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State Senator
**LINDSEY M.
WILLIAMS**
Your District 38 Update



If your email inbox is like mine, it's stuffed full of emails about coronavirus and how companies are responding. I hope you'll find this email a bit different—it's full of information that you'll find helpful in navigating the changes that we find ourselves facing daily. While my staff and I are working remotely, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office with your concerns either by phone at 412-364-0469 or by email at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com. These are challenging times for everyone and we're happy to provide any assistance that we can. You can also find regular updates from state and local agencies on my website at <https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/covid19/>. We're also working hard to post updates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as soon as they are available, so please follow us there!

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**STAFF IN SENATOR LINDSEY WILLIAMS'
HARRISBURG AND DISTRICT OFFICES
WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY.**

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**Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we
work to keep our staff and our community safe and
healthy during this time.**



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On Tuesday evening, I held a Tele-Town Hall focused on COVID-19 with special guest Dr. Arvind Venkat, the President of the Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians. We were able to answer many of your questions about how COVID-19 spreads, how to keep you and your loved ones safe, and more. If you missed the call or just wanted to listen again, the audio is available on my website at <https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/covid19/>. Next week, we'll host a Facebook Town Hall to address additional questions. Please submit your questions to SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com!

As many of you know by now, Governor Wolf has **ordered** all non-life-sustaining businesses

across the Commonwealth to close to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Enforcement of this order will begin at 12:01 am on Saturday, March 21. You can find a list of what is and isn't considered "life-sustaining" [here](#).

For Individuals:

- If you have been laid off or have had a reduction in hours because of COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment. The fastest way to apply is [online](#).
- The Pennsylvania Utilities Commission has ordered a stop to all utility shut offs for public utilities under their control for the duration of Governor Wolf's emergency declaration.
- The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has prohibited evictions throughout the state through April 3.
- The federal government has postponed the FEDERAL tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15.
- The Allegheny County Health Department and United Way have a dedicated 24/7 hotline for assistance at 1-888-856-2774.

For Business Owners:

- If you have questions as to whether your business is considered life-sustaining, please contact the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) at RA-dcedcs@pa.gov or 1-877-PA-HEALTH and selection option 1. To apply for an exemption to the life-sustaining determination, please email RA-dcexemption@pa.gov.
- The Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) anticipates that they will be able to start accepting applications for the Small Business First (SBF) program next week following a \$61 million transfer into the program this week. These working capital loans of up to \$100,000 will be made available to small businesses (100 employees or less) impacted by the effects of COVID-19. Additional information about PIDA can be found at their [website](#).
- The federal Small Business Administration has announced that PA small businesses and non-profits can apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Info and loan applications are at sba.gov/disaster.

While you're home, you can [make sure that you're registered to vote](#) in the upcoming primary and [register to vote online](#) if not! You can also [request a mail in ballot](#) online.

Also, please keep an eye out for your official 2020 Census mailers! The [Census website](#) has information about [what their mailers look like](#) so you can be confident that you have an official document. You can complete the 2020 Census [online](#). Making sure that every one of us counts is even more important than ever—federal funding is based on an accurate count that includes everyone, including children! If you have questions, please reach out to my office and we will be happy to help.

Smile of the week: Seeing all of our libraries, teachers, and principals take to Facebook and Instagram to hold virtual programming for the kiddos at home! If you haven't checked out Miss Ing's dance parties at the [Shaler North Hills Library](#), you're missing out!

We're always on the look-out for opportunities to connect our neighbors and the existing

mutual aid work that is being done. If you know of any programs that are going on, please tag us on social (@SenWilliamsPA) or email us (SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com) so that we can share!

Once again, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. My staff will return your call/email within 24 hours (Monday-Friday). Please remember, stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy!



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