

New Guidance Will Help More Schools Return to In-Person Instruction

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - New guidance from the state Department of Health and Department of Education will make it easier for schools to return to in-person instruction in the near future. The updated recommendations on social distancing align with new guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that only require students to stay 3 feet apart, rather than the previous recommendation of 6 feet of separation.

The guidelines also include recommendations for how schools should handle confirmed cases of COVID-19, including shorter closures in certain cases. The new guidance goes into effect on April 5.

The Senate Education Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee held a hearing last month that included testimony from teachers, superintendents, students, parents and other key stakeholders about the importance of returning to in-person instruction.

Go hear for more info. <https://www.pasenategop.com/blog/030321/>



April 24, 2021
(Rain date April 25th)
10AM-3PM
Located on Robinson Ave.
Pen Argyl, PA



This will be an event you won't want to miss!
Come enjoy a beautiful Spring day outdoors and shop with over 50 of our wonderful small business vendors. Grab yourself a drink, some delicious food and enjoy the day filled with entertainment, shopping, and more!

The Slate Belt Heritage Center Celebrates its "Spring Opening" Saturday April 10th



*Come enjoy the rich heritage of the Slate Belt Area.
New Members welcome.*

April - Oct.: Saturday and Sunday, 12 - 3 p.m.
Nov. - March Sunday 12 - 3 p.m.
Enjoy a self-guided tour containing nine rooms rich in the ethnic heritage of the Slate Belt

**Featuring in the Chamber Room:
The Enduring Thread:
The Textile Industry in the Slate Belt**

**Admission is FREE
(Donations kindly accepted)**

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Pen Argyl Area School District is offering a property tax rebate program.

You may qualify if:

1. You have owned and occupied your home during the period for which you are claiming a rebate. Rebates are granted for your primary residence only; and
2. (a) You or your spouse (if living with you) were 65 years or older as of December 31, 2020; or
(b) You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2020 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2020; or
(c) You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2020, and you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely; and
3. Your total annual income, including the income of a spouse residing with you, was \$35,000 or less in 2020. (IMPORTANT: only report 50% of your Railroad Retirement benefits and 50% of Federal Social Security Act benefits); and
4. 2020/21 Pen Argyl School District Real Estate Taxes were paid in full.
5. Only one member of your household may file a claim.
6. Delinquent taxes **DO NOT QUALIFY**.

The deadline for filing an application is June 30, 2021

Applications are available at the Pen Argyl Area School District Office, or call the District Office at (610) 863-3191.

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