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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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

Latest News

Lebanon County Moves to Green July 3, Allegheny County Closes Bars

On Friday, Governor Wolf announced that, according to the Department of Health's Pennsylvania County Dashboard, Lebanon County has met state metrics and is approved to move to the green phase effective July 3. [Click here](#) to view the Dashboard.

Yesterday, Allegheny County officials announced that they will close bars and suspend on-site consumption of alcohol at restaurants effective tomorrow at 5 p.m. due to a spike in new COVID cases among younger residents. Allegheny recorded 91 new cases Saturday and 96 on Sunday, its highest daily total to date. Officials stated that many of the new cases were from travelers and recommended a 14-day quarantine (or 2 consecutive, negative covid 19 tests, 48 hours apart) for anyone who has traveled outside the region.

Statewide, cases have now started to trend upwards after weeks of tracking downward. Pennsylvania currently has 85,496 total cases.

First Came the Virus, Then Came the Lawyers

As noted in The Washington Post, hundreds of lawsuits stemming from the coronavirus pandemic are rapidly amassing the state and federal courts...Complaints reach across industries and state lines, seeking significant monetary damages. Employer virus-related claims are related to workplace safety, wages, leave, accommodations, and more. Safe return to work actions and testing will help defend such legal claims. Consult your solicitor if you have questions about liability at hosted or sponsored events as well (fire company events, parks, festivals, etc.)

[PennDOT Extends Licenses Until July 31](#)

PennDOT extended the expiration dates for driver's licenses, photo ID cards, and learner's permits set to expire between March 16 and July 31 until July 31, 2020. Camera cards with expiration dates within this timeframe are also extended through July 31, 2020.

While PennDOT previously extended vehicle registrations and safety and emissions inspections set to expire between March 16 and June 30 until June 30, these will not be extended any further at this time. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Commonwealth Issues Guidance for Nursing Home Reopening](#)

The Commonwealth has issued guidance to ensure a safe return to activities, visitation, and other events for residents in nursing homes, personal care homes, and similar facilities. Facilities will need to meet several prerequisites before proceeding to a three-step reopening process. [Read full story](#).

[DCED Extends Business Loan Deferrals](#)

The state Department of Community and Economic Development will defer business loans through the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, and the Commonwealth Financing Authority by three additional calendar months to assist businesses. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[PSATS Travels to Erie for First Regional Forum of 2020](#)

PSATS Regional Forums are just around the corner. This year, we've scheduled eight forums at these locations: Erie, Lycoming, Bedford, Lancaster, Butler, Clearfield, Lehigh and Lackawanna County.

Each forum includes hours of content spread out over a full day (excluding Erie, which runs over two half days), and in that window of time, you're going to learn a lot. In fact, all the workshops and general sessions have been tailored to address the unique needs of each



region. A continental breakfast and lunch are included for all sites except Erie, and an afternoon break is included at all sites. Erie will include an evening reception on Day One.

Set to kick off July 29 in Erie, the forums are a great place to learn and network. They're affordable, too. The registration fee is just \$75 for PSATS members (\$125 for non-members).

The Regional Forums will be some of our first in-person classes since the COVID-19 pandemic began so PSATS, along with the location venues, will make sure to meet state and federal guidelines for social distancing and other safety measures.

To register or for more information about dates and topics in your area, go to regionalforum.psats.org or call the Association at (717) 763-0930, ext 171.

[Stormwater Management Issues? - Attend MS4 Great Ideas: 2020 PSATS Stormwater Conference](#)



Is your stormwater management program in need of some help? Do you have problems complying with your MS4 permit? Want to learn the latest best practices in stormwater management? Are you new to stormwater management? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then you will want to attend the “2020 Pennsylvania Stormwater Conference” nearest you! [Click here](#) to view the locations.

Make sure you register early to reserve your spot to learn cost-effective ways to improve compliance with your MS4 NPDES permit and state-of-the-art practices for improving your overall stormwater management program from the best in the business.

Legislation & Policy



The Senate will convene for session today, June 29th at 1pm. The House is on a 12-hour call of the chair. Watch session live [here](#).

This week, the Senate is expected to take up police reform legislation recently passed by the House. The chamber may also look at gaming expansion legislation focused on video gaming terminals (VGTs) and skill games.

For updates on legislation impacting townships be sure to check the morning news each day or email grassroots@psats.org.

Learn

RESCHEDULED - High Performance Snowplow Blades - Virtual - 7/6/2020

In this workshop, learn from Winter Equipment, the leader in snowplow blade innovation, about how to protect your township's investment in its snowplows and achieve high performance. Among the topics to be discussed include how not to change snowplow blades. Attendees will have a chance to win a Grizzly Cooler. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

This Week in Workshops

Here is a list of all available Conference workshops this week:

- [Stormwater Compliance: What Your Municipality Needs To Know - Virtual - 6/29/20](#)
- [Crisis Management: Communicating In The \(New\) Real World - Virtual - 7/2/20](#)
- [Land Use & Zoning Law Update - Virtual - 7/2/20](#)

Defending Against Claims Of "Past Practice" - Virtual - 7/13/20

"This is the way we've always done it" is a frequent excuse for employee misconduct and lack of productivity. This session will educate attendees on what is considered a "past practice" under labor contracts and provide step-by-step advice on how to handle employees who use it to thwart management objectives. Officials in nonunion workplaces will also benefit from this session. The presenters will offer them practical advice on implementing



rule changes along with effective discipline strategies when “this is the way it’s always been” is used as an excuse for bad practices. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[Investigating Harassment & Other Claims In The "Me Too" Era - Virtual - 7/13/20](#)

During this session, the presenters will help township officials navigate the ever-changing "harassment investigation" landscape. Attendees will learn about policies and procedures they should have, how to implement them, and who should handle your investigations. The presenters will provide sample policies and share their investigation experiences to protecting victims, employees, and the township while keeping cases out of the courts. While a serious subject, the presenters will include humor to keep everyone's attention and better make their point. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



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



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