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## Latest News

### **Commonwealth Reviewing CDC Quarantine Guidance**

At a press conference yesterday, Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine stated that the Department of Health is reviewing new quarantine guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Levine said the Department is working to align state recommendations for quarantine with the new CDC guidance, which would reduce the time spent in quarantine, and is expected to release updated guidance soon. This is expected to include revisions to the state's travel quarantine order.

### **PSATS Urges OOR to Consider Fee Changes**

PSATS submitted comments to the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records (OOR) urging it to allow municipalities to charge additional fees when fulfilling requests for commercial requests, including staff time when providing online responses. OOR is reviewing the Right-to-Know Law fee schedule that all local governments must follow when fulfilling requests for public records. To view the current RTKL fee schedule, [click here](#).

### **Townships May Nominate Outstanding Firefighter for National Award**

Jointly sponsored by the Congressional Fire services Institute and Motorola Solutions, the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award recognizes exemplary leaders in public safety for their work to improve the delivery of the fire and emergency services in the areas of prevention, mitigation, and response. The recipient will be honored at the 32nd Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and win a two-night trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the dinner.

The Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award embraces the importance of advocacy and leadership on behalf of all firefighters and emergency services personnel.

These key attributes epitomize Mason's legacy as a fire service leader. He cared for all first responder and his career to building a stronger fire and emergency services without leaving anyone behind. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### **Reminder: DEP Offers Grants for Diesel Vehicles**

The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for the **Onroad Rebate Program**. The grant is for projects that will replace or repower eligible diesel-powered Class 4-8 trucks, school buses, shuttle buses or transit buses. The new vehicles or engines may be powered by natural gas, clean diesel, full electric, or other alternative fuels. Interested townships should apply before **December 31**. Townships are eligible to apply for this program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### **Capitol Complex Closes to Public, Rallies and Special Events**

The Department of General Services announced that beginning Monday, December 7, the Pennsylvania Capitol Complex will be closed to rallies, school or group tours, holiday choir performances, receptions, and other public gatherings until further notice due to rising COVID-19 cases. All operations of the Governor's Office and General Assembly will continue, but access will be limited to employees and people with badge keycard credentials. [Click here](#) for more. Government is not closed.

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### [Right-To-Know Law, Sunshine And Ethics, Oh My! - Virtual Class - 12/8/20](#)

Has your township received bad publicity because of a misstep involving the Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act or Ethics Act? Not sure whether you or your township officials/employees are complying with your obligations under any of these laws? Or are you an experienced township official/employee just looking for a refresher? If you answered yes to any of these, you should take this class, which will provide best practices on how to more efficiently handle tricky (and common) RTKL requests, ensure smooth, and legal, public meetings (including remote meetings), avoid tripping yourself up with conflicts of interest and other Ethics Act problems, and much more. This course is eligible for 3 PMGA Administration points and 3 CLE credits (separate fee required



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