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## Latest News

### **CDL Driver Availability Challenge to Affect Winter Preparedness?**

Winter is coming, and the state Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission are gearing up for it. PennDOT has budgeted nearly \$200 million for this winter's statewide operations, deploys about 4,700 workers, and has more than 560,000 tons of salt on hand across the state. PennDOT is actively seeking more than 600 temporary equipment operators statewide to supplement its full-time staff. The Turnpike has more than 400 licensed equipment operators ready to activate 24/7 staffing. This could be especially challenging in light of CDL

Townships, as well as the public, can track roadway conditions and PennDOT plow truck locations statewide this winter through [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). [Click here](#) for more, including suggestions on how the public can prepare for winter driving conditions.

### **Join Our *Special Guest* in Celebrating PSATS' 100th Anniversary on October 14!**

Don't miss PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Leadership Institute, on Thursday evening, **October 14**, at the Hershey Lodge. Stay tuned for clues about our special guest over the coming days. The fun-filled **historic** event, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Leadership Institute, will kick off with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Chocolate Ballroom followed by dinner and light entertainment in the Great American Hall from 7 to 9:30 p.m. If you haven't yet registered to attend, you still have time. Go to [psats100.mypli.org](http://psats100.mypli.org). The PA Leadership Institute is a qualified non-profit scholarship organization for local government so your contributions are tax-deductible.

### **Pennsylvania is 14th for Vaccine Doses Administered Per Capita**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania is 14th for total COVID doses administered per capita. Nationally, more than 185 million people have been fully vaccinated, or 67% of the adult population and 83.6% of those age 65 or older.

More than 16 million vaccine doses have now been administered in Pennsylvania. According to the CDC, more than 7.4 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.9 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. The CDC's data shows that 69.1% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are now fully vaccinated. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

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

On October 6, 1683, Encouraged by William Penn's offer of 5,000 acres of land in the colony of Pennsylvania and the freedom to practice their religion, the first Mennonites arrive in America aboard the Concord. They were among the first Germans to settle in the American colonies.

The Mennonites, members of a Christian sect founded by Menno Simons in the 16th century, were widely persecuted in Europe. Seeking religious freedom, Mennonite Francis Daniel Pastorius led a group from Krefeld, Germany, to Pennsylvania in 1683 and founded Germantown, the pioneer German settlement in America and now part of the city of Philadelphia. Numerous other German groups followed, and by the American Revolution there were 100,000 Germans in William Penn's former colony, more than a third of Pennsylvania's total population at the time.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House will be in session today, October 6. Watch the session live [here](#).

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