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## Latest News

### **Flags Ordered to Half-Staff in Honor of Ginsburg**

In honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, President Trump has ordered the U.S. Flag to fly at half-staff until interment. Governor Wolf has ordered all Commonwealth flags at state facilities to fly at half-staff. The commonwealth flag has flown at half-staff since Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in honor of the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic and should continue to fly at half-staff until further notice.

### **[PA Unemployment Rate Drops to 10.3 percent](#)**

The state Department of Labor and Industry announced that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for August dropped from 13.7 to 10.3 percent. [Read full story.](#)

### **[Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Increase](#)**

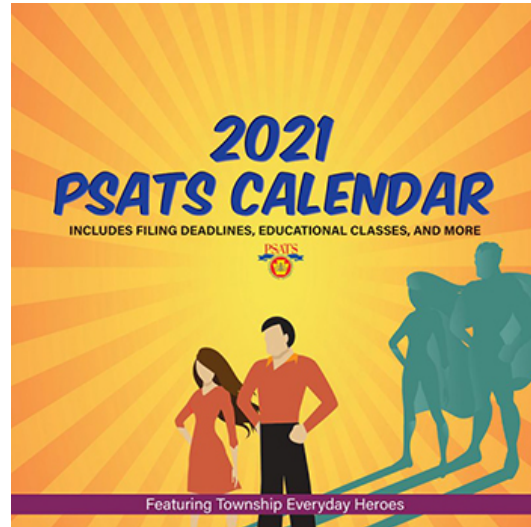
The statewide COVID case total now stands at 149,845 while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 7,956. At 828, the new average per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania have increased by 11% compared to the prior week's per-day rate of 746.

[Read full story.](#)

Looking for the Latest Issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin? [Click here.](#)

### [PSATS Looking for Photos of Township "Everyday Heroes"](#)

Attention, township officials! PSATS wants photos of your "Everyday Heroes" for its 2021 calendar! Deadline has been extended to September 30! [Read more for details.](#)



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## Legislation & Policy



The Senate will convene for voting session today, September 21. Watch session live [here.](#)

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Learn

**[PSATS' Regional Forum - Lancaster County \(Virtual\) - 9/23 & 29/20](#)**

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Lancaster, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include fire service challenges, employment issues that you may have missed during quarantine, how to stretch your township public works budget, ways in which your township can simplify zoning, emergency management best practices, and connecting with your community using Story Maps.

You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to register and view the full agenda.

**[Webinar - Do You Have Illicit Discharges From Your Public Works Facility? - 9/23/20](#)**

This webinar, presented by Mark Harman of ARRO Engineering, will provide you with a framework to assess your public works facility for the potential of a high, medium, or low illicit discharge event while providing simple suggestions for mitigating potential threats. This framework can also be utilized as a tool to prepare for an MS4 audit by showing public works staff how to present their facility to a regulatory auditor. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

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