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## Latest News

### [\*\*12 More Counties to Go Green on Friday; County Dashboard Released\*\*](#)

On Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf announced that 12 additional counties across the commonwealth will move to “green” status under the governor’s phased reopening plan effective June 12. This includes Adams, Beaver, Carbon, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Mifflin, Northumberland, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, and York.

Wolf noted that after a county transitions to the yellow phase, the commonwealth will closely monitor for increased risk, such as significant outbreaks. If overall risk remains mitigated for 14 days, the county will be transitioned to the green phase. [Read full story.](#)

### [\*\*OOR Updates RTKL Advisory\*\*](#)

On Friday, the Office of Open Records updated its advisory on the Right-to-Know Law during the governor’s emergency declaration. The most significant update is this: As of June 5, 2020, all counties are in “yellow” or “green” status pursuant to the latest guidance published by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Accordingly, all agencies should process RTKL requests as they would under normal circumstances. To read the full advisory, [click here.](#)

### [U.S. Unemployment Drops in May](#)

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Friday that the U.S. unemployment level dropped from 14.7% to 13.3% and employment rose by 2.5 million jobs in May. This was due to a limited resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed in March and April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Employment rose sharply in leisure and hospitality, construction, education and health services, and retail trade. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **DGS Cancels June 23 Vehicle Auction**

The Department of General Services has canceled the vehicle auction slated for June 23 at Manheim Keystone Pennsylvania. While Dauphin County is currently in the yellow phase, it was determined that the auction should not be held due to the large crowds it draws. The next auction is scheduled for August 11, 2020.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate are scheduled to return to session today, June 8th.

### **Governor Signs Alternate Sewer Plan Legislation into Law**

On Friday, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 34 of 2020 (formerly SB 1030) into law. Act 34 amends the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to accept any conventional or alternate sewage system that meets site conditions at a proposed new land development. Act 34 goes into effect on August 4th.

*Note: Act 34 fulfills a PSATS resolution.*

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## This Week in Workshops

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

- [Bridging Your Infrastructure Challenges - Virtual - 6/8/20](#)
- [Municipal ENewsletters: Communicating With Your Audience - Virtual - 6/8/20](#)
- [Vendor Oversight: Control All Townships Must Implement - Virtual - 6/11/20](#)
- [Employee Discipline: A Toolkit for Township Supervisors - Virtual - 6/11/20](#)
- [Making Your Community Safer for Pedestrians - Virtual - 6/12/20](#)

[Click here](#) to view all workshops.

### [Balancing Your Insurance Needs Through PSATS - Virtual - 6/15/20](#)

This session will provide information on the medical, life, short-term disability, dental, vision, and Medicare Advantage plans available through PSATS. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet representatives of our various insurance carriers and ask them questions. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

### [Traffic And Parking: A Discussion With Traffic Engineers - Virtual - 6/22/20](#)

Townships are continually changing. They grow, and rural areas become congested with traffic from a new development or uses. They contract, and a once-filled, massive parking lot now is nearly empty. In either case, how we plan for traffic and parking is important. During this moderated discussion between traffic engineers representing two sides of the table, municipalities and developers, attendees will gain insight into how traffic planning occurs and what it all means. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**PSATS Trustees Insurance  
and Retirement Services**



## [20 Ways To Improve Your Public Meetings - Virtual - 6/22/20](#)

In this workshop, learn best practices to make your public meetings more productive. From publishing agendas on your websites to establishing ground rules for the conduct of the meeting to creating checklists for ordinance hearings held within previously-advertised public meetings to controlling the length and number of comments while still maintaining good participation and focus, you will get all sorts of practical tips for better meeting management. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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