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Latest News

Commonwealth Finally Issues Orders to Relax Mitigation Measures Easter Sunday

After announcing their proposal 3 weeks ago, Gov. Tom Wolf and Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam have signed orders relaxing certain restriction on restaurants, gyms, salons, and entertainment venues effective on **Easter Sunday, April 4** at 12:01 a.m. On that day, the following rules will be changed:

- Restaurants may resume bar service, alcohol service will be allowed without the purchase of food, and nightclubs may reopen at 50% capacity. However, customers must be seated to be served.
- Indoor dining capacity will increase from 50% to 75% of capacity for restaurants that have self-certified. Restaurants that have not self-certified may increase indoor dining capacity from 25% to 50%.
- Capacity for personal service facilities (*salons*), gyms, and entertainment facilities (*casinos, theatres, malls*) will increase from 50% to 75%.
- Indoor gathering limits will increase from 15% to 25%. and outdoor gatherings may

- Teleworking is no longer required but strongly encouraged.

Masking, social distancing, and adherence to business protocol requirements remain in effect. [Click here](#) for more. [Click here](#) for Wolf's order.

PSATS Comments on Relaxation Orders

While good news that our state is slowly returning to normal, our annual conference cancellation remains a solid decision for safety and to ensure member satisfaction with our annual gatherings. The new 25% capacity cap for indoor events would have still only allowed 500 people into the general session ballroom not even accommodating all the voting delegates. We again remind you of the virtual classroom workshops and our workshop pass which can be deducted from your refund. [Click here](#) to sign up for the workshop pass. We look forward to seeing you at the business session this fall and the Exhibit show next April.

State Revenues Continue Above Projections

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released March 2021 revenue reports. State General Fund collections totaled \$4.8 billion and were \$284 million above the IFO's revised estimates. The overage was the result of a higher than expected personal income tax, corporate net income tax, and inheritance tax collections. Collection for the fiscal-year-to-date are higher than expected (\$551 million, or 2% above estimate.)

The Motor License Fund received \$229.8 million in March, \$10.3 million above estimate. The Motor License Fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Motor License collections for the fiscal year-to-date total \$2 billion, 1.4% below estimate.

[Click here](#) for the Independent Fiscal Office report. View the state Department of Revenue press [release here](#).

Don't Miss PSATS Transportation Town Hall on Thursday!

Be sure to join us next Thursday, April 8 at 2:30 pm for a discussion on township transportation challenges and share your input and ideas on cost saving opportunities, mandate relief requests, and future funding options for transportation. This input will be critical to local governments' voices being heard in Governor Wolf's Transportation Revenue Options Commission. This Commission is tasked with producing a proposal to the Governor's Office for consideration by August 1. PSATS Executive Director David Sanko serves as the local government representative on the Commission. [Click here](#) to register. And remember, you can still offer input by emailing roads@psats.org.

National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

On April 2nd each year, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day celebrates a classic food favorite. The average American will have eaten over 2000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches by the time they graduate from high school.

Peanut butter was considered a delicacy in the early 1900s and was only served in New York City's finest tea rooms. In the late 1920s, the price of peanut butter declined, and the sandwich became very popular with children. According to the Peanut Board, during World War II, both peanut butter and jelly were part of the United States soldiers' military ration list.

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[New Developments in Police Liability - Guidance to Evaluate Your Police Dept.-Virtual Class- 4/9/21](#)

In this virtual class, Chris Gerber of Siana Law and Captain Ashley Heiberger (Ret.) will address new developments in police liability with a practical approach that allows for an immediate assessment of your police department's compliance with federal and state law. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[2021 PAAZO Spring Virtual Educational Forum - 4/23 & 30/ 2021](#)

This two-day virtual program explores issues that zoning officers, planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Flagger Training - 4/23/21 - Cumberland County](#)

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes). [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Common Sources of Municipal Liability and Risk Management - Virtual - 4/30/21](#)

Admittedly, this is a boring title for an important topic! If you attend this session, however, you'll walk away with a holistic understanding of municipal liability and the history of claims, the impact of COVID-19, and basic insurance terms and concepts. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Development Disasters and How to Defend Against Them - Virtual - 4/30/21](#)

This session will explore how an approved, compliant land development can fail and what townships can do to protect themselves. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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