Your Member Service Organization

Agenda

- 2020-21 State Budget
- Acts
- Pending Legislation
- Yellow-Green Phase Guidance
- Miscellaneous
Short-Term State Budget

- 25.8 Billion 5 month budget
  - No tax increases & no new taxes;
  - Level agency funding;
  - Funds schools, institutions of higher learning, and child care programs for 12 month;
  - SERS and PSERS contributions continue;
  - Crucial health and environmental programs funded for 12 months.
Short-Term State Budget

State Police

- General Government Operations $172.123 million ($342.1 million 19-20)
- MPOETC $712,000 ($1.716 million 19-20)
- From Motor License fund: $617.164 million ($647.395 million 2019-20)

- No state police tax yet!
Short-Term State Budget

Office of the State Fire Commissioner

- 1.187 million (2019-20: 2.848 million)
- Includes funding for a statewide coordinator and regional advisors to develop, implement, and deliver recruitment and retention training programs and technical assistance to local fire organizations and local governments
Short-Term State Budget

Transportation: Motor License Fund

- Appears to be 12-month allocations
- $10 million for the Municipal Traffic Signal program
- $28 Million Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume (same as 2019-20)
- Liquid Fuels fully funded, but expect decrease for 2021 allocation due to decrease in sales
Short-Term State Budget

- **DCED**
  - The Center for Local Government Services $1.786 million (5/12 of 2019-20).
  - Municipal Assistance Fund $228,000 (5/12 of 2019-20)
Short-Term State Budget

25.8 Billion 5-month budget

- Other items of interest:
  - Plastic bag ban moratorium extended through 2021 or until end of emergency declaration *(whichever is later)*
  - Payment in lieu of taxes payments:
    - State Forest $7.812 million (same as 2019-20)
    - State Parks $430,000 (same as 2019-20)
2.6 billion from Federal CARES Act

- Supplemental appropriations to agencies to address costs related to COVID-19:
  - $930 million DCED (includes $625 million for counties; $225 small business assistance)
  - $632 million Human Services
  - $50 million PEMA (Fire and EMS Grant Program)
  - $40 million Agriculture
  - $20 million DOH
$625 million from Federal CARES Act to 60 counties that did not receive direct aid.

- DCED to distribute to counties by July 15th;
- Distributions are based on population;
- At least $1 million for each eligible county;
- Prioritized for subgrantees not awarded money from CARES I;
- Seven allowable uses
$625 million to Counties; Allowable Uses:

- Offsetting cost of direct county response, planning, & outreach related to COVID-19, including PPE;
- Small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees, priority to those that did not get paycheck protection funds;
- Grants for economic development;
- Assistance to municipalities for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19, including PPE purchases;
- Behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment;
- Nonprofit assistance for 501c3 or c19;
- Broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas.
What’s next?

- Budget expires November 30th.
- $1.3 Billion in CARES Act funds not allocated.
- Additional federal funds could be allocated.
- IFO predicting $5 billion revenue loss.
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**ACTS**

- Act 17 *(HB 1869)* COVID-19 disability benefits; basic life support staffing waivers
- Act 21 *(HB 327)* Cocktails to go
- Act 22 *(HB 1522)* Junior Firefighter Training
- Act 26 *(SB 1122)* Fire & EMS Grants
Pending Legislation

- SB 1030 Alternate Sewage Systems
- SB 1110 COVID-19 Notification
- HB 974 Volunteer Senior Property Tax Credit
- HB 2065 Public-private partnerships
- HB 2506 Temporary Outdoor dining
- HB 2536 Tax Anticipation Notes
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

■ Red No More
■ Yellow Phase Review
■ Yellow Phase New: Recreation, Outdoor Dining, and more
■ Green Phase
■ What’s next?
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- **Red No More**
  - Stay-At-Home order expires at midnight
  - All counties will be in yellow or green phase tomorrow
  - Wolf renewed 90-day disaster declaration yesterday, urged yellow means caution
  - Administration preparing for a fall surge with testing, contact tracing, isolation plan in attempt to avoid shut down in fall
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Yellow Phase Review

- Reopening:
  - Childcare
  - Retail (50 percent capacity)
  - Businesses not listed on next slide
  - Large gatherings to 25
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Yellow Phase Review

- Restrictions Remain:
  - Indoor Malls, Health and Wellness facilities (gyms, salons), and Entertainment: closed
  - Recreation: waterparks, playgrounds, team sports: closed
  - Businesses that can telework must continue
  - Social distancing and universal masking
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Yellow Phase New

- In addition to takeout and delivery, outdoor dining permitted in yellow effective tomorrow
  - Must follow Commonwealth Guidance
  - Must follow Restaurant Guidance: Strict physical distancing, barrier requirements, 50 percent maximum occupancy
  - Must follow LCB Guidance if licensee
  - LCB expediting permit extensions for outdoor dining
  - Considerations
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Yellow Phase New

– Recreation: State Guidance for Summer Recreation
  • Day Camps: childcare and enrichment, follow state and CDC guidance
  • Community Pools: CDC guidance
– Professional Sports (no spectators)
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Yellow Phase New

– Education:
  • Postsecondary institutions and adult basic education programs may begin in-person tomorrow, after developing health and safety plan
  • Elementary and secondary schools may reopen in-person instruction and activities beginning July 1 after developing health and safety plan

– Dentists: Routine dental healthcare authorized
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- **Green Phase**
  - Social distancing, facemasks, hygiene still apply
  - Large gatherings to 250
  - All businesses resume in-person operations but must follow commonwealth’s guidance (same as for yellow zone)
  - Businesses open in yellow phase at 50 percent go to 75 capacity
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Green Phase
  - Businesses that telework may reopen, telework strongly encouraged, phased reopen
  - Personal care facilities (salons, barbershops): open by appointment only, limited to 50 percent capacity
  - Restaurants: may reopen at 50 percent capacity, must follow state and restaurant guidance, also LCB if licensee
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Green Phase

- Recreation may reopen:
  - Team sports: follow CDC guidance
  - Waterparks/playgrounds: follow CDC guidance
  - Indoor recreation/health/wellness (gyms): strongly encouraged to operate by appointment, limited to 50 percent capacity, follow state guidance
- Prisons and hospitals may have visitors
- Nursing homes to remain closed for now
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

■ Green Phase

– Meetings in the green phase
– What’s next?
– Future revisions to yellow/green?
– Until vaccines or effective therapies or treatments are available
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Green Phase

- Resources:
  - psats.org, choose COVID-19 information
  - PSATS Fact Sheets
    - Employee and Resident Safety
    - Employer/Employee Issues (Eckert Seamans)
    - Meetings
    - Park and Recreation
    - Road Department/Work Sites (LTAP)
    - Waste/Sewage Disposal
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- State Guidance: decontamination, employee and public protection
- Federal Guidance
- Eckert Seamans
- Additional resources
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Commonwealth Guidance for Businesses Permitted to Operate During the Covid-19 Disaster to Ensure the Safety and Health of Members of the Public

- Townships not required to follow this guidance, but are encouraged to apply as practicable.
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Decontamination Plans:
  - Securing and decontaminating the affected areas
  - Closing off areas visited by the person who is a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19
  - Opening outside doors and windows and using ventilation fans to circulate air in the area
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Waiting at least 24 hours, or as long as practical, before cleaning and disinfecting the affected area
  - Identifying employees who were in close contact
  - Clean and disinfect all shared areas
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Protecting Employees
  - Take each employee’s temperature before they enter the building.
    - Send home anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees
  - Encourage employees with symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath to stay home and contact their doctor for further guidance
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Rearrange office furniture to promote social distancing
- Stagger work start times
- Provide masks and other needed PPE
- Limit the number of people in employee common area
- Communicate new procedures to employees
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Protecting Employees and the Public
  - Conduct business with the public by appointment
  - Modify office hours so there is adequate time to clean and disinfect township building
  - Install shields and other barriers to physically separate employees from the public
  - Require the public to wear a mask when entering the township building
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- U.S. Office of Personnel Management Returning to OPM Facilities Preparedness Guide
  - Strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable population, who are caring for dependents who are members of a vulnerable population, and/or who have childcare or transportation needs.
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

– Close employee common areas

– Signage: Increase signage reminding employees to employ recommended hygiene practices and social distancing protocols, to stay home when sick, and to report any COVID-like symptoms.

– Communication Plan: report to all staff on the status of reopening strategy and provide at least one-week notice to all staff of the scheduled reopening date for each facility.
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

- Eckert-Seamans Labor and Employment Alert
  - How to handle employees who refuse to return to work
    - Fear: Ensure you have adequate plans in place to keep the building clean
    - At-risk: ADA Protections for certain at risk employees
    - Childcare: may be eligible for FMLA under Cares Act.
Employee Policy Adjustments:

- Doctor's notes required after prolonged absence
- Attendance requirements
- Antibody testing: be careful in relying on antibody testing to make personnel decisions
Yellow-Green Phase Guidance

Resources

Miscellaneous

■ 2020 Census

- Some field operations resumed June 1st.
- Self-reporting deadline: October 31st
- Requesting extensions:
  • Final counts to President – 4/30/21
  • Redistricting data to states – 7/31/21
PSATS Resources

- **PSATS Morning News**: make sure that PSATS has your email address!
- COVID-19 Information Page at psats.org
- PSATS Member Discussion Groups
- PSATS Fact Sheets
  - Employee and Resident Safety
  - Employer/Employee Issues (Eckert Seamans)
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