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Latest News

Pennsylvania is Growing Greener

Today, the previously announced first 18 counties move to the green phase. Later today, Governor Wolf will announce more approved to turn green next Friday, June 5. The final 10 red counties will move to yellow on Friday, June 5. No counties are expected to move from yellow back to red at this time. Watch for PSATS alert later today! [Read full story](#).

Growing Greener II - Municipal Funding?

While the federal government allocated nearly 1 billion dollars to 7 PA counties with populations over 500,000 (Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery, and Philadelphia), the remaining 60 counties were expected to share from the state's 3.9 billion allocated federal dollars. Yesterday, the legislature approved (said the Governor will sign) a plan that provides 625 million dollars to the remaining 60 counties in PA. Municipalities will have to contact their county commissioners to determine if any of the Cares Act dollars will be made available to the municipal level for COVID 19 related expenses. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

PA Supreme Court Ends Judicial Emergency

Effective June 1, 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court is ending the statewide judicial emergency. As part of the order, administrative orders issued by the intermediate appellate courts, as well as local emergency orders and directives, remain in full force and effect until they expire or are rescinded. The order also gives president judges the authority to extend or declare local judicial emergencies. [Click here](#) to view the order.

DCNR to Open Pools, Beaches

Effective Saturday, June 6, all 58 state park beaches will be open to swimming. State park pools will remain closed until at least June 12, and most pools in yellow and green phase counties will reopen on June 13. In addition, facilities at the 18 state parks in the eight counties that moved to yellow today are now open, as well as family campground sites and park offices. [Read full story](#).

PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates for Driver's Licenses

Driver's licenses, identification cards, and learner's permits that expire between March 16, 2020, and June 30, 2020, have been extended until June 30, 2020. Customers can complete various transactions [online](#), including renewing driver's licenses, photo IDs, and vehicle registration renewals, and find PennDOT centers that are open in yellow and green phase counties.

More Liquor Stores Open Today

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has opened 60 more Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores in the counties moving to yellow today. Mitigation measures will be in place, and customers will be asked to wear masks. For more information, [click here](#).

Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate are both in recess and expected to return June 8.

Short-Term Budget Passes

The general appropriation for the 5 month budget is \$25.8 billion, with level funding throughout the budget based off current year numbers and does not include any tax increases. HB 2387 does include some 12-month appropriations, including statewide K-12 education, state-supported universities, debt service, and school pension obligations. HB 2387 has passed the House and the Senate and expected to be signed by the Governor for his signature.

House Passes Alternate Sewer Plan Legislation

On May 28th, the House passed SB 1030. This legislation would amend the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to accept any conventional or alternate sewage system that meets site conditions at a proposed new land development. SB 1030 has passed the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Note: SB 1030 would fulfill a PSATS resolution.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Legislation for Fire and EMS Passes

On May 28th, the House passed and the Senate concurred on House amendments to SB 1122. This legislation would provide \$44 million from Federal stimulus dollars to provide grants to fire and EMS organizations. SB 1122 has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

House Adopts Resolution to End Emergency Declaration

On May 28th, the House adopted HR 836. This resolution would end the Governor's emergency declaration on business closures. HR 836 is now before the Senate for their consideration.

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LAST CALL: 2020 Spring Emergency Management Virtual Forum - June 1, 2, & 3, 2020

The spring Emergency Management Seminar is a separate 3-day virtual event. Participate with your EMC colleagues from around the state and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel, as well as hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA. Additional presentations will address in-depth and practical ways to



ensure the development and maintenance of an effective and efficient emergency operation program, and will highlight township exercise practices. The class is eligible for 6 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.

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