

Guidelines Available for COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grants

By Senator Mario Scavello

I supported a law approved by the Senate earlier this month that directs \$2.6 billion in funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for critical needs that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the new law, a total of \$225 million in grants are available for small businesses impacted by the virus.

Funding will be available through three programs:

\$100 million for the Main Street Business Revitalization Program for small businesses that experienced losses as a result of the Governor's March 19 business closure order.

\$100 million for the Historically Disadvantaged Business Revitalization Program for small businesses that experienced loss as a result of the business closure order.

\$25 million for the Loan Payment Deferment and Loss Reserve Program.

More information on the new funding is available here. A complete breakdown of the CARES Act funding is available here. <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/covid-19-relief-statewide-small-business-assistance/>.

Small Business COVID-19 Relief

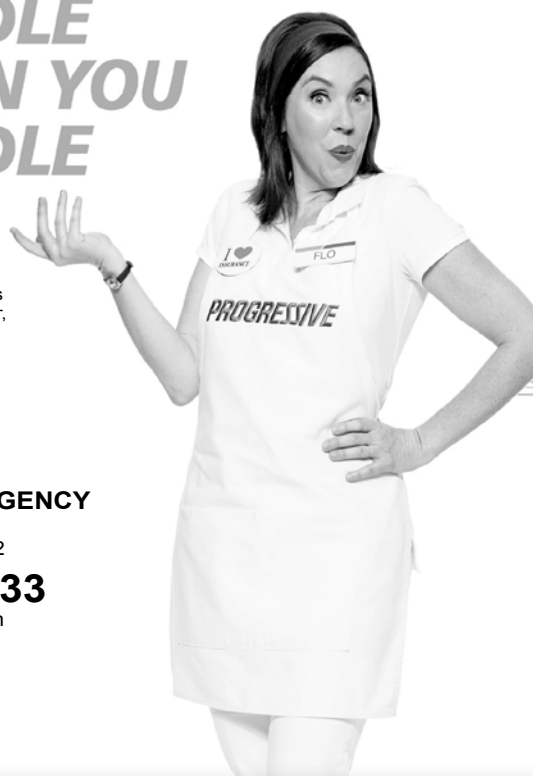
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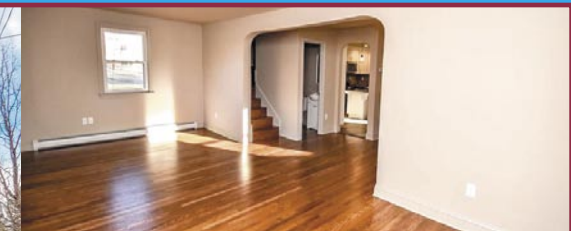
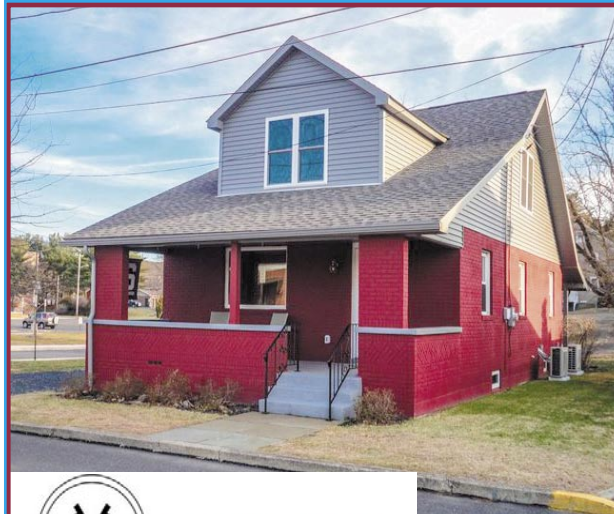
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June is Rivers Month!

With the heat of summer almost upon us, and Pennsylvanians looking for ways to have fun close to home and away from crowds, boating is expected to be at an all-time high.

In contrast to some businesses, outfitters and outdoor gear stores are seeing brisk sales -- kayaks, bicycles, camping gear -- as new people turn to these activities that occur in the fresh air and can be done while maintaining social distance.

If you're new to boating, or are just dusting off your canoe, kayak, or pontoon boat, this is the month for you!

June is Rivers Month in Pennsylvania, and we've got a lot of water to celebrate in the

commonwealth. Read more...<https://t.e2ma.net/click/6ow54g/2ddo0k/609bo1b>.

DCNR Opens Remaining State Park, Forest Facilities

State park and forest facilities in southeast and northeast Pennsylvania moved into the yellow phase of the state's reopening plan on Friday, June 5.

All 67 counties are now in the yellow or green phase of the plan.

"With these latest reopenings, a long-awaited normalcy is beginning to return to all of our 121 state parks and our state forests throughout Pennsylvania, and that's welcomed news to all," said DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn.

At the 19 state parks in the latest counties moving from the red to yellow phase, family campground sites and park offices are among facilities reopening. State forest district offices, including William Penn, opened Friday, June 5.

Facilities such as cabins, cottages, lodges, and yurts in state parks will be opening statewide Friday, June 12. Read more...<https://t.e2ma.net/click/6ow54g/2ddo0k/mtaco1b>.



DCNR Moves to Open State Park Swimming Beaches, Pools

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On Saturday, June 6, all 58 state park beaches opened to swimming. Most state park swimming pools will be opening Saturday, June 13.

"Water-based activity is an integral part of the state park experience in Pennsylvania and, with appropriate protocols in place to ensure safety and as staffing permits, this department continues to reopen its state parks and forests so that Pennsylvanians can realize all the benefits of being outdoors," said DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn.

Capacity at beaches and pools will be limited to 50 percent of the normal facility capacity. Mitigation measures will be in place, including restricting visitor parking, controlling facility access, social distancing, and the wearing of face masks when not in the water. All CDC COVID-19 guidance remains in effect. Read more...<https://t.e2ma.net/click/6ow54g/2ddo0k/2lbco1b>.

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