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## Latest News

### **Today is Recycling Day!**

The Keep America Beautiful America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling! [Click here](#) to learn more!

### **Townships May Pay for Newly Elected Supervisors to Attend Training**

In response to several recent questions about PSATS' Boot Camp for Township Officials, please note that [Section 607\(4\) of the Second Class Township Code](#) was amended in 2019 to authorize townships to pay for training for newly elected supervisors prior to officially taking office. To learn more about the PSATS Boot Camp, [click here](#).

### **Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, Deaths Increase**

51,037 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a 77% increase over the prior week and for the second week in a row. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,644,848. The commonwealth remains at 20th in cases per 100,000 nationally, with Minnesota, New Mexico, and North Dakota now in the top three.

After decreasing for three weeks, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) increased this week from 2,475 to 2,626. 606 patients are in the ICU, an increase compared to the previous week's 573. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 32,401, with 503 new deaths reported this week, an increase compared to the previous week.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased for the second week in a row from 9.3% to 10.3%. Two counties have a rate less than 5% (compared to one last week), 11 counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (compared to 20 last week), 44 counties have rates of 10% to less than 20% (compared to 38 last week); nine counties have a rate of at least 20% but less than 30% (compared to eight last week); and one county has a rate higher than 30% (compared to none last week). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

[Click here](#) for the latest issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin!

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

On November 15, 1777, after 16 months of debate, the Continental Congress, sitting in its temporary capital of York, Pennsylvania, agrees to adopt the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union. Not until March 1, 1781, would the last of the 13 states, Maryland, ratify the agreement. In 1777, Patriot leaders, stinging from British oppression, were reluctant to establish any form of government that might infringe on the right of individual states to govern their own affairs.

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## Legislation & Policy



November 15.

The House will be in session today,

Watch the session live [here](#).

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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.

**[Webinar - Top 10 Strategies for Using ARPA Funding for Stormwater Management - 11/16/21](#)**

This webinar will summarize federal guidance for the use of ARPA funds for water quality, flood resilience, and land protection projects, with an emphasis on how this limited funding can best be used to meet long-term community needs.



**[Webinar - Taxes/Finance-A Quick Dive into Article XXIII of the Second Class Township Code - 11/18/21](#)**

In this webinar, we will review what the Second Class Township Code allows – and does not allow – when it comes to township taxes and finance.



**[Webinar - Preparing for an Audit of ARPA Expenditures: What to Do Now - 11/22/21](#)**

This webinar is designed to address the potential audit of township expenditures of ARPA funds by the federal government.



**[Webinar - The ABCs of Liquid Fuels Tax Funds - 11/23/21](#)**

Attend this session to learn the basics about liquid fuels funding, including how it's allocated, what can be purchased, and where townships can turn for support and assistance.



**[Webinar - Vehicle Automation and What Townships Should Know - 12/1/21](#)**

Join representatives of PennDOT as they share information about the current status of AV testing in Pennsylvania and what townships should know so that they and their residents can be better prepared for AVs.



**[Webinar - Are You Prepared for Your 2022 Organizational Meeting? - 12/2/21](#)**

If you are unsure whether you have everything ready for your township's 2021 Organization Meeting, required to be held the first Monday of January, then make sure to attend this webinar.



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