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## **Chester County Continues Webinar Series on July 23rd with “Employment and Training Opportunities during COVID-19”**

*Free webinar begins at 3:30 p.m. Details at  
[chesco.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1133](https://chesco.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1133)*

**WEST CHESTER, PA** –The Chester County COVID-19 Business Task Force continues its series of free webinars on Thursday July 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. This webinar covers the importance of seeking employment with helpful tools to do so during the COVID-19 pandemic. To join the webinar, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83742080621?pwd=Uk1xRGZXMDVLRURhZEVPe>.

Speakers include **Patrick Bokovitz**, Director of the Chester County Workforce Development Board, as well as **Maria O’Connell**, Owner of Express Employment Professionals, and **Jim Lauckner**, Senior Project Consultant at the Chester County Economic Development Council for the Hire One program.

Topics discussed during the webinar include training and services available through the PA CareerLink® Chester County website, coaching points for active job seekers, and the hiring environment in Chester County.

“We are finding that out that many individuals wait until unemployment compensation runs out or until the summer ends before seeking employment,” said Pat Bokovitz. “The webinar’s speakers will emphasize that the best time to look for employment is sooner rather than later, and we encourage participants to ask questions after the speakers’ presentation.”

The webinar is free and will be hosted by Chester County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell and Michelle Kichline. It is backed by the County’s nine chambers of commerce, and other economic, education and government leaders—all members of the COVID-19 Business Task Force and its Restore Chester County initiative.

Slides and resources from previous webinars can be found at [www.restorechestercounty.org](http://www.restorechestercounty.org). Through the site, businesses, organizations, and residents can confidently navigate through these materials and other reopening guidelines with both overall and industry-specific guidance relating to COVID-19.

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The Chester County COVID-19 Business Task Force is dedicated to developing the best practices for Chester County businesses to reopen and to restoring the county’s quality of place amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

