



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

PSATS Daily COVID-19 News

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Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Start to Decrease

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 113,590. New per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania saw a decrease this week. The seven-day average new case count is now 879, down 3.6 percent from 912 one week ago. In addition, the statewide percent-positivity also decreased from 4.7 percent one week ago to 4.6 percent, which is below the recommended rate of 5 percent. This number is the total positive COVID-19 tests out of all COVID-19 tests conducted.

Resident and staff cases in nursing homes and personal care facilities continues to represent 21 percent of total cases, while deaths of residents of these facilities remain more than two-thirds of the state's total of 7,209 deaths. For further breakdowns on these numbers, [click here](#).

In addition, [the number of current COVID-19 hospitalizations](#) in Pennsylvania saw a 20 percent decrease since July 26, from 707 to 564, while the number of patients on ventilators statewide remained stable at 90 for the last week.

On Friday, the commonwealth identified a number of counties as having percent-positivity rates of 5 percent or more for the past week and as such, will carefully monitor these counties, which include Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks (new), Chester, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Indiana, Lancaster (new), Lawrence, and Philadelphia. Townships should note that Bedford, Dauphin, Greene, Mercer, and York counties saw their percent-positivity rates drop under 5 percent last week and were removed from the state's "watch" list. Indiana saw its rate increase above 5 percent and was placed back on the list. [Click here](#) for more.

Commonwealth Removes Wyoming from Quarantine Advisory

The commonwealth has removed Wyoming from the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the current list of states on the advisory, [click here](#).

DGS Cancels August 11 Vehicle Auction

The state Department of General Services has announced that its August 11 vehicle auction will not be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It had been scheduled to take place at Manheim Keystone Pennsylvania. The next vehicle auction is scheduled to take place October 13, 2020.

COVID-19 Grant Deadline for Fire and EMS is Friday

Be sure your volunteer fire company and EMS providers apply for COVID-19 grants from the Office of State Fire Commissioner by this Friday, August 7. Each fire company and EMS company that received 2019-2020 grants through the Fire Company and Emergency Medical

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Services Grant program will receive, at a minimum, the same amount as their 2019-2020 award. **However, all fire, rescue, and EMS companies must register for the new program in order to receive a grant.**

These one-time grants are to be used by eligible fire, rescue, and EMS companies to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and funds are to be used to supplement operational expenses due to a lack of opportunities for fund raising and the inability to create revenue due to compliance measures. These include expenses for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting equipment and property and other expenses incurred to prevent the spread of communicable disease. [Click here](#) for more information!