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Latest News

Pfizer First to Seek Full FDA Approval

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech have asked the Food and Drug Administration for full approval of their coronavirus vaccine for people ages 16 and older. The vaccine and two others are currently available in the United States under an emergency authorization from FDA. Pfizer and BioNTech are the first Covid-19 vaccine makers to seek full approval from U.S. regulators, which would allow the companies to market the shot directly to consumers. It could also make it easier for schools, employers and the military to require vaccination against Covid-19.

Pfizer and BioNTech also asked the regulatory agency to allow an expansion of emergency use of the vaccine to people ages 12 to 15.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Townships Eligible for Federal Vaccination Tax Credit

Townships that voluntarily provide paid sick and family leave to their employees due to COVID-19 between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021, are eligible to apply for federal tax credits. The paid leave may include leave taken by employees to receive or recover from COVID-19 vaccinations if your township approved this non-mandated benefit extension.

The federal tax credit reimburses employers for the cost of providing sick and family leave to their employees during this time frame due to COVID-19 or a COVID-19 vaccination. The credit applies to employers with fewer than 500 employees, including non-federal governmental employers such as townships.

The tax credits are applied against the employer's share of the Medicare tax and are refundable, which means the employer is entitled to payment of the full amount of the credits if it exceeds the employer's share of the Medicare tax. Townships may claim the tax credit when they file their quarterly federal Form 941. To learn more, [click here](#).

Farm Show Spring Food Fest Begins Today

The state Department of Agriculture is holding an outdoor Spring Food Fest today through Sunday in the North Lot of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The event will feature many of the food favorites from the Farm Show. To learn more, including menu options, [click here](#).

National Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Always the Friday before Mother's Day, National Military Spouse Appreciation Day recognizes the significant contributions, support, and sacrifices of the spouses of the Armed Forces. National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is also sometimes known as Military Spouse Day.

Along with the tremendous strength and patriotism they have, military spouses endure frequent change and unexpected developments in their lives. They prepare for many unknowns during military life, often unable to make a plan for more than a few days in advance. They hold down the home front during deployments, training, and many other circumstances while their husband or wife serve their country. Depending on the length of service, they may move many times and often all over the world. Military spouses also spend many months apart during stressful deployments with limited communication or for training.

But they bear these responsibilities by caring for and relying on family. With every move, they find a new job, help their children adjust to new schools and friends. They learn about a new community and its culture. During separations, they celebrate holidays at unusual times or host long-distance birthday parties. By supporting our service members and ensuring a sound home, our military is stronger and more prepared.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[Dealing With Constantly Changing Public Safety Challenges- Virtual - 5/11/21](#)

This session will focus on how one township managed this eventful period of time. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[That Day You DIDN'T Make National Headlines! Creating Effective Police Policies - Virtual - 5/14/21](#)

The presenters will explain how understanding current law, implementing good personnel practices and policies, and providing direction and leadership can help mitigate these problems. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Rx for Disaster: The Effects of COVID-19 on the EMS System - Virtual - 5/17/21](#)

This workshop will focus on the impact of the pandemic on the commonwealth's EMS system, including the toll it's taken on agencies' finances and their workforces. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Strategic Planning for Fire Service Operations in Townships - Virtual - 5/24/21](#)

This session will use lecture, small group discussions, and facilitated brainstorming to identify solutions to sustain or improve fire service in your community. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Essentials of Township Public Safety - Virtual Class - 6/8/21 & 6/10/21](#)

Join us for this two-session presentation which discusses such topics as fire service, emergency management, police, ambulance service, mutual aid, homeland security, and municipal liability for volunteers. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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