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Latest News



Reminder: DEP to Host December 2 Webinar on How to Apply for DEP Grants

Township officials may want to take advantage of a free live webinar scheduled for December 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. hosted by the state Department of Environmental Protection. DEP grants can help your township be more energy-efficient, restore local streams, reduce erosion, and more. The webinar is designed to provide basics for first-time applicants who want to make an environmental project happen. [Click here](#) to learn more or to register.

Pa. COVID-19 Cases Decrease as Hospitalizations Rise

39,733 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a decrease for the second week in a row. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,725,902. The commonwealth rose to 8th in cases per 100,000 nationally, with Minnesota,

Michigan, and Wisconsin now in the top three.

The [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) increased for the third week in a row, from 3,097 to 3,593, or 16%. 816 patients are in the ICU, an increase compared to the previous week's 734. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 33,283, with 359 new deaths reported this week, a decrease compared to the previous week.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased for the fourth week in a row from 11.7% to 12.1%. One county has a rate less than 5% (*compared to one last week*), six counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*compared to nine last week*), 45 counties have rates of 10% to less than 20% (*compared to 42 last week*); 15 counties have a rate of at least 20% but less than 30% (*compared to 14 last week*); and no county has a rate higher than 30% (*compared to one last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

Today in History....

On November 29, 1942, coffee rationing began due to growing demand during World War II. Coffee drinkers reduced their intake by pouring less into their cups. They also stretched the coffee they had by reusing the grounds and making a weaker brew. Another method to stretch their supply included grinding chicory root into their coffee grounds before they brewed their coffee.

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PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[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.



[Webinar - The Benefits of Grid-Independent Solar for Municipalities - 12/8/21](#)

In this webinar, Jason Wert with RETTEW will review the many benefits – financial, long-term resiliency, and sustainability – that grid-independent solar operations can bring municipalities and municipal authorities.



[Webinar - Understanding And Navigating PA's New Unemployment Compensation Website - 12/15/21](#)

This webinar will help townships better navigate the Department of Labor & Industry's new unemployment compensation filing website.



[Webinar - Right-To-Know Law Q & A - 12/16/21](#)

This webinar is your opportunity to get answers to all of your Right-to-Know Law-related questions (or stump the presenters!).



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