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Honoring a True Hero

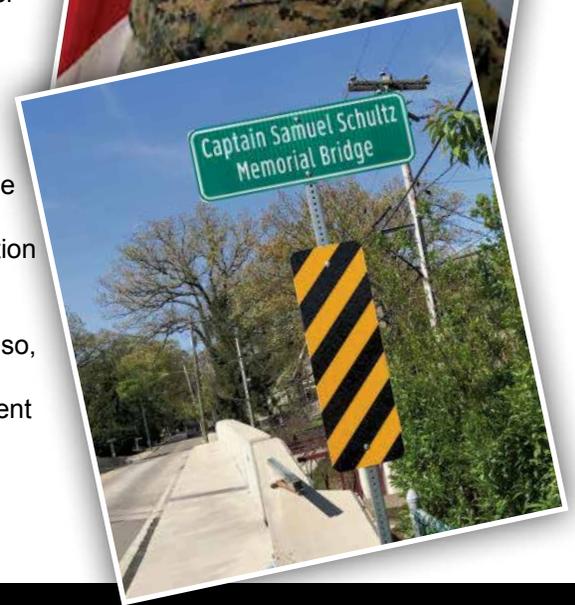
In 2018, we tragically lost Abington's own Captain Samuel A. Schultz and three other Marines when a helicopter crashed during a military training exercise in California. Captain Schultz was 28 years old and had already spent many of his years in service to our nation.

Earlier this year, I was honored to announce that we are commemorating his life and dedication to his hometown and his country by renaming the former "Edge Hill Road Bridge" crossing over Old York Road/Route 611 as the "Captain Samuel Schultz Memorial Bridge."

As you pass over the bridge, be sure to look toward the sides to see the commemorative signs that were recently installed by an official act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I would again like to personally thank Captain Schultz's parents, Mitchell and Julie Schultz, for their participation, support, patience and friendship during the entire process of securing the necessary law and approvals allowing the bridge dedication to happen. A big "thank you" also goes out to Captain David Corrigan, USMC, Veteran and Military Affairs Representative for U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean, who was instrumental in helping to make sure all was properly handled. Also, additional thanks to the Abington Township Board of Commissioners, under the leadership of President John Spiegelman, for the Board's support and for President Spiegelman's personal attention to helping see this through.

May we always remember Captain Schultz and all those and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



In Pursuit of Social Justice Reform

During a worldwide pandemic, the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody sparked national protests calling out the systemic racism that exists throughout our country.

On June 8, members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus took over the House Floor in the state Capitol with a call for action on several reform bills that had languished in the House Judiciary Committee for far too long.

This act of courage ultimately led to swift and unanimous passage of House Bills 1841 and 1910, which were recently signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf. These social justice reform bills, which I proudly co-sponsored, ensure more thorough background checks for law enforcement applicants, establish an electronic database containing separation records of law enforcement officers so as to weed out those who've been removed from positions for nefarious reasons, require mental health evaluations with a focus on PTSD

of law enforcement officers, and require training for police officers on trauma-informed care, use of deadly force, de-escalation, implicit bias and other key issues, procedures and techniques.

Our legislative pursuit of social justice and protections for all Americans is just getting started as we strive for safer communities across the Commonwealth that fully embrace a healthy, productive relationship with law enforcement.

This type of change can be attributed to the peaceful Black Lives Matter protests that have swept across the country, including in communities like our own Abington and Upper Dublin. The calls for social justice are being heard, though we all have a long way to go. I stand in unity with those seeking positive change, and I promise to continue doing everything I can do to help advance necessary legislation and promote equity and justice in Harrisburg.



Finding Ways to Give Back

One of the best parts of living here is getting to know all the thoughtful, kind-hearted residents of the 153rd Legislative District who want to help, and there are many wonderful community organizations that need our help now more than ever. My office usually organizes multiple donation drives throughout the year, benefiting community organizations like the ones shown to the right. While these are just two of the organizations our office has supported, please, if you know of others, lift them up as well. Share information about them on your social media accounts, help them and continue to be the generous and wonderful community that we all need during this uncertain and unprecedented time. I am hopeful that our regular drives will be up and running again soon.

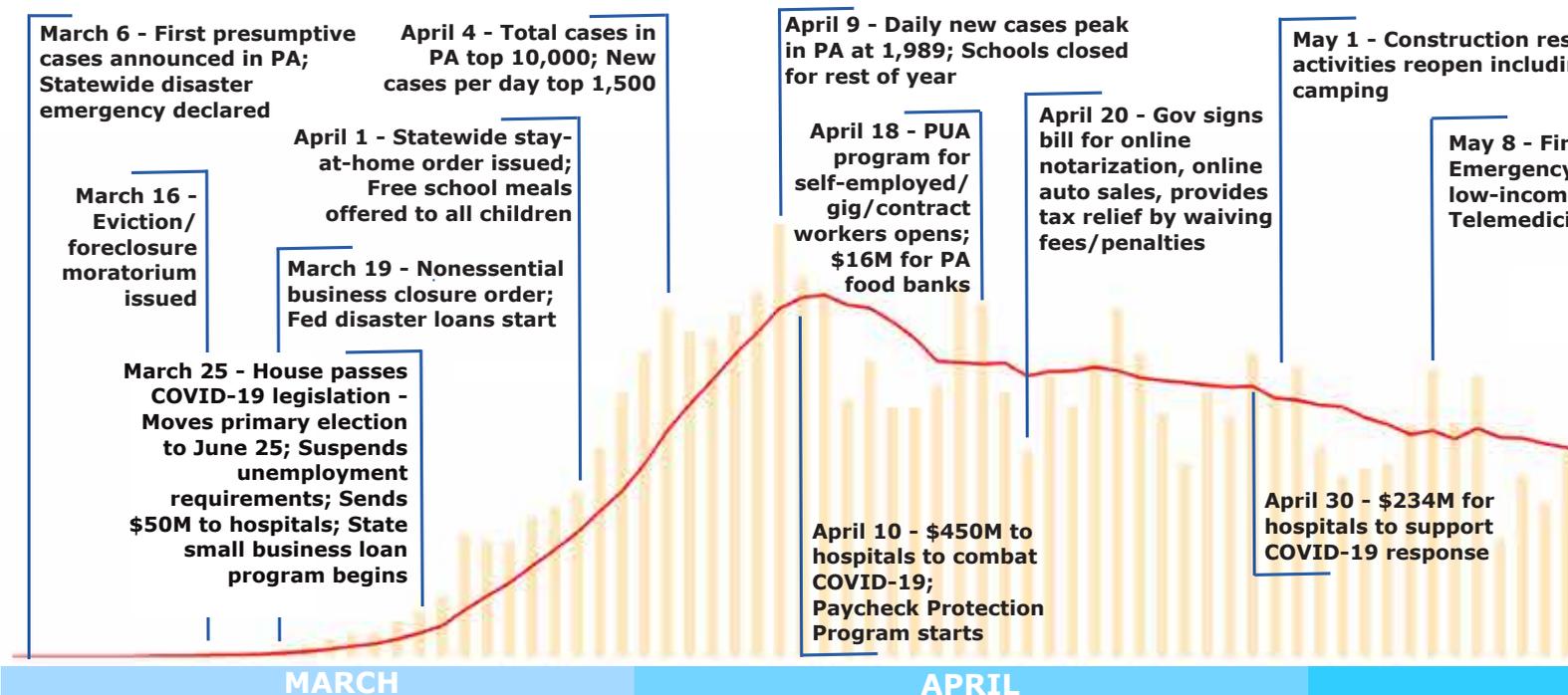


My family thanks the countless heroes out there who've risen to the occasion to make a positive difference during these unprecedented times.

MCAP – Montgomery Child Advocacy Project (www.mcapkids.org) – Last year, we began a backpack drive to help support area organizations that provide school supplies to children in need. Thanks to the collaboration with MCAP, we were able to provide almost 100 backpacks and countless supplies to children in our area. We urge you to look up local children's organizations such as this to see if donations of supplies are welcome at this time.

Inter-Faith Food Cupboard (www.i-fha.org) – During our holiday drive and throughout the year, we are happy to be a drop-off point for donations to the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard located in Roslyn. Our holiday drive last winter was a huge success, and we had hoped to once again call on the generous support of our community to help. Since we are pressing the pause button on having items come through our office, I am hopeful you will keep this wonderful food pantry in your thoughts the next time you're at the grocery store or ordering online – and especially during the Holiday Season that will be here before we know it. Their website provides the times that drop-offs are requested.

Pennsylvania's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Decisive Action S





Though I've been teleworking throughout the pandemic, that hasn't slowed me from working for you. That includes helping pass a spending package allocating **\$2.6 billion** in federal funding for Pennsylvania under the CARES Act.

CARES Act
HOW PA WILL USE OUR FEDERAL FUNDING TO HELP PENNSYLVANIANS DURING COVID-19

- \$150 MILLION** Worker Protections
- \$870 MILLION** Business + Local Government Relief
- \$347 MILLION** Education + Early Childhood
- \$30 MILLION** Health Care
- \$225 MILLION** Food + Shelter
- \$980 MILLION** Services for Vulnerable Populations

EVENTS CANCELED OR POSTPONED BY COVID-19

While it was difficult for my staff and me to make decisions on these cancellations or postponements, it was necessary for the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved to limit exposure and mitigate the spread of the virus. To all of our valued constituents who enjoy one or many of these events, please stay connected via email and/or social media as we hope to have these and other events back up and running next year (or as soon as safely possible)!

APRIL

Rydal Park town hall

MAY

Shred Event

Capt. Schultz Memorial Bridge naming

Disability Walk and Roll

JULY

July 4th parades and festivities

Backpack Drive

SEPTEMBER

Senior Fair

Shred Event

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Breakfast

DECEMBER

Harrisburg Holiday Bus Tour

Holiday Drive for Inter-Faith Food Cupboard

ALL CANCELED OR POSTPONED

Opioid Panel and Discussion

LGBTQ+ Resource Fair

Saved Lives and Flattened the Curve

starts; Outdoor
golf and

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Assistant Program for
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ine expansion bill signed

May 17 - Additional 13 weeks of unemployment offered

May 29 - State budget signed; includes \$2.6B in federal relief funding; targets \$420M to PA nursing homes

June 4 - Statewide stay-at-home order ends

June 11 - \$625M offered to counties to aid recovery; \$225M small business grant program launches

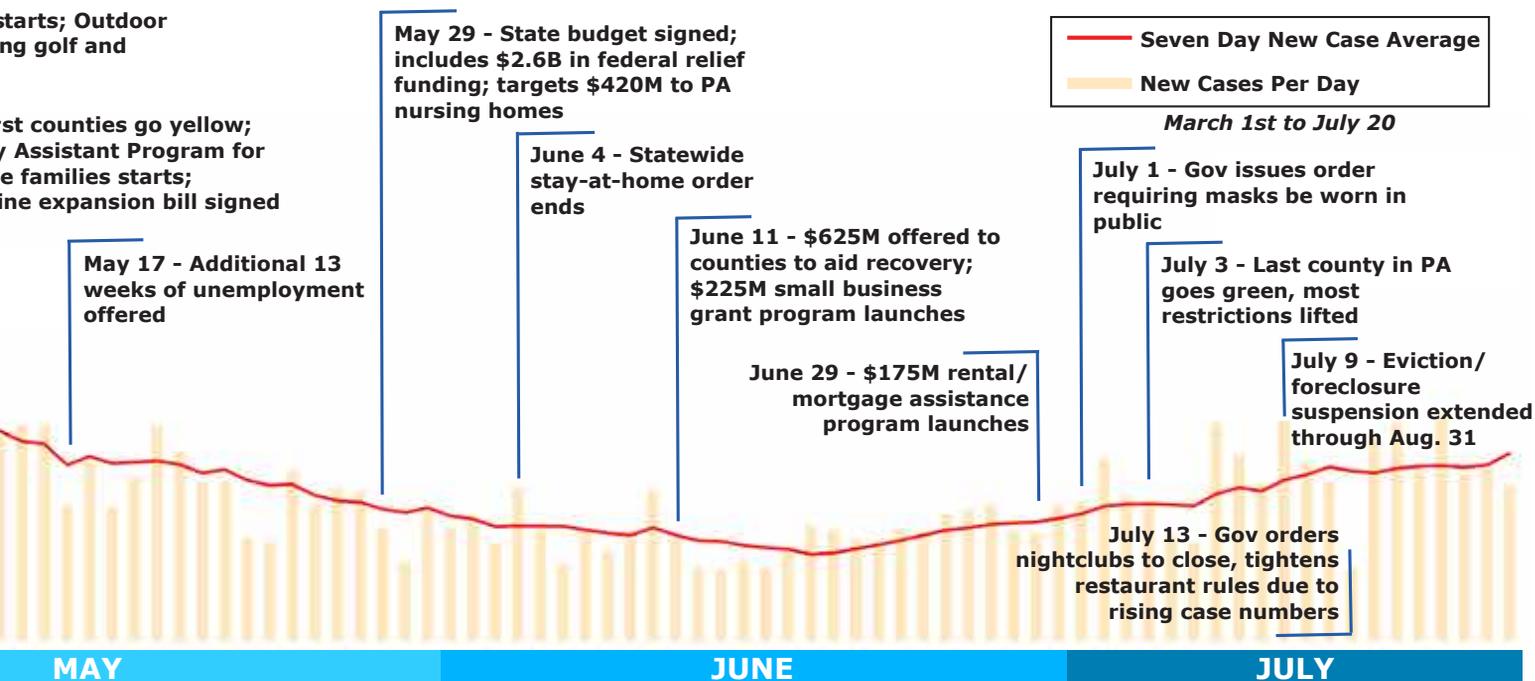
June 29 - \$175M rental/mortgage assistance program launches

July 1 - Gov issues order requiring masks be worn in public

July 3 - Last county in PA goes green, most restrictions lifted

July 9 - Eviction/foreclosure suspension extended through Aug. 31

July 13 - Gov orders nightclubs to close, tightens restaurant rules due to rising case numbers



MAY

JUNE

JULY

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. Since we're not sure what the fall will bring regarding COVID-19, I highly encourage utilizing this option for the General Election in November. You can apply for a mail-in ballot online (votespa.com) – no excuse is required – or contact my office for a hard-copy paper application.

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

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FILL OUT THE 2020 CENSUS

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a census. This count of U.S. residents helps determine how \$675 billion is spent by the federal government and how Pennsylvania is represented in Congress for the next 10 years.

You can help ensure that our community gets its fair share of funding by responding to the census either online at www.2020census.gov, by mail or over the phone. The deadline to respond has been extended to Oct. 9. Come fall, census takers will start interviewing households that have not responded to help make sure everyone is counted by December.

Funding based on the Census helps improve roads and bridges, access to quality public education and improves our public safety. So, make sure you get counted!

How to take the 2020 Census



Online



Phone



Mail

Why it matters

Federal funding

For local programs and organizations

Better planning

For roads, schools, healthcare and emergency services

Determines representation

In Congress and the state legislature

Helps businesses

Locate factories and stores, recruit employees and conduct market research

EDUCATION DURING A PANDEMIC

Among the many coronavirus topics provoking passionate conversation this summer has centered on what should happen with in-school education this fall. Governor Wolf and other state officials have offered guidance for reopening schools, though individual districts will ultimately decide what is best for them.

For parents and guardians in our region, I would advise regularly checking for updates through your respective district's website:

Abington School District:
www.abington.k12.pa.us

Upper Dublin School District:
www.udsd.org

Talking with PA Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera just before the pandemic began. ▶





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NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING? CONTACT MY DISTRICT OFFICE:

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

- Free notary services
- SEPTA Senior KEY Card
- State tax forms
- Assistance with applications such as:
 - Birth/Death certificates
 - Disability placards
 - Car registrations, license and renewals
 - PACE/PACENET prescription drug coverage
 - Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
 - CHIP
- Assistance with the Department of Human Services programs like SNAP, LIHEAP, etc.
- Background clearance checks
- Veteran information
- Senior services
- Requests for state literature and government documents, including maps, bills, regulations and statutes
- Brochures and pamphlets on services/area information
- Voter registration/absentee ballot applications
- Provide and assist with PennDOT forms
- Assistance with the Department of Revenue
- Recognize and honor outstanding community leaders
- Tours of the Capitol for individuals, schools and groups

STAY CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED

Want to stay in the loop with what's happening in the district and in the state? Sign up for my regular email updates by visiting my PA House page: www.pahouse.com/Sanchez. Then scroll down to "Stay Informed" and sign up!

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