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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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## Township Video News



PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko shares details about a new initiative to promote Constitution Day, September 17, as “Township Census 2020 Response Day.” Tools, including a flyer, are available to help townships promote the effort, educate residents, and boost local response rates. (3:06)

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## Latest News

### [Administration Orders COVID-19 Protections for Long-Term Care Staff](#)

The state Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine has issued an order requiring long-term care facilities to take steps to protect their staff and residents from COVID-19 by purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to staff providing direct care to COVID-19- positive residents by August 27. [Read full story.](#)

### [Contact Tracing Update](#)

In related news, the state Department of Health announced that there are currently 1,205 contact tracing staff working with local and county health entities to respond to COVID-19 cases. From June 25 to July 24, contact tracing staff were able to complete case investigations within 24 hours of receiving positive test results for 68% of the 22,989 cases. Most of the remaining cases were investigated within 48 hours. To learn more, [click here.](#)

### [Penn State Study Shows Impact of Pandemic on Child Care Providers](#)

The state Department of Human Services has released a Penn State University study of COVID-19's impact on Pennsylvania's childcare industry. [Read full story.](#)

### [EPA is Helping PA Agriculture Meet Its Stormwater Obligations](#)

Echoing the position that PSATS has taken all along, EPA studies have repeatedly shown that it is more cost-effective to reduce nitrogen through improved agricultural practices in the bay watershed than imposing more unfunded mandates to reduce such runoff on local government operations. [Read full story.](#)



### [Attention Bedford and Surrounding Counties: Last Call for Bedford Virtual Regional Forum Registration!](#)

Bedford and surrounding counties should be sure to register for the [PSATS Virtual Regional Forum – Bedford August 27](#) and take advantage of this incredible learning and networking opportunity.

The now virtual regional forums are designed for you to learn more about issues that matter to your community or region and discuss common interests with other local leaders, now from the comfort of your office or home.

Log on and join us for this great opportunity! For Bedford's Virtual Regional Forum agenda and to

register, [click here](#). To see the full list of sessions, including the Lancaster County session dated September 23, go to the [PSATS Regional Forums page](#).

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## Learn

### [Webinar - Best Practices For Municipal Records Retention - 8/19/20](#)

Is your township struggling to get a good handle on its records? Do you have staff members who are working remotely and don't know what to do with their records? In this webinar, Tyler Stump, an archivist with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, will review what records the Commonwealth allows townships to store electronically and make suggestions as to what sorts of records should (and should not) be created and stored electronically. He will also review the Commonwealth's PDF/A policy, which governs the electronic storage of permanent records, and address the impact of employees working from home on municipal records retention. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

### [CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 9/15/20](#)

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearing House; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearing House; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



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