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## Latest News

### **August 2 is New Deadline for PSATS' 100th Commemorative Ad Book!**

Monday, August 2nd was already the opening day for registration for the PSATS Fall Business Meeting and Centennial Celebration, but now DCED has chosen that day for the final deadline for municipalities to apply for ARP federal funding. Since that day is circled on so many calendars, we thought we might just take advantage of it and extend the deadline for advertising in the PSATS commemorative Centennial Book until close of business August 2, as well. This in-depth look at PSATS' history over the last century will include lots of photos and interviews with those who worked for or with PSATS to accomplish many great things on behalf of our 1,454 townships in the commonwealth.

We are inviting townships and county associations to be a part of this historical book with an ad wishing PSATS your very best on this tremendous milestone. There are three options for ad sizes with an easy online reservation/payment process at [www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/](http://www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/). PSATS will even design the ad for you. For more information, contact Ginni Linn at (717) 763-0930, ext. 127, or [glinn@psats.org](mailto:glinn@psats.org).

### **More Than 1,350 Townships Have Applied for American Rescue Plan Funds**

More than 1,350 townships have applied to the state Department of Community and Economic Development for their American Rescue Plan funds, including every township in the following 32 counties: Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Blair, Bucks, Butler, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Indiana, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Mifflin, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, Snyder, Somerset, Union, Venango, Washington, Westmoreland, Wyoming,

and York. To date, the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury has issued payments to 1,885 municipalities for \$421 million.

**DCED has extended the deadline until the close of business on Monday, August 2.** Townships that fail to apply for their funds by August 2 will lose all their funds for 2021 as well as 2022. All funds that are declined or unclaimed will be reallocated (based on population) to the municipalities with less than 50,000 people that have applied. [Click here](#) to learn how to apply. If you have questions or are having difficulties applying, please reach out to PSATS staff at (717) 763-0930 so that we can help you.

### **Registration for Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration Opens in One Week!**

Registration for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business Meeting opens on **Monday, August 2**, so be sure to register for either or both events. Both events will be held at the Hershey Lodge, with the Business Meeting scheduled for October 15 and the Centennial Celebration to be held the evening before. **While these events will not replace our Annual Conference, you will not want to miss them!**

**Business Meeting:** Voting delegates will conduct **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting**, hear committee reports, elect PSATS leadership, and most importantly, adopt resolutions that will guide state association policy in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. All are welcome, with priority registration going to voting delegates.

**Centennial Celebration Dinner:** The Pennsylvania Leadership Institute will host a **Centennial Celebration of PSATS' First 100 Years**. This fun-filled historic evening, complete with dinner and light entertainment, is not to be missed!

**Registration:** If you're going to the Business Meeting, register at [voting2021.psats.org](http://voting2021.psats.org). If you're going to the Centennial Celebration, register at [PSATS100.mypli.org](http://PSATS100.mypli.org). If you're attending both, start at one site and finish at the other. You will find a button at the end of the one to go to the other.

**Lodging:** Overnight lodging accommodations can be made during the registration process. The HOTEL RESERVATIONS link will appear at the end of each registration. If registering for both events, you will only need to go through the hotel reservation process once.

### **Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations Increase with Delta Variant**

3,564 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week in Pennsylvania, a 51% increase compared to the prior week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,220,115, and cases have increased for two weeks in a row. The commonwealth has the fourth lowest growth in cases per 100,000, with Louisiana, Florida, and Arkansas now making up the top three. Nationally, the average weekly reported cases have increased by more than 50% in the last week, while hospitalizations have increased by 32%.

After 13 straight weeks of decline, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) increased this week from 260 to 368, a 42% increase. Eighty-three of these patients are in an ICU, up 66% from 50 the prior week. The number of

COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide increased from 29 to 37.

Thirty-five deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania were reported this week, seven less than in the prior week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27,827.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased for the third week in a row from 1.7% to 2.8% and remains below 5% for the 10th straight week. Sixty-one counties now have rates less than 5% (*down from 63 last week*), four counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*up from three last week*), and two counties have rates of 10% to less than 20% (*up from one last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

### **Today in History....**

On July 26, 1775, the U.S. postal system was established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Franklin (1706-1790) put in place the foundation for many aspects of today's mail system.

[Click here](#) for this week's issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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## 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 - Community Traffic Safety Programs - 7/28/21](#)**

Learn about the different types of outreach programs that Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinators are presenting to schools, agencies, and organizations to help educate them on traffic safety issues across Pennsylvania.



**[Webinar - Stream Maintenance - 8/4/21](#)**

With seemingly more frequent, severe storm events occurring, public works departments are busy with culvert and bridge repairs and replacements and stream maintenance activities. These activities may be regulated by the state or federal government.



**[Webinar - Your Personal Financial Foundation - Session 3 - 8/9/21](#)**

In this webinar, you will learn how to leverage your current financial situation to better position you to achieve your goals.



**[Webinar - Steps to Take After the Audit - 8/18/21](#)**

Topics covered will include what types of information to communicate with your auditor between audits, areas of focus as the board/management reviews the audit, and potential areas in which your organization can improve.



**[Webinar - 21st Century Solutions to Failing Septic System Infrastructure - 8/25/21](#)**

This presentation will explore the basics of septic systems, why they fail, the differences in types of septic systems, and the benefits of updating aging or over-stressed infrastructure.



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