PSATS Daily COVID-19 News

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Wolf Extends COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for Another 90 days
Yesterday, Gov. Tom Wolf extended the March 6, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for another 90 days. All directives, authorized actions, and provisions of the proclamation and the June 3, 2020, extension remain in full force and effect.

Commonwealth Adds States to Quarantine Advisory
The commonwealth has added Hawaii, Illinois, and South Dakota to 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.

Wolf Calls for Mandatory Paid Sick and Family Leave
Gov. Tom Wolf held a press conference yesterday calling for the General Assembly to approve paid sick and family leave for workers who need to miss work for an illness or to care for a family member.

This proposal, if passed, would be in addition to the two weeks of paid sick leave mandated by the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act for employees who are sick with COVID-19 or are required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. Click here to see the U.S. Department of Labor’s poster on the FFCRA.

In addition, Wolf has announced that the commonwealth’s new paid parental leave policy will take effect October 15. Commonwealth employees will be eligible for up to six weeks of paid parental leave to care for a child after birth, adoption, or foster care placement. The new policy is separate from any accrued sick or paid time off that the employee may have earned.

USDA Provides Federal Resources for Rural Communities
Rural townships looking for resources to help their residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can find a number of resources available online for housing and utility assistance. To learn more, click here.