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

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Latest News

[**Commonwealth Modifies Date for Construction to May 1, Provides Guidance**](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf has confirmed that he is moving up the date for opening construction statewide to May 1 from the previously announced May 8. PSATS has received guidance from the Governor's Office that this date to resume construction activities is for projects that were previously permitted. [Read full story.](#)

[**Commonwealth Provides Additional Reopening Details, Including Advance Notice**](#)

On Wednesday, Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine explained that the phased reopening of Pennsylvania would be by regions that may not be confirmed until May 8. Levine noted that the southeast would not be moving to yellow on May 8 due to the current levels of new cases. From statements made by the administration, it appears that only the northwest and northcentral regions are under consideration to begin reopening on May 8. In a call with the Governor's Office, PSATS was told that while the administration will not be providing direct advance notice to municipalities in regions that will be reopened – or

move to the “yellow” phase under the reopening plan – the administration will provide advance notice to PSATS and other local government associations to communicate to members. It is unclear whether this advance notice will be just a few hours or days before the announcement is made public. Reopening announcements are expected to be made public several days before the new phase will take effect. [Read full story.](#)

U.S. House Passes New Federal COVID-19 Funding Package

Yesterday, the House passed a \$484 billion deal for small businesses and hospitals by a bipartisan vote after cash for sorely needed loans dried up last week. The bill will now head to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign the measure. The proposal does not include any assistance for state or local governments. The bill includes an additional \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program; \$50 billion for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL); \$10 billion for EIDL emergency grants; \$75 billion for hospitals; and \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing.

Unfortunately, the legislation contains no new flexibility language requiring each state to provide some of its allocation to localities with populations under 500,000 or allowing those funds to be used to make up for lost revenue.

[PEMA Announces Online Portal for Donations of Critical Medical Supplies](#)

Individuals, corporations, and community organizations wishing to donate critical medical supplies for first responders and medical professionals now may use an online portal, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency has announced. [Click here](#) for the portal.

[FEMA Opens Application Period for \\$35 Million in Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Funding](#)

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available for \$35 million in funding for the Fiscal Year 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, and FEMA will begin accepting FP&S applications at 8 a.m. ET on Monday April 27, 2020. [Read full story.](#)

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[PFESI Web Series- Session 7- Developing and Using a Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report - 4/27/20](#)

An annual report is an excellent tool to communicate to elected officials and members of the community. In this session, we will review how to collect important information for a report and discuss what important information should be included in the report. [Click here](#) to register.



[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.



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