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Latest News

Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Decrease

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 129,048, while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 7,578. At 698, new per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania decreased 14 percent compared to the prior week's per-day-rate of 815.

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DEP Declares Drought Watch for 16 Counties

On Friday, the state Department of Environmental Protection declared a drought watch for 16 counties: Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Fayette, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, Perry, and Potter. Residents in these counties are asked to reduce their individual water use by 5%.

DEP recommends the following ways to reduce water use:

- Run water only when necessary. Don't let the faucet run while brushing your teeth or

shaving. Shorten the time you let the water run to warm up before showering. Use a bucket to catch the water and then reuse it to water your plants.

- Run the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads.

- When watering your garden, be efficient and effective: Water in the evening or morning and direct the water to the ground at the base of the plant so you don't waste water through evaporation.

- Check for household leaks. For example, a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water daily.

PA Unemployment Rate Climbs to 13.7 percent

The state Department of Labor and Industry announced that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for July climbed from 13 percent to 13.7 percent. Pennsylvania's total non-farm jobs were up by 97,900, and the largest gain was in leisure and hospitality, which accounted for nearly half of the increase. [Read full story.](#)

Commonwealth to Apply for Federal Unemployment Assistance

Gov. Tom Wolf has directed the state Department of Labor & Industry to apply for President Donald Trump's temporary Lost Wages Assistance grant funds to provide an additional \$300 per week in supplemental payments to some Pennsylvanians receiving unemployment benefits. The payments are funded through storm disaster relief through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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What is a Municipal Claim and Why Does This Matter? - Virtual - 8/31/20

The Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act (MCTLA) provides many benefits and protections for townships. This session will focus on those protections while providing township officials with the tools to identify claims that can be collected under the law. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

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