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Latest News

Pa. COVID-19 Cases Plummet as Vaccinations Increase

Case counts decreased for the eighth week in a row with 2,595 new cases of COVID-19 reported this week, 40% less than last week. The weekly average of new cases in Pennsylvania has plummeted from the most recent peak of 5,005 on April 18 to 439 on June 11, a decrease of 91%. The daily average of 485 was down 26% from 652 a week ago. Pennsylvania only used 6.3% of the vaccine allocation for the past week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,208,287.

For the eighth week in a row, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) has decreased, from 767 to 572, a 25% decrease. 158 of these patients are in an ICU, down from 180 the prior week. The number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide increased slightly, from 101 to 105.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania decreased this week for the third week in a row. 120 deaths were reported this week, 20.5% less than in the previous week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27,474.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate has decreased for the eighth week in a row, from 2.9% to 1.9% and is below 5% for the fourth week in a row. 62 counties now have rates of less than 5% (*up from 59 last week*), four counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*down from 11 last week*), and one county had rates of 10% to less than 20% (*same as last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

Consumer Price Index Increases in May

The Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased .6% in May on a seasonally adjusted basis after rising .8% in April. The index for used cars and trucks continued to rise sharply, increasing 7.3% in May. This is most likely a result of computer chip shortages preventing the delivery of new cars.

Over the last 12 months, the all-items index increased 5% before seasonal adjustment, the largest 12-month increase since a 5.4% increase for the period ending August 2008. [Click here](#) for more.

On This Day in History.....

On June 14, 1777, during the American Revolution, the Continental Congress adopts a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white” and that “the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” On June 14, 1877, the first Flag Day observance was held on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes. Two years later, in 1949, Congress officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, a national day of observance.

Since 1777, the design of the flag has been officially modified 26 times. In 1959, President Eisenhower ordered the design of a 50-star flag through a competition that drew 1,500 submissions. Seventeen-year-old Robert G. Heft of Ohio submitted the winning design of the 50-star American flag.

[Click here](#) for Saturday’s edition of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 14. Watch session live [here](#).

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety. Click on the title of the class for more information and to register.

[Webinar - Red Flags of Fraud in the Workplace - 6/16/21](#)

During this session, we will discuss the “Fraud Triangle” and review ways you can identify and detect fraud within your organization.



[Webinar - Roadside Safety Features - 6/23/21](#)

This webinar will discuss safety concepts and how to keep vehicles on the road through pavement marking, guide rails, signs and road surface improvements.



[Webinar - Traffic Calming - 6/30/21](#)

This webinar introduces traffic calming - an engineering tool that municipalities can use to address these requests and concerns.



[Webinar - Energy Assurance and Emergency Planning - 7/7/21](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of the state’s current energy assurance plan and efforts in relation to Emergency Support Function 12 - Energy.



**Webinar - Understanding & Implementing PA's
Police Reform Bills: Acts 57 & 59 of 2020 - 7/8/21**

This program will review the statutory and regulatory requirements for a municipality and their police department to properly implement Act 57, relating to background checks for law enforcement employment purposes and Act 59, relating to mental health evaluations and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for law enforcement officers.



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