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An early voter fills out a ballot in the lobby of the County Office Building on Monday, one day before Election Day. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette photos

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

SNAP will be partially funded

It's not clear how much beneficiaries will get

By Geoff Mulvihill and Kimberlee Kruesi
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — President Donald Trump's administration said Monday that it will partially fund SNAP for November, after two judges issued rulings requiring the government to keep the nation's largest food aid program running.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, had planned to freeze payments starting Nov. 1 because it said it could no longer keep funding it during the federal government shutdown. The program serves about 1 in 8 Americans and is a major piece of the nation's social safety net. It costs more than \$8 billion per month nationally. The government says an emergency fund it will use has \$4.65 billion — enough to cover about half the normal benefits.

Exhausting the fund potentially sets the stage for a similar situation in December if the shutdown isn't resolved by then.

It's not clear exactly how much beneficiaries will receive, nor how quickly they will see value show up on the debit cards they use to buy groceries. November payments have already been delayed for millions of people.

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DECISION DAY

Pittsburgh mayor, Pa. Supreme Court retention on the ballot

By Lindsay Shachnow
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Election Day is here, and several key races will bring in new leadership to parts of Western Pennsylvania.

Pittsburghers are voting for a new mayor and several City Council seats. Eight Allegheny County Council seats also are on the ballot. Pennsylvania Supreme Court retention elections also could shake things up in this year's off-year election.

Whether you're voting in-person or still have your mail-in ballot

on hand, here's what to know about casting your vote — and what you will be voting for.

Pittsburgh mayor

In Pittsburgh, Republican Tony Moreno and Democrat Corey O'Connor are facing off to be the next mayor of the Steel City. The newly elected mayor will undoubtedly face a slew of local challenges and could also be forced to navigate federal intervention amid President Donald Trump's crack-down on blue cities.

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Signage directs voters to a ballot drop-off location outside the County Office Building on Monday.

Trump pushes for 'no' for Pa. justices

By Benjamin Kail
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President Donald Trump is calling on Pennsylvania voters to reject three Democratic justices seeking new terms on the state's Supreme Court — a last-minute push from the Republican leader before voters head to the polls on Tuesday to decide an unusually high-profile and politically contentious court race.

Blasting Justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht as "radical" and "woke," Trump urged his Truth Social followers on Sunday night to "bring back the rule of law, and stand up for the

Constitution."

The president made his case before weighing in on gubernatorial and other races in Virginia and New Jersey and making a host of congressional endorsements — yet another sign, on top of record-breaking spending, of how the Keystone State's high court retention elections have gained attention nationwide.

"These activist judges unlawfully gerrymandered your congressional maps, which led to my corrupt impeachment(s), and locked you up during COVID by closing your small businesses, schools, and churches," Trump said.

Democratic and nonpartisan

groups have argued the court stepped into redistricting battles in recent years after the state Legislature and governors could not agree on fair maps. They say the court helped block gerrymandering that would have favored Republicans.

Trump also said the court "let sex offenders out of prison," after conservative groups have highlighted cases including the court upholding the overturning of Bill Cosby's conviction of sexually assaulting dozens of women on procedural grounds.

The president, who has continued to falsely claim that he won



VOTER GUIDE

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Local food pantries inundated

160,000 in county start the month without aid

By Jacob Geanous
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As hundreds of thousands across Allegheny County continue to go without SNAP assistance amid the ongoing federal government shutdown, overwhelming local food banks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture told a judge Monday it would use contingency funds to partially cover the benefits.

About 160,000 people in the county — who collectively rely on \$30 million in monthly food assistance — began to miss their SNAP benefits at the start of the month, according to local officials.

Help may soon be on the way after the U.S. Department of Agriculture told a federal judge in Rhode Island that it will use all remaining contingency funds — \$4.65 billion, which is about half the usual monthly amount for the program — to cover benefits for households.

The announcement comes after two

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