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Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Cancels Pick Up Pennsylvania Spring Program Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Announces Fall Program

To help protect Pennsylvanians' health and safety and to adhere to current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has cancelled all cleanup and community improvement programs scheduled for this spring, including their signature program, Pick Up Pennsylvania in support of the Great American Cleanup. The group is looking ahead to their fall cleanup campaign.

Pick Up Pennsylvania, in support of the International Coastal Cleanup and Great American Cleanup is tentatively planned for September 1 through November 30. Focus Days will include International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 19 and Public Lands Day on September 26; however, cleanup support will be available throughout the three-month period. Information on the availability of cleanup supplies and supply distribution details will be communicated as they become available. Registration for Pick Up Pennsylvania will tentatively open on August 1 at www.keeppabeautiful.org.

"We will have a lot of catching up to do this fall. Until then, please don't litter. Littering anything is wrong, but littering masks and gloves meant to keep us safe, will only increase the potential of spreading the disease," stated Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "Please remember to respect the environment, fellow citizens, waste haulers and public works' maintenance crews who are making sacrifices to serve our communities and hold on to your trash until you get home. It's up to each individual to take initiative to keep our communities clean."

Groups and individuals who had cleanups or community improvement events planned for this spring are encouraged to register those events with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Pick Up Pennsylvania fall program. For more information visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.

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About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 147 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.