PSATS Daily COVID-19 News

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Restaurants May Increase Indoor Occupancy
After months of operating at 25 percent indoor capacity, restaurants that self-certify that they are complying with state orders to mitigate COVID-19 may increase indoor occupancy to 50 percent beginning on September 21. Self-certified restaurants will be listed in a searchable online commonwealth database. Restaurants will have until October 5 to self-certify.

However, all sales of alcohol at restaurants must stop at 10 p.m. beginning on September 21. Click here to learn more. For frequently asked questions on the self-certification process, click here.

In related news, Philadelphia finally lifted its ban on indoor dining yesterday and will now allow limited indoor dining, with capacity restricted to 25 percent.

Commonwealth Makes Changes to States on Quarantine Advisory
The commonwealth has added North Carolina to, and removed California 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.

Commonwealth Implements $300 Additional Weekly Unemployment Benefit
The state Department of Labor and Industry announced that qualifying individuals who are on unemployment will begin to receive the additional federal payment of $300 per week tomorrow. The department implemented the FEMA Lost Wages Assistance ahead of schedule. To learn more, click here.