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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News, our new email digest.

The Morning News eliminates a common complaint – too many emails – while still delivering up-to-date information on PSATS and local government issues. Members will receive ONE email from PSATS that includes latest news & COVID-19 updates, videos – look for TVN and the Question of the Week every Tuesday and Thursday – along with legislative and policy updates, grant and funding opportunities, and announcements about upcoming PSATS training.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to morningnews@psats.org.

Latest News

[DOH to Share Addresses of COVID-19 Cases with Counties](#)

The Department of Health has determined that it will share addresses of confirmed cases of COVID-19 with counties across the commonwealth to provide an added layer of protection to first responders. [Read full story.](#)

[DCED Further Clarifies Guidance on Residential Construction, Garden Centers](#)

On Friday, the state Department of Community and Economic Development updated the

commonwealth's Life Sustaining Business FAQs, in part to further clarify guidance on residential construction and garden centers. [Read full story.](#)

[Labor & Industry COVID-19 Provides Guide for Benefits, Paid Leave Scenarios](#)

The state Department of Labor and Industry has a guide available to help employers evaluate different employment scenarios and determine what types of leave benefits would apply, including paid leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, expanded unemployment benefits, and workers' compensation. [Click here](#) for the guide.

[Commonwealth to Implement New Federal UC Benefits This Week](#)

The state Department of Labor & Industry is implementing new federal unemployment compensation benefits provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Read full story.](#)

[Department of Corrections to Release Some Prisoners](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf has ordered the state Department of Corrections to establish a Temporary Program to Reprieve Sentences of Incarceration to help the department transfer 1,500 to 1,800 qualifying inmates to community corrections facilities or home confinement amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The releases could begin as early as Tuesday, April 14. [Read full story.](#)

[CDC Provides Guidance for Disinfecting Facilities When Someone is Sick](#)

The Centers for Disease Control has updated its guidance for cleaning and disinfecting facilities, including procedures for when someone is sick. [Read full story.](#)

[CDC Updates COVID-19 Resources Guidance for Park and Recreational Facilities](#)

The Centers for Disease Control has updated its guidance for park and recreational facilities. There are two pieces, guidance for park visitors and guidance for park administrators where parks have remained open in a limited capacity. [Read full story.](#)

[Reminder: Act 13 Reports Due April 15](#)

Townships that received natural gas impact fees in 2019 are reminded that the report for these revenues is due to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) on April 15. The Unconventional Gas Well Fund Usage Reports are required under Act 13 of 2012. [Read full story.](#)

Legislation and Policy



The PA House of Representatives is scheduled to return to session Tuesday, April 14 and PSATS will be pressing them to demonstrate their support for local municipalities by approving SB 841 which will allow for remote meetings, permit extensions and property tax payment adjustments.

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[2020 Engineers Spring Seminar - Now Virtual!](#)

We are excited to announce that the PSATS Spring 2020 Engineers Seminar will now be offered online on the same dates so that PEs from all across the state can easily get caught up on municipal engineering developments and earn PDHs. [Click here](#) to register.

[2020 Solicitors Spring Seminar - Now Virtual!](#)

We are excited to inform you that the PSATS Spring Solicitors Seminar will now be offered online so that you can still get caught up on municipal developments and earn CLEs (PSATS is an approved PACLE distance learning provider). [Click here](#) to register.



Funding Your Capital Projects and Construction - A Primer - 4/15/20

In today's world, there's no lack of need for capital projects. In this webinar, learn about how and when to fund those projects. For more information, [click here](#).



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