

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

We are writing today in regard to your Plan to Re-Open Pennsylvania and the conversations underway in Schuylkill County around your May 4th “Guidance for Businesses Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees and the Public”.

Due in part to our low population density, Schuylkill County has fortunately never seen a large spike in Covid-19 cases. Weeks ago saw the county-wide adoption of Secretary Levine’s guidelines so our nursing homes, personal care and assisted living facilities have had few cases of the virus and there have been absolutely zero positive cases in our two state and one county correctional facilities. We are taking responsibility for our own safety each and every day.

Schuylkill County’s Response, Recovery and Renewal team has brought together our business, industry, government and non-profits partners to communicate and collaborate on resources available should one need assistance with PPE and guidance on safe re-opening protocols that are being delivered for each segment of our economy. In particular, the Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency has coordinated weekly conversations with education providers related to continuity of education and food services for our students; emergency service responders; community non-profits active with disasters; health care systems; and the South Central Task Force Multi-Agency Coordination Team.

We are asking you move Schuylkill County to **YELLOW**, as we have the resources in place in all of the health systems serving the county—Geisinger Health System, Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke’s University Health Network – including testing, PPE’s, beds and ventilators. To expand, all health systems are moving forward with elective services beginning this week with additional testing required before treatments.

We would very much appreciate your immediate review of this request. Thank you for your time and assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Member, US Congress
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DAVID G. ARGALL
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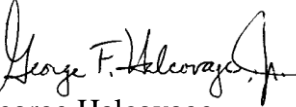
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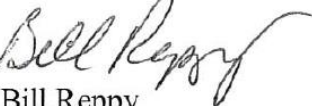
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Attachment
Schuylkill Response, Renewal and Recovery Team Listing