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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](mailto:morningnews@psats.org).

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## Latest News

### [Documentation on Township Exemption](#)

The Department of Health has released frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the Secretary of Health's order to protect employees and customers of life-sustaining businesses. The document confirms PSATS' understanding from the governor's office that because townships are exempt from the governor's business closure order, they are not mandated to follow the new protocols that are being directed at life-sustaining businesses. [Read full story.](#)

### [Wolf Unveils Principles for Reopening Pennsylvania](#)

On Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf addressed the commonwealth to unveil his Plan for Pennsylvania. Wolf detailed the steps his administration and the General Assembly have taken to date to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, lays out his principles for reopening the commonwealth, and describes the actions he would like to see the General Assembly take to aid with the recovery efforts. [Read full story](#).

### [Business-2-Business Directory Shows PA Businesses Manufacturing Masks](#)

Townships looking to purchase face masks for their employees may want to view the Department of Community and Economic Development's Business-2-Business Interchange Directory for information on Pennsylvania and U.S. businesses that are manufacturing these masks. [Click here](#) to access the directory.

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## Legislative and Policy



### **House and Senate in Session**

The House and Senate will be in session today April 20th, 2020.

### **SB 841**

Governor Wolf is scheduled to sign SB 841 today to provide remote access meeting guidelines, permit extension processes and local municipal choice on property tax payment schedules.

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## Learn

### [Personnel Management 101/Boot Camp Virtual Classroom - 4/21/20](#)

Designed for newly elected officials, this focused and energetic discussion lays out the most significant personnel concerns that each Township must address as well as strategies for solving common employment issues. [Click here](#) to register.



### **PFESI Web Series- Session 5- Mergers and Consolidations Best Practices**

This session will review the benefits and challenges regarding Fire & Emergency Services mergers. Rob will review the steps in the process of starting the merger process including establishing a steering committee and involved all stakeholders. He will review successful case studies from across Pennsylvania.

### **LTAP Active Transportation - 4/27/20 - Virtual Class**

The Active Transportation training course will discuss the latest research and guidelines for nonmotorized transportation modes. This course is intended for local officials responsible for the planning, design, and implementation of bicycle, greenways, trails and related facilities. This includes municipal managers, elected officials, public works directors, roadmasters, and code enforcement officers. [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.



## [Don't Let Your Stormwater BMP Turn Into a Weed Trap - 4/29/20](#)

This webinar will provide participants with information on how to maintain native plants commonly used in bioretention basins, vegetated swales, and riparian buffers. Topics covered include common plant growth characteristics, required maintenance during the first three years after installation, common maintenance challenges, and proposed solutions. The webinar will also provide participants with the knowledge to better educate those residents who view these facilities as weed traps and mosquito habitats. [Click here](#) to register.



For full list of webinars and classes please visit <https://learn.psats.org>

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