



June 21, 2021

Latest News

Congratulations to Arlene Kuntz, secretary-treasurer for Greenfield Township in Blair County, who won a free ticket to the Centennial Celebration for answering Friday's History Trivia! The answer to the Ralph Cramden connection was the "to the moon, Alice" statement from the Honeymooners

Reminder: Townships Need to Apply for American Rescue Plan Funds ASAP
Township officials are reminded that each township must apply for its American Rescue Plan funds through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Single Application for Assistance as soon as possible. **Townships that do not make application this month will forfeit their claim to this year's funding** and their money will be redistributed to communities that do apply.

PSATS has provided detailed information on how to apply on its COVID-19 page, which is available by [clicking here](#). Please note that ALL townships are now required to apply for a SAM.gov registration, and proof of application for a SAM.gov account is required for the DCED Single Application. **You do NOT need to wait for approval for SAM.gov before applying to DCED.**

Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, Deaths Continue to Drop

COVID case counts for Pennsylvania decreased for the ninth week in a row, with 2,053 new cases of COVID-19 reported this week, 20.8% less than last week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,210,340. Both nationally and in Pennsylvania, new case rates are now comparable to those in March 2020 at the very start of the pandemic. The commonwealth has dropped to the 34th highest growth in cases per 100,000, with Wyoming, Missouri, and Colorado now making

up the top three.

For the ninth week in a row, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) has decreased from 572 to 441, a 23% decrease. 99 of these patients are in an ICU, down from 158 the prior week. The number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide decreased from 105 to 67.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania decreased for the fourth week in a row. Ninety-five deaths were reported this week, 20.8% less than in the previous week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27, 569.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate has decreased for the ninth week in a row, from 1.9% to 1.4%, and is below 5% for the fifth week in a row. Sixty-four counties now have rates of less than 5% (*up from 62 last week*), three counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*down from four last week*), and no county had rates of 10% to less than 20% (*down from one last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

PA Unemployment Rate Drops

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' May unemployment rates for Pennsylvania show a decrease from 7.1% to 6.9%, while the national unemployment rate dropped to 5.8%. [Click here](#) for more.

This Day in History.....

On June 21, 1893, George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. debuts his invention, the Ferris wheel, at Chicago's World's Columbian Exposition.

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 21. 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 - 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.

**Webinar - Your Personal Financial Foundation -
Session 2**

Everyone knows that identity theft and ransomware is on the rise and is a headache to rectify when it happens, whether to you as an individual or as a township. But do you know all of the steps that you can take to better protect your identity and your personal information? In this webinar, you will learn some key tips to protect your personal information.



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