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Latest News

More Variants Bring More Numbers

53,249 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, an increase of 34% after two weeks of decreasing cases. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,779,151. The commonwealth dropped from 8th to 16th in cases per 100,000 nationally, with New Hampshire, Michigan, and Minnesota now in the top three. While daily case rates are comparable to early December 2020, hospitalizations and deaths remain substantially lower

The [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) increased for the fourth week in a row from 3,593 to 4,106, or 14%. 885 patients are in the ICU, an increase compared to the previous week's 816. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 33,902, with 619 new deaths reported this week, an increase compared to the previous week.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased for the fifth week in a row from 12.1% to 15.3%. No county has a rate less than 5% (*compared to one last week*); seven counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*compared to six last week*); 31 counties have rates of 10% to less than 20% (*compared to 45 last week*); 25 counties have a rate of at least 20% but less than 30% (*compared to 15 last week*); four counties have a rate higher than 30% (*compared to none last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

Today in History....

On December 6, 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers placed a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive

monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

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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 - 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!).



[Webinar - Everything You Wanted to Know About Your VFD - But Were Afraid to Ask - 1/5/22](#)

This conversation will outline some of the forces converging on today's volunteers and will focus on offering solutions for the community and its first responders to move forward together towards adequate and affordable public safety services.



[Webinar - Our Board is Divided – What Now? - 1/19/22](#)

In this webinar, we will discuss a variety of common “divided board” issues, including filling vacancies on the board of supervisors, what to do when a supervisor abstains from voting to avoid controversial issues, the role of the chair in bringing order to the meeting, and the rights of supervisors to address topics that are not on the agenda.



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