



# DHS News

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## **AAA delivers joy to local seniors**

More than 9,000 seniors in Allegheny County will be receiving a surprise in the mail: a care package sent by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The packages were funded by the County's coronavirus relief fund (CRF) which was created by the federal CARES Act.

Over the coming weeks, AAA consumers will receive a care package which includes essential supplies and COVID-related items such as sanitizer, hand cream, lip balm, disinfectant wipes, paper products, masks, a first aid kit and a digital thermometer. Seniors will also receive a flyer with information on how to prevent the spread of coronavirus through proper mask wearing and hand-washing. Another flyer encourages seniors to contact the Seniorline to access services or address concerns.

The care packages will be assembled and mailed by LifesWork PA, a nonprofit organization that offers meaningful employment to people with disabilities.

"With COVID cases on the rise, we know it is safest for seniors to avoid crowded stores. We felt these care packages would be a great way to get much needed items to seniors in the safest way possible," said Kim Hall, assistant deputy administrator for the AAA.

"We also realize that the pandemic has been very isolating for all of us, especially seniors. We're hoping that these care packages will provide a bright spot for local seniors and let them know that AAA is available to help them in any way we can."