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## Latest News

### **Census Bureau Begins Door-to-Door Canvassing in Pennsylvania July 23**

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that it will begin knocking on doors on July 23 in Pennsylvania. [Read full story.](#)

### **IFO Expected to Release Local Government Study Today**

The state Independent Fiscal Office is expected to release a study today examining the impact of COVID-19 on local government finances. Look for more information [here](#).

### **Commonwealth Expands Quarantine Advisory to Four More States**

As cases continue to rise in many other states, the Commonwealth has added Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma to the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to

quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the full list of states on the advisory, [click here](#).

### **Pennsylvania Cases Increase in Southwest, Allegheny Imposes Restrictions**

Pennsylvania COVID-19 cases are now rising and the increases are being driven by higher case counts in Allegheny County and several surrounding southwest counties among a younger, less fragile population, as well as delays in reporting of tests from private labs. Most of the patients hospitalized are ages 65 or older, and most of the deaths have occurred in patients 65 or older. [Read full story](#)

### **Wolf Orders Commonwealth Agencies to Conduct Remote Administrative Proceedings**

Gov. Tom Wolf signed an executive order to authorize Commonwealth Agencies to limit in-person administrative proceedings and to use video, telephone, or other online conferencing equipment to conduct administrative hearings. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **PUC Damage Prevention Committee Releases Agenda for Tomorrow's Meeting**

The agenda for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Damage Prevention Committee is now available for the Committee's July 14 meeting. The meeting will be held by teleconference. The Committee reviews alleged violations of the Pennsylvania One Call Law and makes determinations of the appropriate response, including warning letters, mandatory training, or fines. [Click here](#) to view the agenda. The incidents on the agenda are mostly from June and July 2019, with two incidents occurring in April 2020.

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## Legislation & Policy



**The House and Senate will convene for session today, July 13th at 1pm.**

The House is scheduled to consider election reform legislation while the senate will look at a constitutional amendment as well as measures to increase government transparency. [Watch session live here](#).

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## Learn

[CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 7/14/20](#)

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



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**[Township Gatherings And Special Events - Virtual - 7/20/20](#)**

This session is designed to help township staff and officials understand the legal issues that need to be considered in planning and approving special events sponsored by the municipality and others. The presenters will review several topics, including public safety planning, First Amendment issues, and participant waivers. Qualifies for 1 PMGA



Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

**[Under Fire: Trends In Zoning And Validity Challenges - Virtual - 7/20/20](#)**

Development pressures re-emerged in 2019 and were accompanied by an uptick in validity challenges from those wanting to shake free of land use restrictions. This session focuses on a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision that has signaled a shift in thinking about validity challenges and their impact on local zoning ordinances. The trend highlights the need for township officials and planners to better understand the legal framework and processes behind these challenges. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



**[Taking The Politics Out Of Paving - Virtual - 7/27/20](#)**

Evaluating and mapping your township's road system in GIS can help you develop a strategic plan that improves efficiency and reduces road maintenance costs. This workshop will use case studies to illustrate how to develop effective road programs with and without GIS. Both programs help townships better track road maintenance issues by identifying existing conditions, prioritizing needs, and determining costs for maintaining and repairing roads. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**[U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers' Technical Assistance Programs - Virtual - 7/27/20](#)**

If your township has problems with flooding and other water issues, attend this session to learn about the The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' technical assistance programs. The presenters will review available resources, including the

Planning Assistance to States and the Floodplain Management Services Programs. These partnership-based initiatives offer, among other things, federal/nonfederal cost sharing and help developing technical products through comprehensive plans. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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