sen. Steve Santarsiero

Saturday, September 26 | 10am - noon

Groveland Elementary School
1100 N. Easton Rd., Plumstead Township

This is a contactless event and we will accept three file boxes of paper for shredding per car.

We will also be collecting nonperishable food to benefit the Bucks County Opportunity Council.