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

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## Latest News

### [2020 Census Questionnaires to Be Delivered Soon to Certain Rural Areas](#)

If your area has not yet received census materials, look for census workers to deliver them soon. The Census Bureau has announced that beginning today it will resume dropping off a questionnaire packet at the front doors of households in areas where a majority of people do not receive mail at home (e.g., mail is delivered to a PO box). This operation, which had been suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic, does NOT require interaction with a census worker and follows current federal health and safety guidelines. Urge your residents to respond as soon as they receive their questionnaire to avoid an in-person visit later. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### [State to Provide Testing for All Nursing Home Residents](#)

Pennsylvania has a statewide total of 57,991 positive cases of COVID-19 and 3,806 deaths due to the disease. Of these cases, 12,130 are resident cases and 1,724 are employee cases of nursing and personal care homes at 540 facilities in 44 counties in

Pennsylvania. Of the deaths, 2,611 are of residents from nursing and personal care facilities. [Read full story.](#)

### **Trump To Visit PA PPE Plant Thursday**

President Donald Trump is scheduled to visit a personal protective equipment plant in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County tomorrow. He plans to tour the Owens and Minor Inc. factory, a 137-year-old medical equipment distributor that helps provide PPE across the nation. Trump is expected to discuss testing and the tools needed to fight COVID-19.

### **[PennDOT Prepares State Police Fine Distributions](#)**

The state Department of Transportation has prepared the June 1, 2020, State Police fines and penalties distributions for eligible municipalities. However, because the PennDOT central office is closed and staff are working from home, the department is unable to print and mail letters to municipalities with the amount of their payment. Once staff can return to their offices, they will send notifications. In the meantime, if you are interested in seeing the amount of your June 1 payment, [click here.](#)

### **[PennDOT to Use Existing Photos for Renewals](#)**

The state Department of Transportation has announced that it will use existing photos on file for Pennsylvania residents who renew their driver's license to limit the number of customers in driver's and photo license centers. This will help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. For more information, [click here.](#)

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## Legislative & Policy



**The Senate will convene for voting session today, May 13th. The House will be in non-voting session today.**

### **Senate Local Government & Senate Aging & Youth Committees Hearing**

Today, May 13th at 10:30 A.M. the Senate Local Government and Senate Aging & Youth Committees will hold a joint hearing on the safety of vulnerable populations and counties' ability to open safely during the current COVID-19 emergency. Watch the hearing live [here.](#)

### **Senate Transportation Committee Hearing on COVID-19 Impacts**

[Click here](#) to view letter to the members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

### **Senate Passes Fire & EMS Grants Legislation**

On Tuesday May 12th, the Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 1122. This legislation would provide \$31 million from Federal stimulus dollars to provide grants to Volunteer fire and EMS organizations. This legislation would also provide \$507 million to nursing homes and assisted care facilities. SB 1122 is now awaiting committee assignment in the House.

### **Senate Passes Volunteer Senior Property Tax Credit Legislation**

On Tuesday May 12th, the Senate unanimously passed House Bill 1076. This legislation would authorize school districts to implement a real property tax credit to senior residents in exchange for volunteering. House Bill 1076 has passed the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor.

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## Learn

### **[Public Private Partnerships & Township Identity - May 20, 2020](#)**

A major problem facing municipalities is a lack of funding for infrastructure, services and facilities. Almost any community can benefit from improving blighted areas, activating unused spaces or creating more pedestrian trails. What if these needs could be met at no cost to the taxpayer? This webinar is designed to provide participants with information on how new types of Public Private Partnerships can help townships meet those needs, including case studies on how Pennsylvania townships are leveraging those partnerships. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



### **[Managing Your Unemployment Compensation Claims - May 14, 2020](#)** **(MEMBERS ONLY)**

Your former employee applies for unemployment compensation and you receive a request for separation information. How do you complete the forms and how much time do you have to return the form to the UC Service



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Your former employee applies for unemployment compensation and you receive a request for separation information. How do you complete the forms and how much time do you have to return the form to the UC Service Center? Did you know that inadequate and untimely responses may lead to improper payments to the claimant and result in an increase in the contribution rate for your township? The PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust has been assisting townships with the management of their unemployment compensation obligations since 1981. To keep you updated on the claim process, the Trust is offering an hour-long webinar to help lower your costs. The session will cover: · claim standards and procedures · the hearing process · workforce management practices This will be an interactive Webinar; participants will be able to submit questions to the presenter, who will answer them for the entire group. [Click here](#) to register.

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