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## Latest News

### **Township Officials Eligible For Prioritized Covid Vaccine**

On Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine released an updated vaccine plan for the Commonwealth. The new plan incorporates recent revised recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on who will receive priority for the vaccine. This update included all federal, state and local government officials and employees as part of Phase 1C. [Read full story.](#)

### **PSATS Reminds County Groups to Submit Resolutions**

PSATS is reminding county associations of township officials that they may still submit resolutions for consideration by the membership at the Annual Conference even if they did not hold a fall convention or do not plan to hold an in-person convention this winter. County association executive boards may still vote on and put forth resolutions to PSATS without the delegate body having met at a convention if their bylaws allow it. [Read full story.](#)

### **Commonwealth Adding New COVID Testing Sites**

Tomorrow, January 12, the state Department of Health is adding COVID-19 regional testing sites in Bradford, Clarion, Fulton, Lancaster, and Pike counties. The sites in Fulton and Lancaster will have both drive-thru and indoor walk-in testing available, while Bradford, Clarion, and Pike are drive-thru only. Testing will be available 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at these sites until Saturday, January 16. Tests are free and do not require preregistration. [Click here](#) for exact locations. If your township needs to find a testing site in another county, [click here](#) to find the closest one.

### **COVID-19 Cases Increase While Hospitalizations Continue to Drop**

The statewide COVID-19 case total now stands at 713,310 and 56,018 new cases were reported this week, this is 7% more than the prior week. Nationally, 1.77 million new positive cases were reported, for a total of 22.1 million. California, Texas, and Florida reported the highest total new positive COVID-19 cases reported this week, while daily cases per 100,000 are now rising fastest in Arizona, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. [Read full story.](#)

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### **Grid Scale Solar Energy - Ordinance Considerations For PA Townships/Counties Webinar**

This Penn State-sponsored webinar is uniquely designed for local officials in Pennsylvania. As solar energy leasing and solar array deployment increases across the state, and some Commonwealth officials predicting 80K acres of panels before 2030, elected officials throughout the state are looking at creating or updating ordinances to plan for an orderly energy transition involving renewables. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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## Legislative & Policy



**The House will be in session today, January 11th.**

Watch session live [here](#).

### **Public Hearing: COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Rural Pennsylvania**

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors, chaired by State Senator Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming), will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., on the COVID-19 vaccines and how they will be distributed throughout rural Pennsylvania.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom Webinar. Attendees are asked to please register in advance [here](#).

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## [QuickBooks For The Beginner - Virtual Class - February](#)

This four-session virtual class is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting. The sessions will review how to set up your company files and create your DCED Compliant Chart of Accounts. From start to finish, how to write a check, make a deposit and reconcile your checking account. You will learn how to set up vendors and customers for all of your information that you could possibly need to replace that old rolodex. (note: no payroll will be addressed in this class). Eligible for 6 PMGA Administration Points. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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