

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

State-Level COVID-19 Response Tracker

Alabama	Illinois	Montana	Rhode Island
Alaska	Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina
Arizona	Iowa	Nevada	South Dakota
Arkansas	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee
California	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
Colorado	Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah
Connecticut	Maine	New York	Vermont
Delaware	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Florida	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington
District of Columbia	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	

Alabama

- March 6, 2020 – Governor Ivey [announced the formation](#) of a Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force of cabinet and state agency officials, as well as disease specialists in an abundance of caution.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Ivey [sent a memo to state agency heads](#) directing state employees to notify their department heads, supervisors, and human resource offices if they have traveled in areas affected by the coronavirus.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Ivey [issued](#) a state of emergency for Alabama.
- March 14, 2020 – Governor Ivey [closed](#) all Alabama public schools beginning close of business Wednesday, March 18 for two and a half weeks due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- March 15, 2020 – Governor Ivey [authorized](#) directors of all state agencies to put different work schedules into place for state employees.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) directors of all state agencies to implement different telework, flexible work schedules and social distancing practices for the next three weeks.
- March 16, 2020 – The Alabama Department of Labor [announced](#) that state employees who are unable to work due to COVID-19 will be eligible to file for unemployment benefits.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [emphasized](#) measures taken by financial regulators to protect the financial system within the state.
- March 17, 2020 – The Alabama Department of Public Health [issued](#) updated guidelines stating any restaurant, bar, or brewery shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink for one week.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the primary runoff election will be delayed to July 14.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide health order. The order includes the following directives through April 5.
 - All gatherings of 25 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons are prohibited.
 - Any restaurant, bar, brewery or similar establishments are not to permit on-premise consumption of food or drink.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- All beaches are closed.
- Preschools and childcare centers are closed.
- All Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors and nonessential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.
- All elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an updated statewide public health order prohibiting all non-work related gatherings of 25 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons.
 - The updated order also expands the availability of child day care in the state as long as certain guidelines are followed, and includes clarifying language regarding senior citizen centers and schools.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the second supplemental state of emergency proclamation, instructed appropriate agencies to take the necessary steps and issue the appropriate documents to expedite the movement of vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, and supplies.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) authorization to the Adjutant General with the Alabama National Guard to activate up to 100 guardsmen.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) small businesses are eligible for assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state income tax filing due date is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Alabama’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Alabama to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment and forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments in the state’s Medicaid program.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a memo on flexibilities for unemployment insurance claims. The state is waiving the work search, wait week, and good cause provisions and waiving all charges against employers who file partial unemployment compensation claims on behalf of their employees, until further notice.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the fourth supplemental State of Emergency with the following provisions:
 - Requires all public K-12 schools to implement a plan to complete the 2019-2020 school year using alternate methods of instruction;
 - Extends the licensure period applicable to emergency medical services personnel and provides services;
 - Allows notaries to notarize signatures through videoconferences;
 - Allows state agencies to create and retain electronic records and send and accept electronic signatures;
 - Authorizes law enforcement officers to issue summons and complaint in lieu of custodial arrest for any violation or misdemeanor in certain circumstances; and
 - Permits the county or municipality to set a fee schedule for the summons and complaint that is concurrent with the bail fee and court costs associated with a custodial arrest for the same crime.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The State Health Officer [announced](#) an order with the following provisions:
 - Suspending all non-work-related gatherings of 10 persons or more, or non-work-related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons;
 - Suspending all dental, medical, or surgical procedures with emergency medical exception;
 - Prohibiting visitors to all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities); and
 - Closing in-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private
- March 31, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has [approved](#) the Alabama Department of Education (ALSDE), Child Nutrition Programs waiver request for the restrictions on site eligibility requirements.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) their fifth supplemental state of emergency to adopt measures to expand the capacity of the health care workforce.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a Stay-at-Home order statewide. The order will be effective beginning Saturday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. and will expire Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) their sixth supplemental state of emergency to cease enforcement of any order that would result in the displacement of a person from their place of residence.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Office of Volunteer Services in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to launch ReadyOp. The program will collect volunteers and potential reserve staff's information and send out alerts if the help of qualified retired health professionals and medical students and related professionals is needed to support efforts.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of altogetheralabama.org, a hub for information about the state's response.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the “Ribbons of Hope” campaign to encourage the people of Alabama to tie ribbons around a tree or pole in their front yard as a symbol to remind everyone to pray for medical personnel, first responders, and for one another.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a job-matching site targeted at those who have lost their job as a result of COVID-19.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [awarded](#) \$580,000 to give a lift to innovation and entrepreneurship to help support the Alabama Launchpad, a program that encourages entrepreneurship in the state and nurtures new businesses.
- April 9, 2020 – The Alabama Department of Labor [announced](#) they have begun paying the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefit that was established with the passing of the federal CARES Act. ADOL paid \$40,060,495 in FPUC benefits to 60,848 claimants as of April 8, 2020.
- April 10, 2020 – The Alabama State Health Department [announced](#) physician-referral drive-through testing in two counties for individuals who meet testing requirements:
 - Fever OR cough OR shortness of breath, AND
 - Immunocompromised or have co-morbidities, or
 - Age 65 years or older, or
 - Healthcare worker, or
 - Associated with a long-term healthcare facility, or
 - Symptoms are moderate, severe, or worsening

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 10, 2020 – The State of Alabama [recommended](#) universal face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a supplemental emergency proclamation, which directs the Board of Pardons and Paroles to resume parole hearings.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of new COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites in Adamsville and Montgomery. The testing sites are supported by Walmart and Quest Diagnostics and will be available to anyone who may be exhibiting symptoms, as well as all health care workers and first responders.
- April 17, 2020 – The Alabama Coronavirus Task Force [announced](#) recommendations to the Governor regrading reopening the state with a focus on small business.
- April 19, 2020 – The Alabama National Guard [conducted](#) its first nursing home COVID-19 decontamination mission.

Alaska

- March 3, 2020 – The Division of Insurance sent a [bulletin](#) allowing access to drug refills during quarantine, promoting utilization of telemedicine, and stating their preparedness plan for COVID-19.
- March 6, 2020 – The Division of Insurance issued another [bulletin](#) regarding coverage requirements for cost sharing and coverage of respiratory viruses including COVID-19.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Dunleavy [issued](#) a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 anticipated outbreak.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services [issued](#) the State of Alaska’s first COVID-19 health mandate suspending and limiting general public visitation to select state institutions.
 - Additionally, between March 16-30 there will be non-student contact days in which students will not be attending school and all after school activities will be suspended.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a second COVID-19 health mandate closing state operated libraries, archives, and museums to the public from March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Additionally, residential school programs will begin the process of sending students to their families and home communities by March 27.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) two pieces of legislation to help Alaska’s COVID-19 response and preparedness:
 - [House Bill 206](#) provides financial resources to the Department of Health and Social Services for COVID-19 preparedness and response including \$4 million in state funds and provides open ended authority to accept any federal funds for COVID-19 response, [as requested by the Governor on March 2](#).
 - [House Bill 29](#) requires health care insurers to provide coverage for telehealth benefits.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of the Alaska Economic Stabilization Team to develop a plan to protect the state’s economy from the impact of COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a ban on all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks, and other establishments serving food or beverages for public dine-in service.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) COVID-19 Health Mandate 004 pertaining to travelers coming into Alaska from CDC Level 3 countries (high risk) and anywhere outside of Alaska (medium risk) within the last 14 days. The Mandate also provides guidance for what travelers should do upon returning to Alaska.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) COVID-19 Health Mandate 003 which closes all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks, and other establishments serving food or beverages within in the State of Alaska to public dine-in service. All buffets and salad bars are likewise closed to self-service. The closure remains in effect until April 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) the COVID-19 Economic Stabilization Plan, a statewide approach to provide urgent relief and protect the state’s economy.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) businesses can now apply for the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Health Mandate 009 Personal Care Services & Gatherings Statewide to limit all close contacts (people outside of a family unit) to be farther than six feet from each other to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Health Mandate 010: International and Interstate Travel, Order for Self-Quarantine requiring all people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 308 expands unemployment insurance benefits by waiving the one-week waiting period, increasing the weekly benefit for dependents from \$24 to \$75 per week.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 74 providing support for teachers and students in rural school districts that experience extremely high costs for internet. This legislation increases the minimum internet speed for all of Alaska’s schools from 10 megabits per second (Mbps) to 25 Mbps and will benefit 168 schools and 30 school districts.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor issued the following health mandates:
 - [Health Mandate 011: Social Distancing](#) – Ordering individuals to practice social distancing, closure of non-essential businesses, and employers to take reasonable precautions.
 - [Heath Mandated 012: Intrastate Travel](#) – Prohibiting personal travel except as necessary to meet critical personal needs or work in critical infrastructure jobs.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an extension to Health Mandate 002 and 003 on State Libraries, Archives, Museums and Residential Schools and on Statewide Closure Restaurants, Bars, Entertainment.
- April 2, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Alaska’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Alaska to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) COVID-19 Disaster Order of Suspension No. 2 to include additional suspensions of certain state government fees and fines.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) April 10, 2020 as Alaska’s Day of Prayer and Hope, an interfaith day of prayer in which Alaskans are called upon to join in prayer and reflection for Alaska in the midst of the pandemic.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an update to the State of Alaska’s COVID-19 Health Mandate 005 on Elective Medical Procedures to preserve staff personal protective equipment (PPE) and patient care supplies.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the COVID-19 Disaster Order of Suspension No. 2 Appendix A – Amendment 2 suspending certain fees, regulations, and statutes through May 11, 2020 unless otherwise noted.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the Health Mandate 014 on Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) allowing eligible emergency protective measures at the direction of state public health officials to be reimbursed, including costs for NCS for both state and local jurisdictions to protect vulnerable populations.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Health Mandate 015 on Services by Health Care Providers allowing health care facilities and providers to resume services that require minimal protective equipment and safety protocols on April 20, 2020. Beginning May 4, 2020, health care providers may perform non-urgent, or elective procedures, with defined safety protocols for patients and staff.
- April 17, 2020 – The Alaska Department of Transportation [enacted](#) a COVID-19 mitigation response plan.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) Phase One of the state’s approach to reopening segments of the Alaskan economy. Beginning Friday, April 24, 2020, the following businesses and industries may reopen, following rigorous health and safety standards:
 - Restaurants – limited dine-in services
 - Retail Stores – limited in-store shopping
 - Personal Services Businesses (ie. barbers, nail salons, hairdressers) – limited services
 - Non-Essential Businesses (ie. professional business services) – limited services
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of the following COVID-19 Health Mandates:
 - Health Mandate 10, International and Interstate Travel – extended until May 19 (evaluated weekly);
 - Health Mandate 11, Social Distancing – extended until rescinded; and
 - Health Mandate 12, Intrastate Travel – extended until rescinded
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the State of Alaska’s 16th COVID-19 Health Mandate, the first in a series to responsibly reopen Alaska.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the State of Alaska’s 17th Health Mandate establishing standardized protective measures to be followed by all independent commercial fishing vessels operating within Alaskan waters and ports to ensure a safe, productive fishing season while protecting communities from the spread of COVID-19.

Arizona

- January 26, 2020 – Arizona’s Health Emergency Operations Center activated to provide support to public health partners and infrastructure to respond to the outbreak.
- Given similarities between coronavirus and influenza, Arizona’s coronavirus response is guided by the state’s existing [influenza pandemic response plan](#), which was recently updated in May 2019.
- The Arizona Department of Health Services is [hosting a series of COVID-19 public health webinars](#) tailored to different partners and stakeholders, including law enforcement, health plans, Schools (K-12)/Childcare, EMS/911, businesses, long-term care facilities, and health care providers.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Ducey [issued](#) a Declaration of Emergency and an Executive Order to provide health officials and administrators with tools and guidance necessary to combat the continued spread of COVID-19 and to reduce financial burdens on Arizonans by lowering healthcare costs associated with the virus.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 12, 2020 – Arizona [signed](#) S.B. 1051, legislation introduced by Senator Kate Brophy McGee to appropriate \$55 million to the Public Health Emergency Fund to support Arizona’s efforts to combat the continued spread of COVID-19.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor and Boys & Girls Clubs Arizona Alliance [announced](#) emergency operational funding to support youth impacted by COVID-19 school closures. The partnership will enable state funding to compensate Boys & Girls Clubs to provide expanded services to Arizona families, while encouraging and leveraging private donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.
 - The Governor also [announced](#) the closure of all schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) a statewide closure of schools through at least March 27.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the cancellation of large events and mass gatherings such as conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings and other types of assemblies.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) a statewide closure of schools through at least March 27.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) large events and mass gatherings such as conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings and other types of assemblies should be cancelled.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following executive actions:
 - Activation of the National Guard to assist grocery stores and food banks with re-stocking shelves in the face of heightened demand.
 - Signing of an executive order that halts all elective surgeries to free up medical resources and maintain the capacity for hospitals and providers to continue offering vital services.
 - Signing of an executive order that requires restaurants in counties with confirmed COVID-19 cases to provide dine-out options only, as well as the closure of all bars in those counties. The order allows restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with the purchase of food.
 - Signing of an executive order to delay expiration dates on driver licenses ensuring residents over the age of 65 do not need to visit Motor Vehicle Division offices to renew their driver licenses during the public health emergency.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Arizona that will help small businesses.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a two-week extension of school closures through April 10, 2020.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order aimed at providing certainty and economic relief to taxpayers. The order includes the following provisions:
 - Waives the one-week waiting period after an employee loses a job before they apply for unemployment benefits;
 - Waives work search requirements for those receiving unemployment benefits;
 - Adds people who work at a business that has been temporarily closed or has reduced hours because of COVID-19, who have to quarantine because of COVID-19, or who have to care for a family member with COVID-19 to the list of people eligible for unemployment insurance; and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Waives any increase in employer payments to the unemployment insurance fund for businesses whose employees receive benefits under this provision.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an administrative action extending the deadline for filing and paying state income taxes from April 15 to July 15, 2020.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order implementing an Enhanced Surveillance Advisory that will accelerate tracking of COVID-19 cases and strengthen the ability of the Arizona Department of Health Services to respond to the outbreak.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order clarifying businesses and operations deemed “essential” by the state and providing certainty to business owners, employees and families.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Arizona’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Arizona to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements and extend current prior authorization approvals.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order delaying the enforcement of eviction action orders for renters remaining in effect for 120 days.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership to launch Arizona Enrichment Centers to offer childcare for the children of first responders, critical healthcare workers, and essential public sector workers, including child safety workers.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [notified](#) the Center For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of his decision to exempt the State of Arizona from a federal regulation requiring Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to be supervised by a physician. The reform will expand access to care, especially in rural areas, and free up physicians for other needed medical services.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new partnership between the state of Arizona, the BSTRONG Initiative partnering with the Global Empowerment Mission, and the Verstandig Foundation to secure up to 1 million N-95 masks and other equipment for Arizona health care professionals.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the Arizona Together initiative to connect individuals and businesses to resources, raising money for community organizations and providing information on volunteer opportunities.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) H.B. 2668 to bring more resources into Arizona’s health care system by increasing Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) provider rates for hospitals, doctors and more.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring health care insurance companies to expand telemedicine coverage for all services that would normally be covered for an in-person visit.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Arizona has received more than \$5.3 million in grant funding from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help communities provide meals for older adults.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will waive emissions testing for vehicle owners 65 and older for up to one year to allow them to renew their vehicle registrations.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order with the following provisions:
 - State agencies and boards will defer requirements to renew licenses that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 by six months from the expiration date;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- State agencies and boards will suspend any rules that prevent or limit the amount of online or alternative learning hours permitted to issue or renew a license; and
 - State agencies and boards will issue provisional licenses to applicants who have met all other requirements of Arizona statute and administrative code but cannot take the exam remotely.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order with the following provisions:
 - Requires hospitals to increase the amount of hospital bed capacity in the state, take steps to optimize staffing levels and maximize critical resources; and
 - Requires hospitals to activate their facility emergency plans.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a cooperative agreement with the state’s largest electric utilities to continue to provide reliable electricity to homes, hospitals, and businesses.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$5 million in new funding to help Arizonans struggling to make rent as part of a Rental Eviction Prevention Assistance Program being launched by the Arizona Department of Housing.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) H.B. 2910, legislation to support schools during closures, provide clarity and flexibility on statewide testing requirements and school letter grades, give direction on make-up days and require learning opportunities for students to continue.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) S.B. 1694, legislation to expand access to unemployment benefits and waiving certain Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) eligibility requirements.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a bipartisan state budget agreement that adds \$50 million for Arizona’s COVID-19 response — dollars to assist Arizonans needing eviction assistance, struggling small businesses, food banks and homeless population.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected,” to promote increased physical distancing, while encouraging social connectedness among citizens.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an initial \$6.7 million in funding to support Arizona food banks, nutrition programs and programs that serve the homeless.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a cooperative agreement with the state’s banks to protect small businesses and families from eviction and foreclosure.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of Arizona school closures through the end of the school year.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control will defer the payment of all liquor licensing fees by 90 days.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the contribution of \$250,000 by Arizona Public Service (APS) to the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) a request to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist Arizona’s dairy farmers by finding solutions to restart the international export of Arizona dairy products to Mexico.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing for pets and animals to be examined by their veterinarians through telemedicine.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government – a procedural step to pull down necessary federal assets and resources to assist in the state’s response efforts.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of the deadline for filing and paying State and Federal income tax has been extended from April 15th, 2020 until July 15th, 2020.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of maintenance medications for a 90-day supply and an additional 90-day supply if needed.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of Arizona Enrichment Centers starting Monday, April 6 to offer childcare for the children of first responders, critical healthcare workers, and essential public sector workers, including child safety workers.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) additional guidance on essential services and recreational activities including the suspension of operations of barbers, tanning salons, spas, as well as the operation of communal pools at hotels, condominiums, apartment complexes and parks.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that President Trump in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Arizona’s request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for the state.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state has secured a new agreement with Honeywell to produce over 6 million N95 masks for the state of Arizona over the next 12 months.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order halting evictions in the state for small businesses and nonprofits that are unable to pay rent due to financial hardship.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing restaurants to repackage and sell grocery items they have on hand, including items not normally packaged and labeled for resale.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding healthcare reporting requirements on hospitals and health care providers to better track data.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order enhancing and reinforcing health protection in Arizona residential care institutions, nursing care institutions and related health care facilities.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to increase quarantine guidelines for out-of-state travelers from an area with substantial community spread through any airport in the state must isolate or quarantine themselves upon arrival for 14 days.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$2 million in funding to put 400 Arizona Goodwill employees back to work and expand support and services to Arizonans in need as a part of the state COVID-19 relief package.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [took action](#) to help ensure critical supplies and goods Arizonans rely on can be transported more easily by temporarily waiving certain commercial vehicles regulations.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a Mobile Hotspot Donation Drive to help K-12 students without home internet access online curriculum.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) will work with its provider partners to make available more than \$50 million in accelerated hospital payments and advances and extend an additional \$5 million in new COVID-19 related funding to Critical Access Hospitals throughout the state. A Critical Access Hospital is a rural acute care hospital located more than a 35-mile drive from any other hospital.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing Arizonans to get documents notarized remotely, while ensuring secure and effective verification processes.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) was awarded \$9.8M in funding from the federal government for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that residents currently receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be able to use benefits for online food purchases with currently-authorized SNAP online retailers, Walmart and Amazon.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order providing “Good Samaritan” protections to help boost medical staffing levels and provide certainty and liability protections to health care professionals serving on the front lines.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to help meet the critical demand for nursing home and long-term care facility staff.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to further expand telemedicine options for state worker’s compensation plan.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to continue to increase the data received by health care providers and share limited data with law enforcement personnel and first responders.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing food trucks to operate at eight Arizona Department of Transportation rest areas.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor and the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) [announced](#) the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) authorized DES to provide Arizona P-EBT Pandemic School Meal Replacement Benefits to households with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order removing restrictions on conducting elective surgeries for hospitals, health care facilities and providers that meet certain preparedness criteria.

Arkansas

- March 11, 2020 – Governor Hutchinson [signed](#) an executive order to declare a public health emergency to facilitate coordination and provide increased support to state agencies that are involved in response to the virus.
- March 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that members of his cabinet must approve state employees’ out-of-state business travel for the next 60 days.
- March 12, 2020 – The Secretary of State [ordered](#) the closure of the Arkansas State Capitol to the public, effective March 13. Only authorized personnel will be permitted to enter the building for work purposes.
- March 12, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) executive order 20-03 to authorize funds from the Governor’s Disaster Fund, Emergency Response Fund in the amount of \$750,000 to defray costs for the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 20-05, permitting health care professionals to consult with patients remotely, rather than in person.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [closed](#) all public schools starting March 17 for on-site instruction until the end of Spring Break.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the activation of the Arkansas National Guard to assist in COVID-19 response.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Arkansas Department of Commerce to expedite unemployment benefits to assist Arkansans whose employment status may be impacted by COVID-19, including waiving the waiting period and work-search requirements for 30 days, and allowing the unemployed to apply for benefits online or by telephone.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the state’s three casinos to close for two weeks. He also announced that he was easing requirements for applying for unemployment benefits to help people who lose their jobs as businesses close or scale back operations.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 20-06, creating greater flexibility for state agencies to waive or suspend statutes and rules in response to the emergency.
- March 17, 2020 – The Arkansas Economic Development Commission [established](#) a \$7 million loan program to provide assistance to businesses and the Quick Action Loan Program to prioritize small to medium-sized businesses.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) a formal request for a disaster declaration for small businesses, which will open up loans of up to \$2 million in working capital from the Community Development Block Grant and the state’s Quick Action Closing Fund.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state would allocate \$12 million in block grant money and up to \$4 million from the quick-action fund to provide bridge loans to help mid-size companies and nonprofits remain open.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) schools will remain closed for an additional three weeks through April 17 banned sit-down service at all restaurants and bars. Due to dining restrictions, the state is temporarily allowing restaurants to sell beer and wine for takeout or delivery with the purchase of food.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will move to telecommuting, with on-site work limited to employees needed for the proper function of government. He also ordered hospitals, clinics, and mental health facilities to screen staff and visitors for temperature and potential symptoms of the virus.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [suspended](#) the renewal process for child-care vouchers for 30 days and will expedite the process once it resumes.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Department of Human Services (DHS) temporarily relaxed limits on child-care providers to increase capacity by up to five children.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will suspend the work requirement through the end of April.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) the release of \$30 million to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care professionals and first responders.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding the provisions under the Telemedicine Act. The order includes the following provisions:
 - Suspends provisions that require an in-person encounter or a face-to-face examination to allow time audio and visual means to establish a professional relationship;
 - Allows reimbursement to health care providers who take advantage of this provision; and
 - Suspends the Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling to allow licensed counselors to treat their clients by telephone.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of the tax filing and payment deadline to July 15, 2020.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a directive closing in-person operations of all barbers, body art establishments and schools, cosmetology establishments, massage therapy clinics/spas, and medical spas.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 20-05 to leverage telehealth allowing doctors to intake new patient over the phone.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the official call to legislators for an extraordinary session of the 92nd General Assembly to do the following:
 - Create the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund;
 - Confirm gubernatorial appointees; and
 - Provide for the payment of expenses and per diem of the House of Representatives and the Senate for this extraordinary session.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Arkansas State Medical Board has granted emergency temporary licenses to medical residents who have completed at least one year of internship and waived all licensing fees.
 - The medical board has also accelerated its overall licensing process.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is submitting a Medicaid Section 1115 waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide \$116 million in additional Medicaid funding to protect Arkansas health care workers, their patients, and to support health care providers.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new plan with an emphasis on Arkansas’s rural providers including the following:
 - Waiving of Medicaid regulations, with an estimated cost of \$116 million;
 - Providing financial assistance to hospitals with fewer than 65 beds and clinics without the capital to adapt their facilities to new care delivery processes;
 - Providing safe face-to-face service by extending clinic hours or staggering schedules to separate patients;
 - Providing assistance to expand and upgrade telemedicine so doctors can treat patients from their homes, with telemedicine training funded by the state; and
 - Providing funding to companies that provide non-emergency transportation.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$45 million funding will be allocated to the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators for health care professionals and first responders as they test and treat patients.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [implemented](#) “day use” operations only, effective 8 a.m. on Friday, April 3 for all state parks.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with Walmart and Quest Labs to start a pilot, drive-thru testing site in Benton County for first responders and health care workers.
- April 2, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Arkansas’ request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Arkansas to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order mandating new safety measures for commercial lodgings, short-term rentals, and other institutions for authorized guests such as first responders.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that President Trump in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Arkansas’s request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for the state.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the mandatory closure of all Arkansas public schools through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the formation of the Governor’s Medical Advisory Committee for Post-Peak COVID-19 Response. The committee will identify the criteria to guide public health strategy after Arkansas reaches its peak cases.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing health workers and first responders, such as firefighters, to file worker’s compensation claims if they are infected while on the job.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order granting healthcare workers immunity from liability in coronavirus cases.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Arkansas’s request to use Medicaid funds to temporarily increase the weekly income of long-term services and supports (LTSS) direct care workers.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the temporary waiver of the requirement to search for a new job while receiving unemployment.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order creating the Governor’s Economic Recovery Task Force to develop an industry-specific strategy and provide the Governor with recommendations for Arkansas’ economic recovery.
 - \$10 million was also [allocated](#) in community development block grants to be distributed to 27 hospitals and \$500,000 to support telehealth efforts in rural areas.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order creating the Governor’s COVID-19 Testing Working Group to make recommendations to expand the capacity and performance of COVID-19 testing in the state.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) medical service providers can resume certain nonessential out-patient procedures on April 27. The Arkansas Department of Health has issued certain requirements for hospitals and out-patient clinics to follow in order to re-engage elective procedures.
 - The Governor also announced that he has established target dates to decide whether the state will lift restrictions on certain other services and businesses.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a two-day Arkansas Surge Campaign to increase COVID-19 testing from 1,000 to 1,500 per day over the next two days.

California

- February 2, 2020 – The California Department of Public Health activated its [Public Health’s Emergency Operations Center](#) to respond to COVID-19 and coordinate with federal authorities quarantining passengers returning to the U.S. from Hubei Province, China, through SFO and LAX.
- March 2, 2020 – Governor Newsom is [requesting](#) emergency action from the legislature to make available up to \$20 million for the COVID-19 response.
- March 3, 2020 – California’s Public Health Department [announced](#) that it received federal approval to use some of its emergency planning reserves of 21 million N95 filtering facepiece masks in certain low-risk situations to relieve pressure on the supply chain. March 4, 2020 – Governor Newsom [declared a state of emergency](#) to help state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.
- March 5, 2020 – California Employee Development Department [announced](#) support services to individuals affected by COVID-19 in California.
- March 5, 2020 – the California Department of Insurance [issued](#) similar direction providing cost free medically necessary testing for an additional 2 million Californians.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 7, 2020 – California officials [issued](#) updated guidance to schools, colleges and universities, event organizers and public health officials as they plan for further spread of COVID-19.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Newsom [announced](#) that gatherings larger than 250 people should be cancelled or postponed.
- March 11, 2020 – California public health officials [issued](#) an updated policy on gatherings to protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19. The state’s public health experts have determined that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March.
- March 12, 2020 – California [issued](#) a new executive order further enhancing California’s ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor’s order:
 - Waives the one-week waiting period for people who are unemployed and/or disabled as a result of COVID-19;
 - Delays the deadline for state tax filing by 60 days for individuals and businesses unable to file on time based on compliance with public health requirements related to COVID-19 filings;
 - Directs residents to follow public health directives and guidance, including to cancel large non-essential gatherings that do not meet state criteria;
 - Readies the state to commandeer property for temporary residences and medical facilities for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals;
 - Allows local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically; and
 - Allows local and state emergency administrators to act quickly to protect public health.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor released [information](#) including support for workers via unemployment insurance (UI) and disability insurance (DI) who have to quarantine or experience reduced hours due to coronavirus.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order ensuring California public school districts retain state funding even in the event of physical closure. The order directs school districts to use those state dollars to fund distance learning and high-quality educational opportunities, provide school meals and, as practicable, arrange for the supervision for students during school hours.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [called](#) for all bars, wineries, nightclubs and brewpubs to close and urged seniors and people with chronic health conditions to isolate themselves at home in a bid to contain the spread of the coronavirus.
- March 15 – The Governor announced pilot programs in two counties that will begin mobile testing in the next 24-48 hours.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that authorizes local governments to halt evictions for renters and homeowners, slows foreclosures, and protects against utility shutoffs for Californians affected by COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing state health and social services agencies to redirect resources and staff to health care, residential and non-residential facilities licensed by the state, focusing on providing technical assistance and supporting compliance with core health and safety requirements for caregivers and the cared for.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [asked](#) the California Legislature for emergency legislative action to combat COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to ease restrictions on commercial drivers engaged in support of emergency relief efforts.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the National Guard to be prepared to perform humanitarian missions across the state including food distribution, ensuring resiliency of supply lines, as well as supporting public safety as required.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) emergency legislation providing up to \$1 billion in funding to help California fight COVID-19. The package also provides \$100 million in funding for personal protective equipment and cleaning for schools that remain open. It also allows schools to maintain funding despite service disruptions.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) \$150 million in funding to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to suspend standardized testing for students.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new COVID-19 public awareness campaign to provide useful information to Californians and inform them of actions they can take to further prevent the spread of the virus.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order extending the eligibility period for important safety net services to ensure that California’s most vulnerable residents can continue to receive health care, food assistance and in-home supportive services in a timely manner.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an order for all individuals living in the state to stay home or at their place of residence.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the deployment of California National Guard members to provide short-term food security to isolated and vulnerable residents.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing vote-by-mail in three upcoming special elections and extending deadlines for the presidential primary canvass.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order giving the state the ability to increase the health care capacity in clinics, mobile health care units, and adult day health care facilities. The executive order also allows local governments more flexibility to utilize the skills of retired employees and reinforces the importance of the delivery of food, medicine, and emergency supplies.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) more than \$42 million in emergency funding to expand California’s health care infrastructure and secure equipment and services.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) President Donald Trump has approved California’s Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) California’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables California to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Secretary to temporarily halt the intake and/or transfer of inmates and youth into the state’s 35 prisons and four youth correctional facilities.
- March 24, 2020 – The California Infrastructure and Development Bank (IBank) [offered](#) the following loan programs for small businesses affected by disasters in California:
 - Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program which provides loan guarantees of up to \$1 million for small business borrowers in declared disaster areas; and
 - Jump Start Loan Program to help low-wealth entrepreneurs in the declared disaster/emergency areas.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 24, 2020 – The California Employment Development Department [announced](#) employers experiencing a hardship may request up to a 60-day extension to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a financial relief package with the following provisions:
 - Financial institutions will offer mortgage payment forbearances of up to 90 days to borrowers;
 - Financial institutions will not report derogatory tradelines (e.g., late payments) to credit reporting agencies, consistent with applicable guidelines;
 - For at least 60 days, financial institutions will not initiate foreclosure sales or evictions, consistent with applicable guidelines; and
 - For at least 90 days, financial institutions will waive or refund for select fees and charges.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a financial relief package with the following provisions:
 - Financial institutions will offer mortgage payment forbearances of up to 90 days to borrowers;
 - Financial institutions will not report derogatory tradelines (e.g., late payments) to credit reporting agencies, consistent with applicable guidelines;
 - For at least 60 days, financial institutions will not initiate foreclosure sales or evictions, consistent with applicable guidelines; and
 - For at least 90 days, financial institutions will waive or refund for select fees and charges.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order banning the enforcement of eviction orders for renters through May 31, 2020.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to enhance the authority of California’s Judicial Branch to take emergency action to conduct business and continue to operate.
- March 27, 2020 – The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency removed waiting periods for unemployment and disability insurance and [developed](#) a chart of benefits available for workers affected by COVID-19.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) leading social media companies, businesses, leaders and individuals from across the state have leapt into action to partner and support the COVID-19 public awareness campaign.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that will provide tax, regulatory and licensing extensions for businesses.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that will temporarily expand the health care workforce and allow health care facilities to staff at least an additional 50,000 hospital beds known as the California Health Corps.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the “Stay Home. Save Lives. Check In.” campaign urging Californians to help combat social isolation and food insecurity among Californians who are over the age of 65.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that allows for the immediate use of funds from the state’s Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an agreement between teachers, classified employees, school boards, superintendents, and principals to work together to provide distance learning to students as a result of school closures.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that will restrict water shutoffs to homes and small businesses.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is allocating \$50 million to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for loan guarantees to small businesses to help eliminate barriers to capital for individuals who do not qualify for federal funds, including low wealth and undocumented immigrant communities.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to expand protections to medical providers as they amplify the use of video chats and similar applications to provide routine and non-emergency medical appointments.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding consumer protection against price gouging.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that California has become the first state in the nation to secure FEMA approval to provide safe isolation capacity for tens of thousands of people experiencing homelessness.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of Project Roomkey, a first-in-the-nation initiative to secure hotel and motel rooms to protect people experiencing homelessness.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that will facilitate child care for children of essential critical infrastructure workers by allowing the California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services the flexibility to waive certain programmatic and administrative requirements.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new website, covid19supplies.ca.gov, to get critical medical supplies.
 - The Governor also announced the COVID-19 Testing Task Force, a public-private collaboration that will work with stakeholders across the state to quickly and significantly boost California’s testing capacity.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that California will loan 500 state-owned ventilators to the Strategic National Stockpile inventory.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that provides additional support for older adults and vulnerable young children by allowing for a 60-day waiver for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program caseworkers to continue their work.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to help the state procure necessary medical supplies.
- April 8, 2020 – Santa Clara County [issued](#) an order requiring all entities and individuals in the County to disclose any large inventories of personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to address upcoming local elections requiring all mail-in ballot elections.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) California workers who are receiving unemployment benefits will begin receiving an extra \$600 on top of their weekly amount, as part of the new Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) initiated by the CARES Act.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new program to provide doctors, nurses and other critical front-line health care workers access to no-cost or low-cost hotel rooms.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with United Airlines, which will provide free, round-trip flights for volunteer medical professionals from across California and the country who join the state’s health care workforce.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the release of \$100 million to support child care services for essential workers and vulnerable populations.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) 600 nurses have been retrained to support facility compliance with COVID-19 guidance and to assist facilities with positive cases.
 - The state will call each facility daily to understand needs and get early warning of any symptomatic patients as well.
- April 13, 2020 – California Governor Gavin Newsom, Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Washington Governor Jay Inslee [announced](#) an agreement on a shared vision for reopening their economies and controlling COVID-19 into the future. It will focus on four goals:
 - Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
 - Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.
 - Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.
 - Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The states will work together to share best practices.
- April 13, 2020 – California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara [ordered](#) insurance companies to provide premium discounts for March, April and possibly May in at least six lines of personal and business insurance. Insurance lines may include:
 - Private passenger automobile
 - Commercial automobile
 - Workers' compensation
 - Commercial multi-peril
 - Commercial liability
 - Medical malpractice
 - Any other insurance line where the risk of loss has fallen substantially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$42 million in new investments to protect younger residents who are at heightened risk for abuse and mistreatment. The Governor is making more than \$27 million available to help families stay together, nearly \$7 million to support social workers and \$3 million to support Family Resource Centers.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that addresses the release and reentry process at the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) so that eligible youth serving time at DJJ can be discharged safely and expeditiously.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) six critical indicators the state will consider before modifying the stay-at-home order and other interventions.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Expanding call center hours at the Employment Development Department (EDD) to better assist Californians with unemployment insurance applications; and
 - Implementing a one-stop shop for those applying for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, including the self-employed and independent contractors.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the allocation of \$75 million in statewide Disaster Relief Assistance funding to provide financial support for immigrant workers.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the release of an immigrant resource guide to provide information about COVID-19 related assistance, including public benefits, that are available to immigrant Californians.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions allowing:
 - The California State University system will be able to waive hearing requirements to be able to make adjustments to admissions criteria for students applying this coming fall to enter as freshmen in the fall of 2021;
 - The California Department of Justice will develop procedures to perform name-based background checks to protect health and safety and avoid delays in processing employment for critical sectors, such as health care services and care and support for vulnerable populations; and
 - Federal stimulus checks will flow directly to custodial parents owed back child support payments and will additionally allow for commercially licensed food trucks to be able to temporarily operate in roadside rest areas for a period of 60 days, to ensure essential infrastructure workers have access to food.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to support California workers from large employers in the food sector industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with two weeks of paid sick leave.
 - Also providing health and safety standards to increase worker and customer protection by permitting workers at food facilities to wash their hands every 30 minutes, or as needed, to increase proper sanitation measures.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the formation of a state Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery that will work to develop actions government and businesses can take to help residents recover swiftly and safely.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing for temporary waivers for county child welfare agencies and probation departments to perform necessary functions using alternative processes other than face-to-face interactions.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state has reached agreement with the Motel 6 chain to make available all of its corporate-owned locations to counties with a master agreement template.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) commitments from companies, business leaders and philanthropists to provide Internet access for hundreds of thousands of households as well as laptops, Chromebooks and tablets for over 70,000 students.
- April 20, 2020 – The California Public Utilities Commission [announced](#) \$30 million in funding to help school districts ensure that families have Internet access and computing devices for distance learning.
- April 20, 2020 – The California State Transportation Agency [announced](#) a partnership with the City of Sacramento to convert and deploy seven transit buses to be used as “super hotspots” for enhanced Internet connectivity.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) California Volunteers’ #CaliforniansForAll service initiative to connect Californians with safe volunteer opportunities and encourage those unable to physically volunteer to think creatively about ways to make a difference in their communities.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans to allow hospitals and health systems to resume delayed medical care such as heart valve replacements, angioplasty and tumor removals, and key preventive care services, such as colonoscopies.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order modifying previous orders, including the granting of a 60-day extension for customers on several Department of Motor Vehicles deadlines, including those for recently expired drivers’ licenses and identification cards, to reflect public compliance with the COVID-19 stay-at-home order.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order offering flexibility to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Medi-Cal providers on a variety of deadlines and requirements to ensure continuity of service to patients and customers.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring local education agencies, including school districts, to publish a written report to their communities explaining how they have responded to COVID-19, including steps taken to deliver distance learning and meet the needs of disadvantaged students.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that most private student loan servicers have agreed to provide payment and other relief to borrowers, including more than 1.1 million Californians with privately held student loans.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that exempts garnishment for any individuals receiving federal, state or local government financial assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Colorado

- March 2, 2020 – In response to new coronavirus cases, Governor Polis announced that the state has raised its [emergency preparedness](#) level to level 2, with 10 state agencies having a representative available for contact at all hours of the day.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Polis signed an executive order [declaring a state of emergency](#) and requesting certain actions:
 - The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) is directed to engage in emergency rulemaking to ensure workers in food handling, hospitality, child care, health care, and education can get paid sick leave.
 - For workers who test positive and lack access to paid leave, the Governor is directing CDLE to identify additional supports and wage replacement such as access to unemployment insurance.
 - The Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration will engage in emergency rulemaking regarding state employees.
 - The Department of Revenue is directed to temporarily allow Coloradans over the age of 65 to extend their driver's licenses online to avoid having to congregate at DMVs.
 - The Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment will be opening a drive-up lab at their facility in Lowry to test anyone who has a note from their doctor stating that they meet the criteria for testing.
 - Governor Polis also encouraged the private sector to voluntarily offer paid sick leave.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Polis [issued](#) guidance to all K-12 schools recommending that if they have a student or faculty member who tests positive that they close for 72 hours, allowing for schools to be disinfected and for the epidemiologists to conduct an investigation and recommend next steps for those schools. More details on the guidance are available [here](#).
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Polis also [instructed](#) the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment and the Colorado Department of Human Services to engage in emergency rulemaking to limit visitation to facilities that serve older Coloradans, to screen all employees and visitors to these facilities, and to take necessary steps to protect those in these facilities.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance for large gatherings, recommending canceling or postponing any events with more than 250 people unless there are steps taken to ensure a distance of at least six feet between smaller parties at the event. The Governor’s update also highlighted the following actions:
 - The Division of Insurance has made allowances for seniors to get an extra month’s supply of prescription medications.
 - The state activated the National Guard to provide additional testing capacity around the state and train other community medical providers on standing up their own mobile testing labs.
 - The Governor instructed the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to cut through red tape on licensing medical professionals so that medical professionals with licenses in other states can be licensed in Colorado as quickly as possible. The state has already contracted to have dozens of nurses from out-of-state arrive on Monday to help with Colorado communities that have been hit the hardest. CDPHE has also authorized every EMT and paramedic in the state to administer the test.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing downhill ski resorts to suspend operations for one week to slow the spread of COVID-19 and conserve medical resources in the state’s mountain communities.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is [restricted](#) all visitors at skilled nursing, assisted living, and intermediate care facilities to protect the health of the residents and health care workers at those facilities.
- March 16, 2020 – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [issued](#) a public health order to close bars, restaurants, gyms, theaters, and casinos to slow the spread of COVID-19, effective at 8:00 AM on March 17 for the duration of 30 days.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Department of Motor Vehicles and all Department of Revenue facilities will be closed to the public for one month from March 18 – April 18. All state driver license offices will be closed to the public but will continue to process online license and ID renewals and other DMV online services.
- March 16, 2020 – The Colorado Department of Education has [received](#) a waiver from the US Department of Agriculture to continue serving free and reduced meals to r students while schools are closed.
- March 16, 2020 – The State of Colorado welcomed 50 nurses [dedicated](#) to help with the state’s COVID-19 response. This was made possible with funding from the Disaster Emergency Fund freed up by the Governor’s March 11 [Executive Order](#).
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of the Doing My Part CO digital campaign to encourage residents to practice proper hygiene and social distancing, as well as getting groceries or medicine for elderly neighbors.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order and House Bill 20-1359 allowing Colorado’s political parties to amend certain rules and procedures governing the conduct of their assemblies and conventions and to limit in-person contact during nominating assemblies and conventions.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of the Help Colorado Now effort where Coloradans can donate or volunteer, as well as the Colorado COVID Relief Fund, which has already raised nearly \$3 million to help Coloradans impacted by COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order suspending in-person learning in public and private schools across the state from March 23 to April 17. The executive order also directs the following actions:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Colorado school districts and the Charter School Institute will make every effort to provide alternative learning opportunities while taking into account the needs of local communities.
- The Commissioner of Education will issue guidance to support P-12 school systems in developing and implementing plans to assist families and students in accessing alternative learning, providing free and reduced lunch and breakfast, and offering waivers for instructional time as appropriate.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order extending the suspension of downhill ski area operations through April 6. The order extends his previous order suspending ski area operations until March 22.
- March 18, 2020 – The Colorado Department of Public Health [issued](#) a public health order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor signed two bills:
 - [HB 20-1301](#): Allowing local school district boards of education to adopt policies allowing board members to participate in meetings electronically, as long as a quorum of board members is physically present.
 - [SB 20-091](#): Setting the minimum pay for a member of the Colorado National Guard to be equivalent to the pay rate of an enlisted person holding the rank of E-4 with over six years of service.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporarily suspending elective and nonessential surgeries and procedures to preserve important medical equipment, like personal protective equipment and ventilators.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an updated executive to limit in-person contact concerning elections operations of the Secretary of State’s Office.
- March 19, 2020 – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [issued](#) an updated public health order closing bars, restaurants, theaters, gyms, and casinos to include nonessential personal services facilities, horse track, and off-track betting facilities statewide.
- March 19, 2020 – The Division of Insurance and Connect for Health Colorado [announced](#) Emergency Regulation 20-E-02 will establish a special enrollment period for uninsured Coloradans to get health insurance.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [secured](#) a federal loan valued at \$2 Million for small businesses as part of the Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [established](#) the Colorado Emergency Childcare Collaborative, which will create a system of emergency childcare for essential workers, including healthcare and public safety workers.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) is working with state-chartered financial institutions to address the threat of residential and commercial foreclosures and displacement.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment’s (CDLE) Unemployment Insurance Division to expedite claim payments during this state of emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an executive order extending the income tax payment deadline for all Colorado taxpayers by 90 days until July 15, 2020, without penalty or interest. The order includes the following provisions:
 - Does not impose any caps on the amount of tax that can be deferred.
 - Grants an extension for taxpayers who are required to make estimated income tax payments for the 2020 tax year.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) to coordinate with local governments that choose to extend tax payment deadlines for property, sales, and use taxes.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Governor’s Economic Stabilization and Growth Council.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing retailers licensed for the sale of on-premises alcohol consumption to sell, deliver or provide takeout for sealed alcoholic beverages if the customer also purchases food. The order includes the following provisions:
 - Suspends the requirement of a physical examination for a medical marijuana card to be issued; and
 - Suspends the prohibition on online sales for retail marijuana stores.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order directing all of Colorado’s non-critical employers to reduce their in-person workforce by 50 percent. The order includes the following provisions:
 - Directs all employers to implement telework options to the greatest extent possible.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the state’s Innovation Response Team (IRT) to bring together public and private sector resources and innovations.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a statewide stay-at-home order beginning on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 a.m. that will last until April 11, 2020.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) an updated public health order in accordance with his executive order [implementing](#) a statewide stay-at-home order to include other critical services.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order authorizing certain state agencies to promulgate and issue emergency rules extending the expiration date for certain licenses and other documents to limit in-person renewals.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order updating protocol for state prisons and community corrections facilities by providing flexibility to suspend certain requirements.
- March 26, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Colorado’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Colorado to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order temporarily suspending the personal appearance requirement before notarial officers to perform notarizations. The order also authorizes the Secretary of State to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules in order to facilitate remote notarization.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing Coloradans to get their marriage licenses without going in person.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing the state to access additional funds from the Disaster Emergency Fund.
- March 27, 2020 – The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), took [action](#) to reduce insurance delays for restaurants and workers. The emergency regulation 20-E-03 [removes](#) restrictions on two different types of auto insurance for the duration of Public Health Order 20-22.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an updated public health order corresponding with the stay-at-home executive order. The changes include:
 - Critical businesses must comply with a stay at home and social distancing requirements and should minimize staff to those who are critical to the functioning of the business;
 - Necessary travel now includes transporting children between separate households pursuant to a parenting plan or other agreement governing parental responsibilities and non-residents returning to their place of residence;
 - Essential government services now include airports, activities related to the conduct of elections, and local governments; and
 - Minimum basic operations now include filling online product orders and to process customer orders remotely.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that President Donald Trump has approved his request in declaring a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) the Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to request automatic extensions of work authorizations for all Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients whose grants expire in 2020.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would extend the suspension of normal in-person learning at all public and private elementary and secondary schools until April 30.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding the use of telehealth services.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Special Enrollment Period for individual health insurance will be extended to run through April 30, 2020. The original period that was announced on March 19 was set to end on Friday, April 3.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is asking all Coloradans to wear cloth face coverings when they go out of the house for essential functions like grocery shopping. The state has partnered with ColoradoMaskProject.com, where people can find patterns for making their own masks and ideas for how to help others, who can't make their own, get one.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an extension to the stay-at-home executive order until April 26.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing for a one-month extension for filing and remitting state and state-administered local sales tax.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order today extending the disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 for an additional 30 days.
 - The executive order also extends deadlines for state severance taxes from April 15 until May 15, 2020.
- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a new state website with free resources, stayathomeco.colorado.gov. It has health resources, education, entertainment, and more to make staying at home more bearable.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter encouraging hotel and motel owners and operators to rise to the challenge in addressing COVID-19 by entering agreements to temporarily house homeless Coloradans, along with some of the state's most vulnerable.
- The Governor also [sent](#) a letter in response to the General Assembly, Denver City Council and RTD Board, saying that he will mobilize 250 Colorado National Guard (CONG) members to support existing shelters in the City and County of Denver with staffing shortages for those who are experiencing homelessness.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, amending previous orders which supports emergency childcare for essential workers and temporarily suspends certain statutes, enabling schools and school districts to focus on delivering instruction and student services.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, extending and amending previous orders which limits in-person contact for the 2020 elections and the secretary of state’s operations. The executive order is extended by an additional 30 days.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the key indicators that are guiding Colorado’s process for ongoing updates to policies, guidance, and requirements on statewide social distancing measures. The indicators are:
 - Implementing social distancing measures in an economically and psychologically sustainable manner;
 - Ensuring the capacity to care for those who are ill (COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related illnesses) without sacrificing the quality of care; and
 - Increasing efforts to prevent infection in vulnerable Coloradans.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order providing hospitals and health care providers more flexibility to expand the trained medical personnel available to provide health care services within inpatient facilities.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order temporarily suspending a statute concerning fire bans in order to provide boards of county commissioners with broader discretion and greater flexibility to implement restrictions on open burning.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [issued](#) an updated public health order that will require long-term care facilities to create a detailed isolation plan and submit it to CDPHE for review by May 1.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Colorado National Guard will deploy to conduct testing at the three largest nursing homes in the state, and that the state will be deploying additional testing and human resources to other facilities as needed.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring that staff at critical businesses wear non-medical face coverings while at work and wear gloves (if gloves are provided by an employer) when in contact with customers or goods.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [established](#) the COVID Health Equity Response Team to address racial inequities regarding positive cases and deaths related to COVID-19. The Response Team will:
 - Ensure equity as a factor in decision-making around logistics and resources;
 - Increase access to testing and care services;
 - Ensure racial and ethnicity COVID-19 data are accessible, transparent and used in decision-making; and
 - Share time-sensitive information about how Colorado communities are experiencing particular challenges related to the COVID-19 response.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order amending and extending [Executive Order D 2020 010](#), which suspended statute to extend the income tax payment deadlines to July 15, 2020 for all Colorado taxpayers to quickly provide relief from payment and penalties. The new executive order extends Executive Order D 2020 010 for another thirty days and aligns with the IRS filing date extension.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that starting April 27, the state will move onto the “Safer at Home” phase. During this phase, Coloradans will no longer be ordered to stay home but are still strongly encouraged to do so.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 22, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order extending the suspension of normal in-person instruction at all public and private elementary and secondary schools until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) an executive order authorizing certain state agencies to promulgate and issue emergency rules extending the expiration date for certain licenses and other documents to limit in-person renewals.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) and extended an executive order that suspends certain criminal justice statutes to give the Colorado Department of Corrections discretion to combat the spread of COVID-19 in state prisons.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order outlining a new level in Colorado's response including a more sustainable way of living for Coloradans while slowing the spread of the virus and allowing more Coloradans to return to work.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing medical, dental, and veterinary voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures to resume as long as the health care facility or other setting is following the required safety protocols.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order establishing the New Normal Advisory Board that will coordinating and harmonizing policies and rules designed to maximize social distancing during the Safer at Home phase.

Connecticut

- March 7, 2020 – Governor Lamont announced that Connecticut is partnering with United Way of Connecticut to [launch an information hotline](#) for questions from the public regarding issues related to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- March 9, 2020 – The Governor also issued an immediate freeze on state employee travel on state business outside of Connecticut until further notice.
- March 9, 2020 – The Department of Insurance has a [bulletin](#) which encourages insurers to consider waiving cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and also highlights other related benefits.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Lamont [declared civil preparedness and public health emergencies](#). The declarations trigger price gouging laws, and make clear that municipal leaders have emergency powers to mitigate disasters and emergencies
- March 10, 2020 – The Connecticut Insurance Department is notifying travel insurance companies about the emergency declarations and will be monitoring their compliance with the terms of their policies.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Lamont announced that his administration is [working with health insurance carriers in Connecticut to cover the costs for COVID-19 testing](#) and to assure access to maintenance prescription drug medications (excluding controlled substances).
- March 11, 2020 – Connecticut Insurance Department Commissioner Mais [issued](#) a notice to all travel insurers conducting business in Connecticut. The notice instructs insurers to accommodate travel cancellation requests under the terms of the policies taking into account the seriousness of the circumstances and the civil preparedness and public health emergencies issued by Governor Lamont.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Lamont [made](#) an emergency request from the Strategic National Supply for a total of 540,000 additional N-95 protective masks.
- March 12, 2020 – Connecticut [signed](#) an executive order that takes several actions:
 - Prohibits all events in the state with over 250 people;
 - Modifies the state law requiring schools to be in for 180 days;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Clarifies visitor restrictions at all nursing and convalescent homes;
- Authorizes DMV to extend renewal deadlines to reduce crowds at DMV branches; and
- Relaxes attendance rules for police academy trainees.
- The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles [ordered](#) a 90-day extension on all license renewals.
- Connecticut has made an [emergency request](#) from the Strategic National Supply for a total of 540,000 additional N-95 protective masks.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order granting the commissioner of the Department of Public Health additional authority to restrict visitation to facilities such as nursing home facilities, residential care homes, and chronic disease hospitals.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) his third executive order since the enactment of the emergency declarations earlier in the week. The latest order:
 - Relaxes in-person open meeting requirements to minimize large gatherings, with safeguards to provide remote public access;
 - Allows pharmacists to compound and sell hand sanitizer;
 - Waives requirements for pharmacists to use certain personal protective equipment when working with non-hazardous, sterile compounds;
 - Authorizes refunds of liquor permit fees for special events that have since been canceled;
 - Waives face-to-face interview requirements for Temporary Family Assistance;
 - Authorizes the Commissioner of Early Childhood to waive certain licensing and other requirements to maintain and increase the availability of childcare; and
 - Authorizes the Office of Health Strategy to waive Certificates of Need and other requirements to ensure adequate availability of healthcare resources and facilities.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) telework requirements to be eased for certain executive branch state employees, allowing an increased number of employees to work from home. He is also providing executive branch state employees who cannot report to work due to COVID-19 14 days of paid time off.
- March 14, 2020 – The Connecticut National Guard is [aiding](#) the state with requests for assistance.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Cancels classes at all public schools statewide effective March 17 through at least March 31, 2020.
 - Provides flexibility for municipal budget deadlines and related issues.
 - Authorizes the DMV commissioner to close branches to the public, conduct business remotely, and extend deadlines.
 - Allows restrictions on visitor access to psychiatric facilities in order to protect vulnerable residents, patients, and staff.
 - Requests the Small Business Administration issue a declaration enabling Connecticut's small business owners to receive disaster assistance.
 - Extends the Department of Revenue Services filing deadline for certain annual state business tax returns.
 - Releases a set of rules to pharmacies so they can begin producing and selling their own hand sanitizer while ensuring its effectiveness and safety.
- March 15, 2020 – The State Department of Education received a waiver from the federal government allowing students who receive meals under the school lunch program to continue receiving those meals during school closures and consume them at home.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Connecticut that have been negatively impacted by the global COVID-19 outbreak are now eligible for disaster relief loans of up to \$2 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) his fifth executive order, which directs the following actions:
 - Revises the previously enacted prohibition on large gatherings to a capacity of 50 people, and adds religious gatherings to the list of activities subject to the limit.
 - Limits restaurants to non-alcoholic beverage and take-out/delivery services only, effective 8:00 PM on March 16;
 - Requires closure of on-side operations at off-track betting facility operations, effective 8:00 PM on March 16; and
 - Requires closure of gyms, fitness studios, and movie theaters, effective 8:00 PM on March 16.
- March 16, 2020 – Drive-through testing has been [approved](#) at seven Connecticut hospitals.
- March 16, 2020 – The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy [provided](#) guidelines for a streamlined application, review, and approval process so healthcare providers can adjust treatment services for those afflicted with COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribal Nations will [temporarily](#) close casino and resort properties on sovereign reservation lands in eastern Connecticut amid concerns about the coronavirus. The casinos will close at 8PM on Tuesday, March 17 for a two-week period.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus throughout the tri-state area.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) his sixth executive order building upon his efforts to encourage mitigation strategies that slow down transmission of the virus. The provisions of the order include the following:
 - Modifies previously enacted waiver of 180-day school year to grant broader flexibility to school districts;
 - Allows police departments to limit or eliminate fingerprinting for background checks;
 - Extends expiration dates for permits, licenses, and other credentials administered by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and
 - Suspends the requirement that public assistance benefit overpayments be immediately recouped.
- March 17, 2020 – The Department of Economic and Community Development [launched](#) the COVID-19 Business Emergency Response Unit to aid businesses in economic recovery.
- March 17, 2020 – The Department of Motor Vehicles and Revenue Services [suspended](#) in-person visits at all of their branches. Certain deadlines are being extended, and customers are also encouraged to conduct transactions online.
- March 17, 2020 – The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection [suspended](#) enforcement activities at bottle collection facilities, giving stores discretion to shut them down. They are also suspending in-person visits at their main office.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to:
 - Closed large indoor malls and places of amusement (but not parks and open space areas) effective 8:00 p.m. on March 19;
 - Allow Medicaid to cover audio-only telehealth services;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Provide flexibility for critical legal functions regarding conservators and competency hearings to ensure the safety of nursing home patients; and
 - Exempt certain schools inside state facilities from the school cancellation order.
- March 18, 2020 – Connecticut’s health insurance marketplace [announced](#) a new special enrollment period for residents who are uninsured.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) that the Governor of Pennsylvania is joining their coalition to implement a regional approach to combatting COVID-19. The Governors [expanded](#) their previous orders to include:
 - Limiting crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people;
 - Closing restaurants and bars for on premise service and move to take-out and delivery services only; and
 - Temporary closing of movie theaters, gyms, and casinos.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Postponing Connecticut’s presidential primary from April 28 to June 2, 2020.
 - Suspending non-critical court operations and associated requirements, deadlines, and statutes of limitations.
 - Permitting certain restaurants and other eating establishments to sell alcohol with takeout food orders and certain other licensees to sell for off-premise beverages.
 - Directing the temporary closure of barbershops, hair salons, tattoo or piercing parlors, and related businesses.
 - Expanding the ability of patients and doctors to use telehealth for healthcare services.
 - Temporarily suspending in-person investigation visits regarding suspected elder abuse and extending timelines for reporting investigation results.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Connecticut’s 2020 presidential primary election will be rescheduled to June 2.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a framework for the donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing all non-essential businesses and not-for-profit entities in Connecticut to prohibit all in-person functions if they are able to, effective March 23, 2020 at 8:00 PM.
- March 20, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services announced it is [extending](#) filing and payment deadlines for personal income tax returns to July 15, 2020.
- March 20, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles [announced](#) a series of new extensions and waivers on several credentials, including vehicle registrations, emissions testing, and other items.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order providing broad relief for municipalities regarding procedures, notice requirements, and deadlines for various proceedings and decisions. In addition, the executive order enacts several necessary changes related to Medicare Part D and HUSKY B costs, student privacy, visitation in the Department of Children and Families facilities, pharmacy regulations, and corporate meetings.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [delivered](#) a recorded voice message to more than four million phone numbers in Connecticut through the state’s CTAlert system in an effort to urge all residents to “Stay Safe, Stay Home” as part of a larger initiative.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Suspends non-critical probate court operations;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Suspends non-critical Workers' Compensation Commission operations;
- Authorizes remote notarization;
- Modifies regulatory requirements to protect public health and safety; and
- Suspends certain requirements regarding the temporary hire of care workers at long-term care facilities.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor's "Stay Safe, Stay Home" executive order [directed](#) non-essential workers statewide to work from home.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) drive-through testing sites have been added at 5 more hospitals, bringing the statewide total of these alternate testing locations to 21.
- March 23, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Public Health [signed](#) an order easing the rules for out-of-state practitioners to provide services in Connecticut.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Extends the cancellation of classes at public schools statewide through at least April 20;
 - Orders the early opening of the fishing season;
 - Suspends restrictions on the re-employment of retired municipal employees;
 - Permits flexibility to maintain adequate medical marijuana access for patients;
 - Extends the time period for nursing home transfers;
 - Enacts flexibility in availability and registration of vital records;
 - Suspends in-person purchase of copies of vital records at the Department of Public Health; and
 - Modifies the requirement that marriage licenses be obtained in the town where the marriage will be celebrated.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of a task force of superintendents to oversee distribution of remote learning resources.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order with the following actions:
 - Authorizing state agencies to extend statutory regulatory administrative deadlines by 90 days;
 - Suspending mandatory statutory filing requirements for Freedom of Information Act appeals and decisions by the Freedom of Information Commission; and
 - Tolling of time periods for Department of Transportation final determinations on permits.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of the Connecticut Recovery Bridge Loan Program to provide zero-interest loan programs to Connecticut small businesses and nonprofits.
- March 25, 2020 – The Connecticut's Office of Healthcare Strategy (OHS) [issued](#) an order further streamlining the approval and licensure process for the state's hospitals to simply complete a notification form, rather than apply for a Certificate of Need waiver.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Restricts all social and recreational gatherings to no more than five people;
 - Restricts restaurant payment and pickup operations;
 - Further restricts retail operations;
 - Requires firearm transactions to be conducted by appointment only;
 - Suspends tax on single-use checkout bags;
 - Prohibits employers from requiring employees to place items in customers' reusable bags;
 - Suspends 21-month limit on Temporary Family Assistance; and
 - Suspends school testing assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [submitted](#) a request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- March 27, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Connecticut's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Connecticut to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Suspending of license renewals and inspections by the Department of Public Health, modifying certain state statutes to authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to waive licensing, renewal, and inspection requirements;
 - Modifying certain state statutes to allow health care providers to provide direct patient care at a health care facility or institution, with the permission of such facility or institution, using the identification badge from their own healthcare facility or institution;
 - Waiving certain state statutes to permit the compounding of alcohol-based hand sanitizer production and the production of medical devices, including personal protective equipment used to assist in the treatment of COVID-19, without being required to register as a manufacturer; and
 - Authorizing the Commissioner of Early Childhood to waive the fees required to be paid by the parents or legal guardians of children eligible for remote early intervention services such as the Birth-to-Three program.
- March 27, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) [approved](#) a request from licensed driving schools in the state to provide online classroom training to their students.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order authorizing to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President has approved his request in declaring a Major Disaster for the State of Connecticut.
- March 29, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Public Health [issued](#) an order directing state, local, and private sector partners to transition the homeless population into alternative, less congested housing for the purpose of providing adequate social distancing between all individuals.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Requirement of limited group sizes in childcare: The order requires all childcare facilities to limit group sizes to no more than 10 children in one space.
 - Enhancement of health procedures for all operating childcare programs: The order requires all children and childcare staff to be checked at the entrance of childcare facilities for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress, and to confirm temperature below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Authorization of remote notarization: The order eliminates all existing legal requirements to have a signature on any document witnessed by a third party, except in the case of a last will and testament.
- March 30, 2020 – The Department of Public Health (DPH) [issued](#) an order suspending the need for all DPH licensees to renew their licenses throughout the duration of the declared COVID-19 emergency.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- DPH also temporarily modified the authority of sub registrars of vital statistics, who are appointed by the local registrars of vital statistics, allowing them to issue burial transit, removal, and cremation permits for any death occurring in any town within the state for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.
- March 30, 2020 – The Department of Revenue Services (DRS) [announced](#) that it will be granting a two-month extension of filing and payment deadlines for certain small businesses.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Governor’s Health System Response Team who will advise on the proper allocation and distribution of needed resources, supplies, and personnel.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Continuation of funding for boards of education;
 - Continuation of payment of public school staff;
 - Preservation of student transportation services and special education providers;
 - Restrictions on entrance to state parks, forests, and other lands; and
 - Permitting curbside pickup of alcoholic beverages.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an agreement with more than 50 credit unions and banks in Connecticut to offer mortgage relief to the state’s residents and businesses. Under the agreement, the following relief policies are being offered by participating financial institutions:
 - 90-day grace period for all mortgage payments;
 - Relief from fees and charges for 90 days;
 - No new foreclosures for 60 days; and
 - No credit score changes for accessing relief.
- March 31, 2020 – The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) [released](#) revised guidance and is now including outpatient surgical facilities among those required to simply complete a notification form, rather than apply for a Certificate of Need (CON) waiver.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Requiring retail establishment to take additional protective measures to reduce the risk of transmission;
 - Establishing a 60-day grace period for premium payments, policy cancellations, and non-renewals of insurance policies;
 - Extending the 30-day period of credit for liquor permittees;
 - Changing daily payment of certain taxes to weekly;
 - Providing flexibility to amend Medicaid waivers and state plan;
 - Relieving certain municipal tax deadlines and collection efforts;
 - Allowing suspension of in-person voting requirements for critical and time sensitive municipal fiscal deadlines;
 - Suspending of reapplication filing requirement for the homeowners’ elderly/disabled circuit breaker tax relief program and for the homeowners’ elderly/disabled freeze tax relief program;
 - Substituting full inspection requirements pertaining to October 1, 2020 grand list revaluations;
 - Extending of deadline to file income and expense statement to August 15; and
 - Suspending of non-judicial tax sales.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of 4-CT charitable organization uniting donors with nonprofit providers.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Prohibition on non-essential lodging except in the case for certain populations;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Further clarification of limits on restaurants, bars, and private clubs;
- Suspension of notarization requirement related to Connecticut Recovery Bridge Loan Program;
- Flexibility to maintain adequate child care infrastructure;
- Suspension of rehearing rights for temporary rate increases for certain health care providers; and
- Alternative to affidavits in relation to orders of protection and relief.
- April 2, 2020 – Access Health CT, Connecticut’s health insurance marketplace, [announced](#) that it is extending the deadline for the new special enrollment period for uninsured residents to enroll in health insurance plans.
- April 2, 2020 – The Department of Social Services [announced](#) that it is extending the application period for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.
- April 2, 2020 – The Department of Social Services [extended](#) the Emergency Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) benefits to nearly half of Connecticut SNAP participants on April 9 and April 20.
- April 2, 2020 – The Department of Revenue Services [announced](#) that the filing and payment deadline for gift tax returns is being extended until July 15, 2020.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state’s 213 nursing homes are receiving a 10 percent across-the-board increase in Medicaid payments to help meet extraordinary costs from the public health emergency.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) FEMA approved Connecticut’s request to include domestic violence survivors in non-congregate housing guidelines.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Protecting health care professionals and health care facilities, including nursing homes and field hospitals, from lawsuits for acts or omissions undertaken in good faith in support of the state’s COVID-19 response; and
 - Protecting those who are uninsured and those who are insured and are treated by an out-of-network emergency services health care provider from surprise bills and other significant costs.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Prescribing additional protective measures for essential businesses;
 - Waiving the application fees for temporary permits for each of the health care professions;
 - Allowing recent medical school and other medical profession graduates who are not yet licensed to participate in the state’s COVID-19 response for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency;
 - Allowing for those who have recently completed an accredited graduate degree program in marital and family therapy offered by a postgraduate clinical training program to practice without a license for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency;
 - Allowing recent graduates with a degree in clinical mental health counseling who are not yet licensed to practice as a professional counselor associate without obtaining a license for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency; and
 - Replacing the section of Executive Order No. 7U which adds protection from liability for common law claims – in addition to the previously enacted protection from liability for statutory claims – for healthcare workers and providers.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that manufacturers can apply for grants of up to \$75,000 to assist in the production of critical equipment and supplies.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with Connecticut’s long-term care facilities to collaborate on a medical surge plan that includes the establishment of COVID-19 recovery centers in nursing homes to accept patients who can be discharged from acute care hospitals, but are still impacted by COVID-19 infection.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that takes several actions:
 - Suspending and modifying tax deadlines and collection efforts pursuant to Executive Order No. 7S, Section 6;
 - Preventing an increased experience rating based on COVID-19 unemployment claims;
 - Limiting the coil cleaning requirements for certain establishments;
 - Suspending the delivery signature requirement suspended;
 - Waiving the requirement that businesses with certain permits that have closed for sixty days or less notify the Department of Consumer Protection of the closure;
 - Providing a ninety-day provisional permits for Liquor Control Commission;
 - Extending the renewal date for on-premise liquor permits; and
 - Waving the need for a permit to be recorded with the town clerk.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) minority and women-owned businesses with 20 or fewer employees can now apply for a zero-interest line of credit up to \$20,000 to help them navigate the economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans to sign an executive order extending the date for which classes at all public schools statewide remain canceled until at least May 20.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that enacts a series of protections for residential renters struggling to pay their housing costs and allowing them to receive grace periods over the next several months. The order also takes the following actions:
 - Extending all previously enacted closures, distancing, and safety measures – including for schools, restaurants, bars, retail stores, gyms, and other establishments – through at least May 20, 2020.
 - Lifting restrictions on commercial activity in Connecticut highway rest areas and permits food trucks to set up in these locations with the goal of feeding hungry truckers and other essential workers.
 - Modifying state statutes to authorize the commissioner of the Department of Education to temporarily defer any requirements regarding certification testing for educators as he deems necessary to address the impact of COVID-19 risks.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order implementing the medical surge plan for long-term care facilities, which will establish COVID-19 recovery centers in certain nursing homes throughout the state that will accept patients who can be discharged from acute care hospitals but are still impacted by COVID-19 infection.
- April 13, 2020 – Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Delaware will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 13, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) [announced](#) the allocation of over \$3.8 million in federal food assistance to two of the state’s largest food banks, including the Connecticut Food Bank, which will receive \$1.9 million for food and nearly \$650,000 for administrative costs, and Foodshare, which will receive nearly \$1 million for food and \$300,00 for administrative costs.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of a group of health and business experts, the Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group, who will consult and advise the Governor on reopening Connecticut’s economy.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 14, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Temporarily waiving certain requirements related to state contracts in order to expedite the procurement of essential goods and services, including personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - Allowing property owners or their attorney or agent to appear before a board of assessment appeals using remote technology instead of in person;
 - Suspending of license requirements for unarmed security officers who may be licensed in another state to work in Connecticut.
 - April 14, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services [extended](#) the filing and payment deadlines of certain returns until July 15, 2020.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Temporarily waiving certain requirements related to state contracts in order to expedite the procurement of essential goods and services, including personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - Allowing property owners or their attorney or agent to appear before a board of assessment appeals using remote technology instead of in person; and
 - Suspending license requirements for unarmed security officers who may be licensed in another state to work in Connecticut.
- April 15, 2020 – To Governor [issued](#) an executive order permitting the Department of Social Services to temporarily waive the statutory moratorium on new beds at certain nursing homes.
- April 15, 2020 – The Connecticut Insurance Commissioner [approved](#) up to \$25,000 no-cost life insurance coverage for front-line health care workers and fully-insured health plan members can receive COVID-19 treatment with no out-of-pocket costs
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he has submitted a supplementary request to the President of the United States requesting the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) cover 100 percent of the costs Connecticut has incurred to save lives and protect public health and safety and to extend financial assistance directly to affected Connecticut residents.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the State of Connecticut has formed a partnership with CVS Health in an initiative that will make free, rapid COVID-19 tests available to eligible Connecticut residents.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) that Connecticut’s 2020 presidential primary election be rescheduled to Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring cloth face coverings or higher level of protection for any person in a public place in Connecticut who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a “Talk It Out” hotline for families to relieve the stress of caring for children during pandemic.
- April 17, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) [launched](#) a new assistance program designed to help taxpayers subject to current DRS collections matters who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 18, 2020 – The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development [formed](#) partnerships with SoFi, a leading online personal finance company, and Equifax, a global data, analytics and technology company, to lower costs and expedite loan processing and payments under the Connecticut Recovery Bridge Loan Program.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor, along with New York Governor Cuomo and New Jersey Governor Murphy, [announced](#) that marinas, boatyards and marine manufacturers in their

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

states will be allowed to open for personal use as long as strict social distancing and sanitization protocols are followed.

- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is directing his administration to boost Medicaid payments for all of the state’s 215 nursing homes by an additional five percent above the recently announced ten percent increase.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor, along with the governors of New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, [announced](#) their appointees that will serve on the multi-state, regional council to restore the economy and get people back to work. The appointees include a health expert, an economic development expert and the respective chief of staff from each state.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with the developers of the How We Feel app to anonymously provide scientists with critical health information needed to understand the spread of COVID-19.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new initiative between Hartford HealthCare and Quest Diagnostics, with support from the State of Connecticut, that will significantly increase the capacity of COVID-19 testing in the state from 500 tests per day to 2,500.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Extension of applicability of Executive Order No. 7S, Section 7 to include additional critical and time-sensitive municipal fiscal actions;
 - Clarification of time periods regarding suspension and modification of non-judicial tax sales pursuant to Executive Order No. 7S, Section 11;
 - Exclusion of federal stimulus payments in evaluating eligibility for state or local programs financed in whole or in part using state funds;
 - Alternative to physical presence in court for finding of irretrievable breakdown of marriage;
 - Alternative to in-person waiver of right to file motion or petition for educational support;
 - Alternative to physical appearance of petitioner regarding decree of dissolution after entry of decree of legal separation;
 - Alternative to in-court canvas prior to entrance of final agreement;
 - Alternative to physical presence when findings on the record are required; and
 - Revised financial protections for people covered by insurance who receive out-of-network health care services during the public health emergency.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor, in collaboration with other states, [announced](#) that the State of Connecticut has secured relief options with many private student loan servicers whose borrowers are not covered by the recently adopted federal CARES Act. This new initiative will benefit Connecticut residents with privately held student loans.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an Request for Applications (RFP) seeking organizations to partner with the state in its efforts to significantly scale-up its daily COVID-19 testing capacity as part of its efforts to reopen the state’s economy.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Additions to the definition of telehealth provider;
 - Flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers and in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance to perform telehealth through additional methods;
 - Additions to permissible out-of-state healthcare providers;
 - Participation in intern, resident physician, or United States Medical Officer candidate training programs prior to permit issuance;
 - Participation in resident physician assistant program prior to permit issuance;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Temporary suspension of physician assistant supervision restrictions;
- Temporary suspension of in-person supervision requirement for advanced practice registered nurses;
- Provision of services by respiratory care therapist and respiratory care technician students;
- Suspension of continuing education requirement for health care providers; and
- Modification of 36-month age limit for Birth-to-Three services
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) received a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The funding will be used by DMHAS to launch the Connecticut COVID-19 Behavioral Health Response and Assistance (Connecticut COBHRA) initiative.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order taking the following actions:
 - Mandatory reporting by managed residential communities;
 - Mandatory reporting by nursing homes;
 - Civil penalties for failure to comply with mandatory reporting;
 - Waiving certain Medicaid prior authorization requirements;
 - Waiving Medicaid bed reservation requirements for residents who are on leave from intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; and
 - Waiving requirements for signed delivery receipt for medical equipment, devices and supplies
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the members who will serve on the Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group. The group will act in consultation with his administration and legislative leadership on the reopening of Connecticut’s economy and education system.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a program to coordinate housing solutions for individuals re-entering society. The program will assist recently discharged individuals, who would otherwise be homeless, identify and secure alternative housing solutions.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order providing additional flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers to perform telehealth through audio-only methods for new patients.
- April 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) his administration is partnering with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) on an initiative to distribute free face coverings to eligible, essential small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Delaware

- March 12, 2020 – Governor Carney [issued](#) a State of Emergency declaration to prepare for the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The emergency declaration also:
 - Requires the Delaware National Guard to take precautionary and responsive actions to assist with Delaware’s response to the coronavirus;
 - Advises event organizers in Delaware to cancel non-essential public gatherings of 100 people or more, to prevent community spread of coronavirus;
 - Allows the State of Delaware to conduct public meetings electronically to prevent unnecessary public gatherings;
 - Prohibits price gouging, or an excessive price increase of goods or services, during the coronavirus outbreak.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) a two-week closure of Delaware public schools

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 16, 2020 – The Delaware Department of Education [received](#) a waiver from the federal government to allow school nutrition programs to provide meals to students during the closure.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) all executive branch agencies to conduct public meetings electronically to prevent unnecessary public gatherings until further notice.
- March 16, 2020 – The Delaware Department of Transportation [announced](#) at the state’s three toll plazas there will be no toll collectors working to collect cash payments. All traffic will be directed through the EZPass lanes and motorists without EZPass will receive a bill in the mail for the toll with no penalty or processing fee.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [modified](#) the [March 12 emergency declaration](#) to limit Delaware restaurants, taverns and bars to take-out and delivery service. The declaration that took effect at 8:00 PM on March 16 also bans public gatherings of 50 or more people, consistent with updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and closes gaming activity at Delaware casinos. The modification also provides Delaware’s Secretary of Labor authorization to develop emergency rules to protect Delaware workers and ensure that unemployment benefits are available for Delawareans whose jobs are affected by the coronavirus outbreak.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Hospitality Emergency Loan Program to provide financial relief for restaurants, bars and other hospitality industry businesses.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [approved](#) the following changes to Delaware’s unemployment benefits program for the hospitality industry:
- The Department of Labor (DOL) will begin processing unemployment claims as they are received with the goal of benefits becoming available within a week;
 - DOL will allow part-time income while collecting benefits as long as employees can demonstrate their decreased hours and earnings; and
 - DOL will not classify tipped employees as minimum wage earners as long as their tips are reported as wages.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a second modification to his emergency declaration that allows any restaurant, brewpub, tavern or taproom with a valid on-premise license to sell alcoholic beverages as part of transactions for take-out food or drive through food service. The modification also requires the closure of bowling alleys, movie theaters, fitness centers and health spas.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to allow flexibility to provide child care options for Delaware families and health care workers.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a coordinated statewide plan to ensure individuals have access to safe and efficient testing in Delaware. Tests will be administered at no cost to patients.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state and Dogfish Head Craft Brewery are partnering to make more, much-needed hand sanitizer available to the state government.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a third modification to his emergency declaration, ordering Delaware beaches closed. The public is prohibited from accessing the beach except to exercise or walk dogs where dogs are permitted.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the fourth and fifth modifications to his emergency declaration, ordering Delawareans to stay at home whenever possible and closing all non-essential businesses in Delaware to help fight the spread of COVID-19.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [declared](#) a Public Health Emergency and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) [issued](#) a companion order focused on the following:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Nurses, doctors, mental health care providers, pharmacists and other health care professionals who have active licenses or certificates of good standing in any U.S. jurisdiction are authorized to provide in-person health care services in Delaware throughout the emergency, as well as telemedicine services; and
- Delaware health care professionals whose licenses expired in the last five years are authorized to provide health care services in Delaware, assuming their licenses were in good standing for the five-year period.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all Delaware schools to remain closed through at least Friday, May 15, 2020.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the sixth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, moving Delaware’s presidential primary to June 2, and suspending residential foreclosures and evictions.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a modified state of emergency requiring insurers not to cancel or fail to renew the insurance policies of those people and business facing economic impacts.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the expansion of the Hospitality Emergency Loan Program (H.E.L.P.) to provide financial relief for additional industries impacted and makes personal care services businesses.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new program to provide emergency housing assistance to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours, or unpaid leave.
- March 27, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Delaware’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Delaware to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements and extend fair hearing timelines
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor Sunday [signed](#) the seventh modification to his State of Emergency declaration, ordering all out-of-state travelers into Delaware to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days to fight the spread of COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the eighth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, which allows child care programs in Delaware to be designated as emergency child care sites.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the ninth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, further limiting public gatherings and ordering essential businesses to limit public gatherings to 10 people through May 15, or until the public health threat has been eliminated. The order includes public gatherings include weddings, funerals, and related activities.
- April 2, 2020 – The State of Delaware [launched](#) an online tool to connect Delawareans offering materials and supplies with organizations, medical providers and others in need of assistance.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) three dozen inmates who are employed in the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center garment shop began producing cotton face masks for the correctional system and first responders as the Delaware Department of Correction.
- April 4, 2020 – The Delaware Division of Public Health [announced](#) a new collaboration with the United Way of Delaware to increase call center services.
- April 5, 2020 – The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) [announced](#) that all walk-in access to its public offices will end beginning on Monday, April 6, 2020, customer service needs will be met by appointment, phone, e-mail or online.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the tenth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, banning all short-term rental units – including vacation home rentals, hotels, motels, and condo rentals.
- April 8, 2020 – The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) [recommended](#) residents should wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of the State of Emergency declaration in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, and announced a partnership with the social network Nextdoor to keep Delawareans informed on the neighborhood level.
- April 13, 2020 – Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the eleventh modification to his State of Emergency declaration, requiring stricter guidelines to prevent COVID-19 infections in nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, the Delaware Department of Agriculture, Westside Family Healthcare, local hospital systems, poultry industry employers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and trusted community partners to stand up community testing sites in Sussex County.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor John Carney announced a statewide public engagement strategy focused on Delaware’s economic reopening and recovery effort due to COVID-19.
 - The Delaware Division of Small Business and the Delaware Prosperity Partnership will host virtual Recovery Town Halls with members of the General Assembly, small businesses, and local Chambers of Commerce, to begin collecting feedback from small business leaders about Delaware’s economic reopening.
 - The Lieutenant Governor will host similar, virtual town hall meetings with members of the public to collect feedback that will inform Delaware’s recovery effort.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the twelfth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, which allows the Public Health Authority to activate more out-of-state health care workers.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) schools will be closed through the academic year.
- April 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) the thirteenth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, requiring Delawareans to wear face coverings in public settings, including in grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, doctor’s offices, and on public transportation.

District of Columbia

- February 28, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) an Executive Order on D.C. Government preparations for COVID-19.
 - Bowser named D.C. Health and D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency as coordinating agencies for the District’s response.
- March 5, 2020 – D.C. Health released updated COVID-19 testing guidance to all District healthcare providers. Consistent with the CDC guidance, only patients who meet specific Persons Under Investigation (PUI) criteria based on exposure and clinical factors and who are pre-approved by D.C. Health will be tested through the D.C. Department of Forensic

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Sciences Public Health Laboratory (DFS PHL). PUIs in the District will be tested based on the following criteria:

- Having fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) AND any person, including health care personnel who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset
- Having fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) AND a history of travel to a country with a Level 2 or 3 Travel Advisory (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html) OR an area with confirmed ongoing community transmission, within 14 days of symptom onset
- Having fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) AND a history of residing in a nursing home or long-term care facility within 14 days of symptom onset
- March 9, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) an additional \$1,000,000 of the District’s Contingency Cash Reserve Fund to be used for personal protective equipment and other necessary supplies and resources for first responders and front-line staff, as the District continues to prepare and respond to COVID-19.
- March 11, 2020 – D.C. Health [issued](#) guidance through March 31 recommending the following:
 - Non-essential mass gatherings, including conferences and conventions, be postponed or cancelled.
 - Mass gatherings are defined as events where 1,000 or more people congregate in a specific location.
 - Any social, cultural, or entertainment events where large crowds are anticipated be reconsidered by the organizer.
- March 11, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-46 declaring a public health emergency.
- March 12, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) an additional \$5,000,000 of the District’s Contingency Cash Reserve Fund for the purchase of needed supplies, protective equipment, and other necessary equipment for D.C.’s response to COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – The D.C. Department of Health [issued](#) guidance prohibiting mass gatherings of over 250 people.
- March 13, 2020 – The Office of the State Superintendent of Education activated the [District-wide Child Care Disaster Response Plan](#) (CCDRP).
- March 13, 2020 – The D.C. government [announced](#) meal locations for D.C. students.
- March 13, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [adjusted](#) the District of Columbia Government’s operating status from March 16, through March 31 directing the following:
 - The District of Columbia Government will operate under an agency-specific telework schedule, with the intent to continue to deliver essential services and to keep critical systems and services operating.
 - Some government operations will be performed fully remotely, while other services will continue to be performed at public buildings, but under modified operations.
 - The District of Columbia Government plans to resume normal operations on Wednesday, April 1.
- March 13, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [adjusted](#) the District of Columbia Public Schools’ operating status from March 16, through March 31 directing the following:
 - D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) will implement distance learning. Students will not report to schools during that time.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- On March 16, teachers and staff will report to work to plan for distance learning.
- From March 17 through March 23, DCPS will take its Spring Break for students, teachers, and staff. There will no longer be a Spring Break period in April.
- From March 24 through March 3, students will participate in distance learning.
- On April 1, schools will resume operations.
- March 14, 2020 – The D.C. Department of Health Care Finance [announced](#) a Medicaid policy change outlining the following:
 - Medicaid beneficiaries may receive telemedicine services at their home.
 - Medicaid telemedicine providers are required to ensure that any technology used meets the standards of care when the beneficiary receives telemedicine services at their home.
- March 15, 2020 – The D.C. Department of Health [issued](#) new guidance for mass gatherings for restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, and multi-purpose facilities:
 - No more two hundred and fifty (250) people will be present in the space at the same time
 - The use of bar seating will be suspended
 - Service to standing patrons will be suspended
 - Individual table seating will be limited to six (6) persons or less
 - Tables (including booths) that are occupied by patrons will be separated by at least six (6) feet of distance
- March 15, 2020 – The National Capital Region Leaders [sent a letter](#) to President Trump requesting the region be added to the priority locations for federally-supported COVID-19 testing sites.
- March 16, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-04 prohibiting mass gatherings of more than 50 people.
- March 17, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [announced](#) D.C. businesses can apply for SBA Disaster Assistance Loans.
- March 17, 2020 – The D.C. City Council unanimously [passed](#) an emergency COVID-19 response bill.
- March 20, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [extended](#) the D.C. Government’s modified operating status until April 27:
 - DCPS will remain closed and distance learning will take place until April 24
 - Statewide summative exams for students will be cancelled
 - Beginning April 1, D.C. will add 10 meal sites for students
 - All D.C. Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed to the public
- March 20, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-51 to prohibit all mass gatherings.
- March 20, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-50 to extend the Public Emergency and Public Health Emergency.
- March 22, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [extended](#) road closures and restricted access to the Tidal Basin.
- March 23, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [commissioned](#) hand sanitizer from local businesses.
- March 23, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) a joint statement with Virginia Governor Northam and Maryland Governor Hogan calling on call on the federal government to provide additional financial support.
- March 23, 2020 – The 2019 Tax Filings and Payment deadline was [extended](#) to July 15.
- March 24, 2020 – D.C. [closed](#) all in-person customer service centers:
 - The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) extended the expiration date for all documents expiring March 1 through April 28, including driver licenses,

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

identification cards, vehicle registrations, inspections, ticket payments and ticket adjudication responses, until May 15.

- The DMV announced all driver licenses, vehicle registrations, and vehicle inspections scheduled to expire have been granted a waiver without penalty until DMV reopens at full operating capacity.
- The DMV announced all tickets will remain in their current status until May 15, and no additional penalties will be added during this period.
- The DMV announced driver license suspensions and revocations will be paused until DMV returns to full operating capacity.
- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) announced the in-person Permit, Business License, Residential Center, and Home Owner Center will be unavailable to the general public.
- March 24, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) an additional \$6 million for D.C.’s coronavirus response.
- March 24, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [launched](#) the application for the new \$25 million microgrant program to provide relief to local small businesses affected by the coronavirus.
- March 24, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-053 requiring the temporary closure of all non-essential businesses through April 24. The order includes:
 - Tour guides and touring services;
 - Gyms, health clubs, spas, and massage establishments;
 - Theaters, auditoriums, and other places of large gatherings;
 - Nightclubs;
 - Hair, nail, and tanning salons and barbershops;
 - Tattoo parlors;
 - Sales not involved in essential services;
 - Retail clothing stores; and
 - Professional services not devoted to assisting essential business operations.
- March 25, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) \$15 million to purchase ventilators and critical medical equipment.
- March 27, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [requested](#) that President Trump issue a Major Disaster Declaration for the District of Columbia.
- March 27, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) \$2.25 million for COVID-19 testing equipment and meals for seniors.
- March 29, 2020 – The District [received](#) a Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- March 30, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) a stay-at-home order, directing D.C. residents to leave their homes only for the following:
 - To engage in essential activities, including obtaining medical care that cannot be provided through telehealth and obtaining food and essential household goods;
 - To perform or access essential governmental functions;
 - To work at essential businesses;
 - To engage in essential travel; or
 - To engage in allowable recreational activities, as defined by the Mayor’s Order.
 - Any individual who willfully violates the stay-at-home order may be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 6, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-057 to restrict Fiscal Year 2020 expenditures.
- April 6, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [announced](#) the distribution of additional devices to D.C. public schools students in grades K-8.
- April 8, 2020 – The District of Columbia [launched](#) the District Economic Recovery Team (DERT), which will be the central point of coordination for recommendations and ideas that could advance the District’s economic recovery.
- April 8, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [issued](#) Order 2020-58, requiring farmers’ markets to obtain a waiver in order to operate.
- April 8, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [directed](#) an additional \$35 million of the District’s Contingency Cash Reserve Fund to provide support to area hospitals for the need for increased medical services due to coronavirus.
- April 10, 2020 – Mayor Bowser granted early release to several residents held in the D.C. Jail.
 - The “COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” recently passed by the Council of the District of Columbia grants 75 days of additional good time credits to eligible residents in the D.C. Jail.
 - There are currently 36 eligible inmates that the 75-day additional good time credit would apply to. Approximately half of the 36 inmates will be eligible for immediate release as a result of this action, pending no outstanding matters.
 - Upon release, these residents will receive social and health services support through staff at the READY Center.
- April 11, 2020 – The National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Park Police (USPP) [closed](#) roads in Rock Creek Park, Anacostia Park, and Fort Dupont Park to vehicle traffic so residents can access these roads for essential exercise.
- April 13, 2020 – The Mayor [launched](#) grocery sites at 10 D.C. schools available to all families.
- April 14, 2020 – Mayor Bowser and the D.C. Department of Health [announced](#) a temporary emergency measure to allow registered dispensaries to provide medical marijuana to qualified patients through delivery, curbside pickup, and at-the-door pickup.
 - To qualify, dispensaries must comply with specific requirements. The requirements can be found [here](#).
- April 15, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [extended](#) the public emergency, stay-at-home order, and closure of all non-essential businesses to May 15. The order extends face covering requirements to:
 - Hotel workers, guests, and visitors;
 - Individuals using taxis, ride shares, and private transportation providers;
 - Workers and customers of food sellers; and
 - Strongly encouraged for workers and individual using public transit.
- April 16, 2020 – Mayor Bowser [extended](#) learning from home through the rest of the school year. The Office of the Superintendent is waiving:
 - The 180-day rule;
 - The community service requirement; and
 - The Carnegie unit (“seat time”) requirement for high school courses that students were already enrolled in.
- April 20, 2020 – The Mayor [announced](#) a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to convert the city’s convention center to an alternate care facility to support the city’s response to COVID-19.
 - There will be 500 beds available by the first week of May.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 20, 2020 – The Mayor [announced](#) a plan to extend sidewalks near essential businesses to support social distancing.
- April 23, 2020 – The Mayor, alongside Maryland Governor Hogan and Virginia Governor Northam, [sent a letter](#) urging OPM to continue broad telework policies for federal agencies.
- April 24, 2020 – The Mayor [directed](#) an additional \$63 million of the District’s Contingency Cash Reserve Fund to support the District’s response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.
- April 27, 2020 – The Mayor [announced](#) the leadership of the ReOpen DC Advisory Group, which will develop recommendations on reopening the District safely and sustainably through a plan based in science and tailored to the needs of the community.
- April 27, 2020 – The Mayor [announced](#) that the Department of Health Care Finance has awarded \$25 million in grants to 10 hospitals to support and prepare for the District’s medical surge in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

Florida

- March 1, 2020 – Governor DeSantis signed an [executive order](#) directing the state health officer to declare a public health emergency and take any actions needed to protect the public health.
 - The order directs the Florida Department of Health to actively monitor all persons meeting the CDC definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for at least 14 days or until the PUI tests negative for COVID-19. Active monitoring will include at least: a) a risk assessment within 24 hours of when the individual meets the criteria for a PUI and b) twice daily temperature checks.
 - The executive order also designated the Florida Department of Health as the lead agency to coordinate emergency response activities.
- March 9, 2020 – Governor [DeSantis declared a state of emergency](#) allowing nurses and doctors from other states to work in Florida and pharmacists to issue emergency 30-day prescriptions. The order also allows officials to activate the Florida National Guard, purchase medical supplies more swiftly, and establish field hospitals.
- March 12, 2020 – Florida [activated](#) the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, will provide short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Florida Division of Emergency Management under direction of the Governor [deployed](#) three field hospitals across the state to help combat the spread of COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) bars and nightclubs in Florida to close for 30 days and directed restaurants to operate at 50% of their maximum capacity to allow for social distancing.
- March 17, 2020 – Florida state school officials [closed](#) K-12 public schools until April 15 and announced the suspension of mass campus gatherings, including sports events.
- March 17, 2020 – Florida received federal [approval](#) for a Section 1135 waiver to provide more flexibility for the health care delivery system to respond to increased cases of COVID-19. The waiver allows Florida to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

authorization requirements, allow the provision of facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines.

- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring those who travel to Florida from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to self-isolate for 14 days upon entering the state.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to President Donald Trump formally requesting that he declare a Major Disaster.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) President Donald J. Trump has declared a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered federal assistance to supplement the state, tribal, and local recovery efforts.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Children and Families to waive work requirements to allow more participation in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) & Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding a previous directive that airline travelers from the New York City area self-quarantine for 14 days to include people from Louisiana who enter the state on Interstate 10.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) he would suspend vacation rentals for two weeks.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is issuing a stay-at-home order for the southern portion of the state including Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe counties through the middle of May.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide stay-at-home that will go into effect Thursday, April 2 at midnight and last for at least 30 days.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to override restrictions put in place by local governments from shuttering churches and synagogues during the outbreak.
- April 2, 2020 – The state chief financial officer and the Governor [announced](#) that first responders who are exposed to COVID-19 on the job will be eligible for workers compensation.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all foreclosures and residential evictions in the state halted for 45 days. In addition, blocking the evictions of Florida renters for nonpayment of rent.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order on documentary stamps for SBA Loans suspending the assessment and collection of taxes.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Project: VITAL to provide elders in assisted living facilities and nursing homes with tablets to safely connect them with their loved ones.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) more than 32,000 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School to support distance learning.
- April 11, 2020 – The State of Florida will [offer](#) free child care to families of first responders and health care workers.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an “stage two” task force to explore what stage two of the state’s coronavirus response will be, including reopening of the state’s schools, restaurants and other businesses will look like after weeks of lockdown.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order suspending biweekly reporting requirements for unemployment compensation recipients.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [granted](#) permission for beaches and parks to reopen where “it can be done safely.”

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 18, 2020 – Governor DeSantis [announced](#) K-12 schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the executive committee of the Re-Open Task Force.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the members of the Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group on Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail and Transportation.
- April 27, 2020 – The Governor [said](#) the state will reopen from the coronavirus economic shutdown in “baby steps” and that its regions could reopen at different times and rates.

Georgia

- March 2, 2020 – Governor Kemp announced a [coronavirus task force](#) to assess the state’s response and procedures for preventing, identifying, and addresses cases of COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Kemp [ordered most state employees to work from home](#), but has not shut down the state capitol. He also initiated a “call to order” for schools and daycare, which allows them to shut down if local administrators are in agreement to do so.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Kemp [requested](#) 100 million in state funds to combat COVID-19.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Kemp [issued](#) a public health emergency for the state.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) calling National Guard troops to active duty. The order calls up 2,000 National Guard troops to active duty to assist in response to the coronavirus outbreak in the state.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools to be closed by March 18 through at least March 31.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor in a [press conference encouraged](#) Georgians to support local businesses and drive-in/thru restaurants and take out options to bolster the local economy.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed the amended fiscal year 2020 budget](#) to tap into the state’s rainy-day fund for \$100 million to combat COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [submitted a letter](#) requesting a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration to provide SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans to the State of Georgia.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) hospitals to cancel elective surgery in order to save life-saving supplies.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor, in consultation with the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, [asked](#) healthcare providers and the public to conserve COVID-19 test for the most vulnerable populations.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [received](#) an official statewide disaster declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced and named](#) members of the Georgia’s Coronavirus Task Force Committees. The task force is comprised of the following committees:
 - Economic Impact
 - Primary Care Providers
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Homeland and Displaced

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) two executive orders. One executive order authorized the transfer of over 19 million to the Governor’s Emergency Fund to purchase medical supplies and equipment and the other executive order aimed at reducing regulations surrounding COVID-19 response.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order expanding temporary licensing of certain medical professions assisting in the state’s response.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that limited large gatherings, ordered a “shelter-in-place” for specific populations, and closed bars, nightclubs for 14 days.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [called](#) on all Georgia businesses who are able to help the state provide, produce, distribute, or store critical health care items.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state’s coronavirus task force will participate in a live town hall.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that adopted emergency rules and waivers with respect to renewal and suspensions of driver’s licenses and identification cards.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending the closure of public schools through April 24.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to assist the with the state’s response to unemployment insurance claims.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [deployed](#) the national guard medical support team to support the state’s efforts in battling COVID-19.
- March 27, 2020 – The President [approved](#) Georgia’s disaster declaration and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State and local recovery efforts in Georgia.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the enforcement of social distancing measures at parks and lakes.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [submitted a request](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an 1135 Medicaid waiver.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a laboratory surge capacity plan to quickly increase the availability of COVID-19 testing. This plan is in partnership with various university and health systems in Georgia.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Georgia National Guard will deploy over 100 Guardsmen to any long-term care facility/assisted living facility or nursing home with COVID-19 cases.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) K-12 schools to be closed for the remainder of the school year.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that authorized the use of real-time audio-visual communication technology to assist in notarizing real estate documents.
- April 2, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Georgia’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Georgia to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, will offer temporary housing to traveling nurses assisting at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to deputizing sheriffs for enforcement of Executive Order 04.02.20.01 involving businesses, establishments, for-profit and non-profit corporations, and organizations requiring shelter-in-place.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new Community Outreach Committee as a part of his Coronavirus Task Force Committee.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) new guidance to retailers and consumers organization in the state.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state would be working with CVS Health to increase access to rapid COVID-19 testing. CVS will be operating drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing, offered by Abbott Laboratories, at a site on Georgia Tech’s campus. At full capacity, the site will be able to conduct up to 1,000 tests per day.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would be extending Georgia’s public health state of emergency through May 13, 2020.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order regarding the safety of employees and residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order suspending short term rental homes.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order deploying an additional 1,000 national guard soldiers to assist with relief efforts.
- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state has executed a contract with Pacific Architects and Engineers (PAE) to build a 200-hospital bed alternate care facility at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC).
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Public Health, will begin to provide a list of COVID-19 cases in each jurisdiction to 911 centers.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) which designated healthcare institutions and medical facility employees, staff, and contractors as “auxiliary emergency management workers.” This order will limit the civil liability of “auxiliary emergency management workers” engaging in “emergency management activities” while providing patient care if such care results in the death or injury of a patient.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s plans to augment staffing levels for healthcare facilities in various parts of Georgia. The state is working with Jackson Healthcare through its subsidiary Healthcare Workforce Logistics to bring roughly 570 additional healthcare professionals to health systems.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) a long-term care facility report which tracks the number of COVID-19 cases in these facilities.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the completion of an alternate care facility at the Georgia World Congress Center that can accommodate 200 patients and is operating in cooperation with the Grady Health System.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) Congress to pass additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) received a donation of 330,000 N-95 masks from Cisco.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the first phase of business reopening will begin on Friday, April 24. Employees will be required to wear masks and meet other health and safety standards. Businesses allowed to open include:
 - Gyms and fitness centers;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Bowling alleys;
 - Body art studios; and
 - Salons, including barbers, cosmetologists, hairdressers, nail artists, and massage therapists.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor and the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers [issued](#) guidance for the safe reopening of Georgia’s salons and spas. The guidance includes:
 - Temperature checks
 - Screening questions of customers
 - Limits to the amount of people in each shop at one time
 - Social distancing
 - Use of PPE
 - Disinfection
- April 22, 2020 – The Georgia Department of Labor [announced](#) options that unemployed individuals and small businesses may use as the state incrementally reopens.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Walgreens will open a drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing site at a location in Alpharetta that will be able to conduct 150 tests a day.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a mobile COVID-19 testing initiative to set up drive-thru sites in communities without access to testing.

Hawaii

- March 4, 2020 – Governor Ige declared a [state of emergency](#) for responding to the spread of coronavirus.
- March 12, 2020 – The Hawaii Department of Transportation [installed 250 hand sanitizer dispensers and more than 12,000 boxes of anti-bacterial solution](#) in high passenger volume areas in Hawaii airports.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued a supplemental emergency proclamation](#) which directs emergency managers to take certain actions to safeguard critical infrastructure, suspends statutes and administrative rules to help state and county agencies more effectively provide emergency relief, and directs the state emergency management agency to take steps to prevent hoarding of critical materials and supplies.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor at a press conference [issued the following new orders and guidelines](#):
 - Directing all bars and clubs to close. Restaurants should go to take-out only, and tour companies should limit or shut down operations immediately.
 - Asking tourists to stay away for at least 30 days.
 - Bolstering screening of cruise ship passengers, with temperature checks and questions about symptoms and recent travel. Airports would also be bolstering their procedures.
 - Stopping all non-essential state travel, including inter-island travel. Those who do have to travel will have to go into self-isolation for 14 days.
 - Directing all movie theaters, visitor attractions and places of worship to close.
 - Closing all state libraries, parks, events at the state capitol building, Aloha Stadium and Hawaii Convention Center.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [supported](#) the decision of the Hawaii Department of Education to continue school closures in the state and provide alternative meals plans for students.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following measures to address the economic impacts of COVID-19:
 - Hawaii small businesses may now file for low-interest working capital loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (US SBA).
 - The US SBA approved the Governor’s certification request for access to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Assistance Program for Hawaii small businesses.
 - Benefits will be paid to individuals who file their initial unemployment claims late.
 - The state will interpret Hawai‘i’s unemployment laws to the broadest extent possible to cover those who are out of work because of COVID-19.
 - Allocating additional staff to support the influx to facilitate claims filing, processing, and benefits.
 - Making the adjustments necessary to loosen eligibility requirements for claimants and reduce or eliminate experience rate adjustments for employers because of employees who receive unemployment benefits because of COVID-19.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations [announced](#) the launch of the Reducing Unemployment Disruption & Driving Economic Regeneration (RUDDER) program. RUDDER is an economic regeneration initiative that provides State Employment & Training Funds that serve as the foundational strategy for aligning federal workforce programs, such as the Disaster Recovery grants, in a unified effort to train and transfer labor into Hawai‘i’s businesses that can help reduce job losses and dampen the economic slide.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a second supplemental emergency declaration ordering all individuals arriving or returning to the State of Hawai‘i to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. The order states that any individual violating the quarantine may be fined up to 5,000 dollars or imprisoned up to one year, or both.
- March 22, 2020 – The Hawaii Department of Public Safety [announced](#) the following updates:
 - Correctional facilities are implementing enhanced screening at entry points .
 - All correctional facilities are expanding outside visitor suspensions to volunteers.
 - Increased phone call duration, increased out of cell time, and increased access to stores/commissary for inmates.
 - The Hawaii Paroling Authority is suspending all parole hearings for 2 weeks.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a third supplementary proclamation ordering the entire state to stay at home and work from home starting at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Mar. 25 through Apr. 30. Essential workers are exempt. Non-compliance would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, or up to one year in jail, or both.
- March 24, 2020 – The Hawaii State Department of Education [announced](#) school facilities will remain closed to students through April 30.
- March 24, 2020 – The Hawaii Department of Health [waived](#) routine TB clearance requirements for selected groups, the suspension will remain in effect through May 31, 2020. These groups include:
 - Annual clearance for healthcare workers
 - Annual clearance for patients in long-term care facilities
 - Food handlers
 - Children entering childcare, preschool or school (K-12th grade)
 - Post-secondary school students and employees

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a 14-day quarantine for interisland travelers in April.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) four units of the Hawaii National Guard to provide assistance to the Hawaii Emergency Management Operations Center, the State of Hawaii's Joint Information Center, and support the receiving and distribution of medical supplies and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [appointed](#) Alan M. Oshima to lead Hawaii's efforts to develop and implement a plan for economic and community stabilization, recovery and resiliency.
- April 15, 2020 – Governor Ige [proposed](#) a 20 percent pay cut to teachers and other public employees to balance the state's budget.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a fifth emergency supplementary proclamation which includes the following items:
 - Enhanced social distancing requirements
 - Eviction moratorium
 - The extension of the disaster emergency relief period to April 30, 2020
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order enabling the county liquor commissions to allow the sale of unopened beer or wine with food take out or delivery and gives the commissions flexibility to deal with deadlines or other administrative procedures.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order giving greater flexibility for healthcare systems to respond to the ongoing crisis including:
 - Defining the term "healthcare volunteer"
 - Defining "rendering assistance" to the state
 - Immunities for certain civil liabilities
- April 20, 2020 – Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell [issued](#) an order requiring all individuals to wear a face mask or covering while on city busses, when visiting businesses, when using a drive-through, and in most other public settings.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a 6th supplementary emergency proclamation extending the stay-at-home order across the state through May 31.

Idaho

- March 4, 2020 – Governor Brad Little announced the [creation of new Coronavirus Working Group](#) that will support Idaho's public health agencies and increase coordination and communication.
- March 6, 2020 – The [Idaho Legislature approved](#) Governor Little's request to transfer \$2 million to the Governor's Emergency Fund to help in Idaho's response to the coronavirus.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Little [declared](#) a state of emergency.
- March 16, 2020 – The legislature [approved](#) the Governor's request to allocate an additional \$1.3 million to ensure essential government services.
- March 16, 2020- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare [provided](#) care providers payment for eligible children if they remained open during the public health emergency.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the State of Idaho is seeking responses from small, non-farm businesses across Idaho whose operations and ability to conduct business have been disrupted by the coronavirus. The information received will determine whether impacted businesses will be eligible for disaster assistance in the form of low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Idaho is adopting the latest guidance from the White House and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to slow the spread of

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

coronavirus. This includes recommendations to avoid discretionary travel and social gatherings of 10 or more people.

- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a mandatory isolation order for Blaine County.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) two proclamations today – one lifting restrictions in 125 administrative rules to increase healthcare provider capacity and reduce barriers to healthcare access and another extending the state income tax filing and payment deadline to June 15, 2020.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor’s request of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was [approved](#) and the SBA is now offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Idaho small businesses suffering substantial economic injury.
- March 23, 2020 – The Idaho State Board of Education [directed](#) all public school districts and charter schools to immediately start a “soft closure” of all classroom facilities through April 20.
- March 23, 2020 – The Idaho State Board of Education [directed](#) all public school districts and charter schools to immediately start a “soft closure” of all classroom facilities through April 20.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide stay-home order for the state of Idaho.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an extreme emergency declaration allowing the state to increase health care capacity, take steps to reduce and slow coronavirus spread, and take rapid steps to improve the condition of unemployed individuals impacted by the pandemic.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [indicated](#) that the state will receive close to \$1.25 billion in federal aid to offset the impacts of COVID-19 to the state’s economy.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) multiple executive orders and proclamations that undertake the following actions:
 - Transferring \$39.3 million to the Disaster Emergency Account, the maximum allowable amount under the law.
 - Reducing non-COVID-19 related General Fund spending in the fiscal year by 1-percent, which will save approximately \$40 million statewide.
 - Helping Idahoans who are temporarily unable to work because of illness, quarantines, layoff or reduction of work related to COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that there will be no change to the date of Idaho’s primary election date.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [stated](#) during a virtual town hall that landlords in Idaho should avoid evicting residents during the outbreak and that he is considering taking action on this issue.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order forming a new Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee to oversee the approximately \$1.25 billion in federal funds that Idaho will receive to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Idaho lenders and the small business administration are now accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would be extending the stay-at-home order until April 30th.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) Recreate Responsibly Idaho, a new campaign aimed at making outdoor activities safe during the spread of COVID-19.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new plan to reopen Idaho’s economy. The plan will occur in four stages and individuals can track the progress in reopening by visiting the website, rebound.idaho.gov, set up by the governor’s team.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of his Economic Recovery Advisory Committee, made up of business leaders across the state. The group will provide recommendations on rebuilding employee and consumer confidence, providing for business stability and growth and eventually, business promotion and attraction.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new public-private task force to create a COVID-19 testing strategy for the State of Idaho moving forward. Their immediate focus includes:
 - Safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals, including those with mild symptoms
 - Screening and testing locations in all regions of the state, including places that serve older individuals, rural and lower income populations, and racial and ethnic minorities
 - Robust COVID-19 testing programs for at-risk healthcare workers
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) two new proclamations:
 - Extending the disaster emergency and extreme emergency declarations
 - Waiving further regulations to improve and maintain access to care

Illinois

- March 2, 2020 – The Illinois Department of Insurance issued a [bulletin](#) reinforcing the critical role that health insurance coverage plays during the COVID-19 outbreak. The bulletin encourages providers to be flexible when filling prescriptions in the event of quarantine.
- March 8, 2020 – The Illinois Department of Insurance has released an [FAQ document](#) about insurance coverage related to COVID-19.
- March 10, 2020 – In a press conference, Governor Pritzker [announced](#) that his office would file emergency rules to allow those who are unemployed because they are sick to collect unemployment insurance if permitted under federal law.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Pritzker [ordered the closure of public events](#) of more than 1000 people for 30 days.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Pritzker [announces](#) two-week statewide school closure to minimize covid-19 spread, additional economic measures to reduce burden on Illinois families.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced all restaurants and bars will close for on-site consumption](#) starting at 9 PM on Monday March 16.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor, in response to the overcrowding and wait times at Chicago airports, [announced](#) that the federal government will be doubling U.S. CBP staff at O'Hare Airport.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the national guard to address the anticipated need for logistical support and medical staff.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [stated he is prepared](#) to order travel and quarantine restrictions in Illinois to limit the spread of coronavirus if scientific guidance recommends it.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to expand telemedicine for individuals with Medicaid and private insurance.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the Department of Revenue to defer sales tax payments for 24,000 small and medium sized bars and restaurants.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor issued [Executive Order Number 20-10](#) implementing stay at home and social distancing requirements.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 20, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order requiring all individuals currently living in the state of Illinois to stay at home.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that healthcare license reinstatement would be processed on an expedited basis and that medical professionals whose licenses are expiring will have their licenses extended through the end of September.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor called for healthy individuals to assist with the state’s efforts during the crisis by going to serve.illinois.gov to be matched with service organizations to support the response effort.
- March 23, 2020 – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation [issued](#) a proclamation to allow out-of-state physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and respiratory care therapists to provide care to Illinois residents.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Illinois’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Illinois to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order suspending healthcare worker background checks for individuals who are certified as a nurse assistant, but are currently inactive on the Health Care Worker Registry, may be hired under certain provisions.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order relaxing the approval process schools would need to adjust their school term, suspending the method of the calculation for pupil school attendance, granting the Illinois State Board of Education the ability to define “Remote Learning Days”, allowing schools that receive grant funds around early-childhood education to provide childcare services to essential employees, and other provisions.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [suspended](#) the repossession of vehicles and in-person training for private security personnel during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending the deadline for various cannabis grower, transporter, and infuser licenses due to the impacts of COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans for 3,000-bed alternate care setting at McCormick Place to treat COVID-19 patients with mild symptoms.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a series of actions in the area of consumer borrowing, servicing, and collections. The governor also provided guidance to its regulated entities, state banks, credit unions, installment lenders, payday lenders, title loan lenders, sales finance lenders including auto loans, currency exchanges, student loan servicers, mortgage servicers, and collection agencies concerning their lending, servicing, and collection during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a proclamation extending the stay-at-home order in the state to April 30th.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [recommended](#) that individuals wear masks for the duration of the pandemic.
- April 5, 2020- The Governor [announced](#) the expansion of emergency childcare and additional financial support for emergency childcare centers.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) how real-time electronic technologies may be utilized. Remote notarization can be used for the duration of governor’s stay at home order.
- April 14, 2020 – The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health [launched](#) a new public service campaign to remind Illinois

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

residents to continue to follow the Stay at Home order enacted by the governor's executive order.

- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all Illinois schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that given that new modeling data suggests the state's peak may be mid-May, there will likely be changes to the state's stay-at-home orders.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would sign a modified version of the state's stay-at-home order that will go into effect May 1. The order will strengthen the state's social distancing requirements while allowing residents additional flexibility and provide measured relief to non-essential businesses. Its provisions include:
 - State parks will begin a phased re-opening under guidance from the Department of Natural Resources.
 - Greenhouses, garden centers and nurseries may re-open as essential businesses.
 - Retail stores not designated as non-essential businesses and operations may re-open to fulfill telephone and online orders through pick-up outside the store and delivery.
 - Individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or a mask when in public places where they are unable to maintain six-feet of social distancing.
 - Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face-coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain six-feet of social distancing.
 - Educational institutions may allow and establish procedures for pick-up of necessary supplies or student belongings.

Indiana

- March 6, 2020 – Governor Holcomb [signed an executive order](#) declaring a public health emergency to increase coordination across all levels of government in the state's response
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Holcomb [initiated](#) several actions on March 12, including requiring that non-essential gatherings be limited to 250 people, schools provide a 20-day waiver of the required 180 days of instructions, nursing homes restrict and screen visitors, and daycare facilities implement social distancing practices. The Indiana Department of Corrections has suspended visitation at all facilities. Those who run senior centers and congregate meal services are advised to consider suspending congregate meals and services and arrange for home delivery. The Governor is also encouraging businesses to utilize telework policies, if available.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced additional steps](#) the state is taking to assist with its COVID-19 response:
 - All state agencies are evaluating rules and regulations that should be suspended or modified to assist Hoosiers during this public emergency.
 - The Family Social Services Administration has asked federal officials to approve a request to temporarily waive the renewal process for Hoosiers who need SNAP or TANF benefits.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- State officials are collaborating with the Indiana Department of Education to discuss solutions regarding student assessments and meals for children whose schools have closed.
- March 16 – The Governor [announced](#) the following updates regarding COVID-19:
 - Indiana will adhere to CDC guidance for large events and mass gatherings. The guidance recommends canceling or postponing in-person events of more than 50 people during the next eight weeks.
 - Under the current guidance for schools, 273 public school districts are closed, using e-learning days, or on spring break and have announced a future closure. The Department of Education is working with the remaining 16 school corporations to determine their next steps and needs.
 - Bars, nightclubs and restaurants are required to close to in-person patrons and may provide take-out and delivery services through the end of March.
 - Hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers should cancel and/or postpone elective and non-urgent surgical procedures immediately.
 - The state’s Emergency Operations Center has been raised to a Level 1 status and will work in conjunction with the incident command center at the Indiana State Department of Health for planning, coordination, predictive analysis and other functions.
 - State employees will maximize the use of remote work and meet virtually whenever possible while maintaining operations. Non-essential in-person meetings will be limited to 10 persons or less and should meet virtually whenever possible. High-risk individuals should not attend meetings in person.
 - State employees over the age of 60 with underlying health conditions are advised to work from home, and agencies should identify work that can be accomplished remotely for those individuals.
 - The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) suspended rules requiring certain unemployment insurance claimants to physically appear at a Work One location to engage in reemployment services for the next four weeks. The DWD will also request flexibility under federal and state law to expand eligibility for claimants and ease burdens on employers.
 - The Indiana Economic Development Corporation will postpone the inaugural Indiana Global Economic Summit, scheduled for April 26-28.
 - Communities are encouraged to work together to provide child care options for all who need assistance and delivery services of meals and other necessities for senior citizens.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) activating the national guard to support the COVID-19 response.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor and the Indiana State Department of Health [announced a new partnership](#) with Eli Lilly and Company, with support from the Food and Drug Administration, to accelerate testing in Indiana for COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration to support small businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak in Indiana.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all Indiana public schools are now closed and are using alternative learning options like e-learning.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor took the following [actions](#):
 - Extended the current state of emergency for an additional 30 days.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Ordered all K-12 school to remain closed until May 1. Private schools are also ordered closed.
- Coordinated with the U.S. Department of Education to receive federal waivers needed to cancel the requirements for accountability, chronic absenteeism and state-mandated assessments.
- Aligned with the federal government for the collection date of state income tax.
- Halted several capital projects that would have used \$300 million from the state's reserves.
- Prohibited utilities from cutting off services.
- Prohibited evictions from residential homes and communities.
- Ordered the state Insurance Commissioner to request health insurers to cover COVID-19 testing costs and to not increase prices or coverage costs for medical care for COVID-19.
- Ordered the DMV to limit the number of in-branch transactions.
- Eased licensure requirements for health care professionals and promoted tele-health support.
- Relaxed requirements for veterans to qualify for awards under the Military Relief Fund.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Indiana will move its primary election from May 5th to June 2nd.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order requiring residents to stay at home, unless they are engaging in essential activities including: Activities for health and safety, necessary supplies and services, outdoor activity, certain types of essential work, and taking care of others
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that ceases in-person dining.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing restaurants that have a liquor permit to conduct the sale of alcohol for carryout/delivery.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following actions:
 - The Indiana State Department of Education (DOE) and Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) have teamed to encourage school corporations in Indiana to open schools on a limited basis to provide childcare services for emergency workers.
 - Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced Community Development Block Grant funds may be redirected to assist with COVID-19 needs based on guidance from the United States Housing and Urban Development.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Indiana's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Indiana to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) incarcerated individuals at the Miami Correctional Facility are producing face masks, personal protection gowns, face shields and hand sanitizer to be used in the fight against COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following actions:
 - [Signed](#) an executive order that removes all regulatory barriers to prepare for surge capacity and allow for authorized medical professionals to practice, including students and those who have retired.
 - Sent a letter to issue disaster relief for Indiana

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending the carry-out only order for restaurants and bars through April 6th.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order with the following provisions:
 - Lottery winners will be given an additional 60 days to claim prizes
 - Indian Horse Racing Rules will be suspended
 - The Alumni Trustee Election for Indiana University will be postponed
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order concerning remote education for K-12 school for the remainder of the year, graduation requirements, and the extension of the renewal/expiration date of teacher’s licenses.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending the public health emergency and stay-at-home order through April 20.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following actions:
 - Essential businesses are being directed to limit their store hours and limit the number of patrons in stores to comply with social distancing, as well as being encouraged to have specific hours for at-risk and elderly patrons.
 - All gatherings, public or private, of 10 or more people will continue to be prohibited.
 - Campgrounds are closed, including at state parks. People living in RVs with no other place to go can stay there.
 - The sale of firearms and ammunition will not be restricted.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [emphasized](#) in a press conference that people should not be crossing state lines for pleasure or leisure, and the state will make more stringent policies if needed.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing retired healthcare workers to receive temporary licenses to practice in the state, allow home health agencies to accept written orders for home health services, and other provisions.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following updates and actions in a press conferences:
 - Cautioned citizens not to have large Easter gatherings
 - The state has exhausted its federal stockpile of personal protective equipment
 - There were 133,600 unemployment claims to date
 - There had been 214 complaints and 80 citations to businesses not following his essential business order.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance](#) for places of worship.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance](#) for places of worship.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a task force to plan, administer and account for federal relief funds the state of Indiana receives from the CARES Act.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to waive education requirements that cannot be met due to school buildings being closed.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following items in a press conference:
- the Indiana Economic Relief and Recovery Team will plan, administer and account for relief funds for state and local government, businesses and individuals
 - \$2.4 billion from the U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund will be used towards costs the state incurred from March-December 2020
 - \$500 million from the CARES Act will be allocated to K-12 and higher education programs
 - 12,000 Indianans have joined the volunteer health care registry

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has secured commitments for more than 2.6 million pieces of PPE, with more than 1.9 million items being made by 15 Indiana manufacturers.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following items at a press conference:
 - He will revisit the state’s stay-at-home order on Friday, April 17th and adjust as necessary
 - Indicated that models are demonstrating an upcoming surge of cases
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the easing of restrictions and re-opening of certain sectors in Indiana will not happen all at once but will happen in waves.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that if a healthcare worker or a first responder has someone symptomatic in their home, they can have those people tested at ISDH drive-thru testing centers.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would be making decisions end the stay-at-home order based on what is occurring throughout the state and region.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the stay-at-home order would be extended to May 1st.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [addressed](#) protestors, citing the effort as “the exact way not to be productive,” and said it was “not helping.”
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor further [clarified](#) aspects of his stay-at-home order include items related to reopening of businesses:
 - As long as sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE), staff and other supplies are available for the COVID-19 response, hospitals should conduct medically necessary procedures, such as those determining cancer diagnosis and cardiac issues, respiratory procedures, and procedures to reduce significant pain or symptoms making quality of life unacceptable.
 - Any restrictions involving medical procedures will be evaluated every seven days for appropriate and timely modifications that could be implemented.
 - Permitted outdoor activity as described in the executive order includes yard work, gardening, planting and landscaping at residential, commercial and industrial properties and farms.
 - Nurseries and garden centers may be open for business as long as they limit the number of customers in their facility at any given time to achieve the Centers for Disease Control’s required social distancing, limit their hours of operation and consider implementing separate operating hours for the elderly and other vulnerable customers, and comply with the social distancing, sanitation and other mitigation measure to protect its employees and the public.
 - Pet grooming at a pet salon, store or mobile unit is permitted.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [eased](#) restrictions on hospitals from performing elective surgeries.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state will send a “testing strike team” to Tama County to help control an outbreak of COVID-19 at a long-term care facility.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor and his staff [announced](#) the following:
 - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized home collection tests that will be available in most states via doctor’s order in the coming weeks.
 - The state has purchased 50,000 swabs for use in testing. Eli Lilly and Co. donated 32,000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency provided 20,000 and 4,000 have been donated.
 - The state is partnering with the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health on a study regarding antibodies showing past COVID-19 infection. Participants will be chosen from a list of tax filers and their dependents.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order outlining several measures, including:
 - Extending the deadline for business personal property tax returns.
 - Suspending the 5-year limitation on business reinstatement and the requirements for a business to submit a certificate of clearance when applying, allowing them to qualify for seeking federal assistance programs.
 - Allowing corporations registered in Indiana to hold remote board meetings via notification to its shareholders.
 - Expediting unemployment insurance claims adjudication
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [stated](#) he is not considering extending the state’s stay at home order until the end of May. He said he is focusing on May 1 and will continue to operate in two and three-week increments.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to allow health care providers and facilities to resume elective medical procedures provided they have sufficient quantities of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and consult the best practices and recommendations developed by their medical associations or industries.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to speed up the review of unemployment insurance claim appeals during the fight against COVID-19.
- April 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has secured commitments for more than 6.3 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE). Of these, more than 2.9 million items, including face masks, face shields, gloves, gowns, goggles and bottles of hand sanitizer, are being made and sourced by 18 Indiana manufacturers.

Iowa

- March 10, 2020 – Governor Reynolds [announced](#) in a news conference that 18 of the 22 Iowans quarantined on the Grand Princess cruise ship will be returning home on a chartered flight to Iowa. The Department of Public Health will screen the returning people before they begin their travel back to Iowa and direct people to a screening center when they arrive.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [recommended](#) Iowa schools close for four weeks.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) various forms of assistance to workers and employers in the face of potential COVID-19 layoffs or furloughs.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed legislation that creates emergency measures and supplemental appropriations](#) for key government services to combat the spread of COVID-19. Supplemental appropriations and emergency measures include:
 - Supplemental appropriations for Medicaid (\$88.98 million).
 - Supplemental appropriations other health programs (\$1.8 million).

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Supplemental appropriations for state hygienic lab (\$525,000).
- Limits some standing appropriations (non-public school transportation, instructional support, AEA funding).
- Requires the Department of Management and the Legislative Service Agency to review FY 2020 appropriations and to make appropriations for the first two months of FY 2021.
- Emergency appropriations from the Economic Emergency Fund of up to 10% to the DOM for purposes approved by the Governor, through August 31.
- Authorizes the Governor to waive school instructional time requirements for schools that close due to COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued state of public health disaster emergency](#). The measure closes all restaurants and bars to the public until March 31, excluding take-out and drive thru options.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed legislation](#) that expands the roles of physician assistants in Iowa. The legislation aimed at combating COVID-19 makes changes related to the practice of a PA by allowing for full prescriptive rights, legal protections similar to other health care professions, the ability to be reimbursed by Medicaid and a range of other changes.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor signed an additional State Public Health Emergency Declaration, its provisions include:
 - Temporarily suspends penalties and interest related to collection of property taxes until the end of this proclamation.
 - Temporarily suspends some evictions under the Iowa Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act or the Manufactured Home Communities or Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in certain circumstances.
 - Extends expiration deadline for a permit to carry and a permit to acquire a firearm and additional measures.
 - Permits the sale of carry-out, delivery, drive-thru alcohol for unopened bottles of alcohol for bars and restaurants and suspends some fees.
 - Permits public meetings or hearings by electronic means to improve the functions of government while maintaining social distancing practices.
 - Suspends certain regulations to ease the transportation of agricultural supplies and commodities, food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods on all highways in Iowa.
 - The proclamation also allows related state agencies to implement the state’s public health emergency plan.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration will issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Iowa.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration. Components include:
 - The closure of salons, medical spas, barbershops, tattoo establishments, tanning facilities, massage therapy establishments, and swimming pools until March 31.
 - Suspends all foreclosures on residential, commercial, and agricultural real property.
 - Professional licensing relief.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that first quarter unemployment tax payments that are due April 30th will be delayed till the end of the 2nd quarter, July 31, 2020. Eligible employers include those employers with 50 or fewer employees.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [received](#) notification that President Trump has approved her request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for COVID-19, removing a \$5 million cap on federal funds as well as making available the Community Disaster Loan program.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Iowa’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Iowa to forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments in its Medicaid program.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration, suspending elective and nonessential medical and dental procedures, extending and expanding retail business closures, ordering health care facilities and nursing homes to engage in advanced health care screenings.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new proclamation continuing the state public health emergency declaration.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration. The proclamation orders the closure of schools, waiving time requirements as long as school districts put in place a continuous learning plan until April 30th.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that \$44 million has been obligated to the State of Iowa for reimbursement of expenses related to the COVID-19 response.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration, ordering additional closures and relaxing additional regulations.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed new proclamation](#) continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration and requiring additional protective measures in Region 6 (Northeastern Iowa). These restrictions include:
 - Limiting social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings in Region 6 to only people who live together in the same household
 - Continuing to limit weddings, funerals, and other spiritual or religious gatherings to no more than 10 people
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [has released an updated dashboard](#) on coronavirus.iowa.gov that will be updated daily to include comprehensive tracking of COVID-19 in Iowa. The new dashboard includes cases, deaths, and tests conducted in each county. The state will also be providing demographic information that was not previously provided as well as Iowa’s epidemiological curve.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans to reopen Iowa through a “phased-in manner” following the guidelines issued by the president.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all school districts and nonpublic schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Iowa meatpacking plants will stay open.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the Test Iowa Initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa. The state is partnering with Nomi Health and DOMO, which are part of a partnership that launched a similar initiative in the state of Utah.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [said](#) in her daily briefing she “must get Iowa back to work sooner rather than later.”
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration. The proclamation permits health care providers to begin the process of resuming some elective surgeries and procedures through a phased approach,

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

permits farmers markets to begin limited operations with appropriate public health precautions, and outlines other measures.

Kansas

- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [recommended](#) K-12 school in Kansas close for the week of March 15. To address the long-term discussion of the status of schools, the Kansas State Board of Education will build a comprehensive plan to address the challenges that schools are facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- March 12, 2020 – The Governor [declared](#) a state of emergency.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [banned](#) all gatherings larger than 50 people, bringing the entire state in line with restrictions already announced in Wichita and Kansas City.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#), effective Monday, March 23, that state employees state home for two weeks on administrative leave to minimize additional risk of exposure to the virus.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the closure of all K-12 schools in the state until the end of the school year.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) limiting public gathering to no more than 50 people and asked the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to suspend utility disconnects until April 15. This directive covers all electrical, natural gas, water and telecommunications utilities under the KCC's jurisdiction.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Executive Order #20-06 to temporarily prohibit evictions and foreclosures across the state.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed three bills](#):
 - Senate Bill 27 extends unemployment eligibility for workers who filed after January 1, 2020.
 - Senate Bill 142 expands education waiver authorities during disaster emergencies.
 - Senate Bill 102 expands authorities of the judicial branch during disasters.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that under the state's disaster declaration Kansas has applied for, and expects to receive, disaster assistance loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to supplement small businesses.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the allocation of 5 million of state funds to establish the Hospitality Industry Relief Emergency (HIRE) Fund to provide short-term, zero-interest loans for Kansas' hospitality sector
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporarily expanding telemedicine and addressing certain licensing requirements.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order for conditional and temporary relief from certain motor carrier rules and regulations.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order limiting mass gathering to 10 people.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order preventing all Kansas waste removal providers, trash and recycling, from cancelling or suspending commercial or residential waste or recycling removal services for Kansas residences and businesses as a result of nonpayment due to significant loss of income or increase in expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending tax filing deadlines to July 15, 2020, and waiving any interest and penalties for returns and payments made on or before July 15, 2020.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the state budget which also approves \$65 million for Kansas coronavirus response.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order establishing the Kansas Essential Function Framework for the COVID-19 response.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Kansas' request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Kansas to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order instituting a temporary, statewide stay-home order until Sunday, April 19.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a new executive order making the following changes to the state's employment security law:
 - The waiting week requirement for unemployment benefits will be temporarily waived for all claimants;
 - The requirement that Kansans receiving unemployment benefits actively seek work each week will be temporarily waived for all claimants to allow Kansans to continue the necessary social distancing practices;
 - All Kansas employers, as required by the federal Department of Labor, will be required to notify separated employees if they qualify for unemployment insurance.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order which primarily brings religious institutions and religious and non-religious funerals in line with the a previous order that limited public gatherings to 10 or fewer people.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) legal action against members of the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) over its revocation of an executive order she issued that limited mass gatherings to 10 or fewer people.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending professional and occupational licensing.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporary allowing notaries and witnesses to act via audio-video technology.
- April 11, 2020 – The Kansas Supreme Court [upheld](#) the Governor's executive order limiting the size of mass gathering to 10 people, including that of church services and funerals.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order extending the temporary relief for motor carriers from certain rules and regulations.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor and the Department for Children and Families [announced](#) a new emergency food assistance benefit for current program households.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor has [extended](#) the stay-at-home order until May 1st.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor has [signed an executive order](#) that brings adult care homes in line with other occupational licensing exemptions. All state agencies working or collaborating with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services shall extend renewal deadlines for any occupational or professional license, certificate or registration as needed.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor has [signed an executive order](#) extending the stay-at-home order to May 3.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [stated](#) that her state and other rural states have struggled to get medical supplies which her public health teams identifies as a prerequisite to easing social distancing requirements.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Kansas received additional supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) from federal partners to expand COVID-19 testing in Finney, Ford, Lyon and Seward counties.
- April 21, 2020 – The state has [coordinated](#) with local agencies to secure temporary emergency housing for some people who have been isolated for observation or quarantined for two weeks in four counties with large meatpacking plants affected by the virus.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has released new guidelines on COVID-19 testing. People exhibiting two symptoms will now be able to get tested.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that her administration has been in communication with the state’s impacted meat processing facilities’ representatives, their employees and local health officials and those facilities have taken several steps to modify their production and shipping systems.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporarily waiving physician supervision or collaboration requirements for certain medical licensees, including advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and licensed practical nurses. The order also allows out-of-state health care providers to practice in Kansas.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages for carryout consumption and permits the sale of liquor in a container that is not the original container for any establishment holding a class A club license, class B club license or drinking establishment license.

Kentucky

- March 6, 2020 – Governor Beshear declared a [state of emergency](#) to ensure all state entities have the necessary resources to respond.
- March 7, 2020 – The Governor issued [guidance](#) for high risk populations, as well as state employees on how to protect themselves and others. This includes modification to state sick leave policies.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Beshear [announced](#) in a press conference that Kentucky nursing homes will be limiting patient visits. Patients receiving end-of-life-care are the only group allowed to receive visitors to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Beshear [instructed](#) school districts to be prepared to close schools on short notice, closed all state prisons to visitors, suspended out-of-state travel for state employees, urged more businesses to allow employees to tele-commute and to provide paid sick leave, and asked places of worship to temporarily cancel services.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [asked](#) all Kentucky hospitals to cease providing elective surgery and for daycare facilities to begin planning for closures.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all bars and restaurant and dining rooms to close. The order will take effect at 5 PM on March 16.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the [following steps](#) to continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - All childcare centers, with the exception of those providing services to health care workers and some on-site employers, will close by March 20.
 - All public-facing businesses that encourage public congregation or, that by the nature of the service to the public, cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing, shall cease all in-person operations. These public-facing businesses that must close include entertainment, hospitality and recreational facilities, community

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

and recreation centers, gyms and exercise facilities, hair salons, nail salons, spas, concert venues, theaters, and sporting event facilities.

- All acute care facilities should discourage all visitors except for visits in end-of-life circumstances. The Governor also advised psychiatric facilities to restrict visitation, only allowing it if deemed medically necessary by the attending physician, administrator and the medical director.
- The Governor recommended personal care homes, assisted living, senior care facilities and intermediate care facilities limit visitation only to loved ones that are receiving end-of-life care.
- The Governor also announced a three-month extension of driver's licenses and the postponement of primary elections.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several new actions to supplement previous guidance for closing public-facing businesses, including the suspension of all charitable gaming licenses and temporary closing of bingo halls.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is working with federal partners to continue Child Care Assistance Program payments on behalf of qualified families during the mandatory closure period. The state will also be covering copayments typically covered by families.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed an order](#) allowing restaurants that have food delivery options and a liquor license to deliver sealed alcoholic beverages in their original containers to customers.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Kentucky unemployment insurance implements new procedures to manage the influx of claims including new phonelines and video conference services.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) school superintendents keep schools closed for in-person classes until at least April 20 and delayed the state's income tax filing deadline until July 15.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all nonessential retailers to close within 24 hours and that he is mandating all elective medical procedures to end.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the new following actions:
 - Changes in mass layoff parameters. Any employer with at least 50 employees, who is laying off at least 15 employees, is encouraged to file a claim on behalf of their employees through the E-Claims process.
 - Establish the Team Kentucky Fund, a fundraising platform designed to provide financial assistance to Kentuckians whose employment has been affected by COVID-19
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all non-life sustaining business to close in-person service.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that state workers would begin helping at food banks.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) many businesses, including food and beverage industries, are making barrels of hand sanitizers for hospitals and first responders.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Kentucky's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Kentucky to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) legislation waiving in-person school attendance requirements and giving school districts permission to engage in nontraditional/remote learning.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [asked](#) mayors and county judge-executives to monitor people gathering in public places such as parks and stop them if people are not practicing social distancing.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) residents to avoid crossing into Tennessee to limit their exposure to COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order limiting out of state travel for residents of Kentucky, except when required for employment, to obtain medicine or groceries, to seek or obtain care by a healthcare provider, to provide care to dependents or when mandated by court order.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [stated](#) that the National Guard would be assisting to help feed seniors and displaced workers.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following:
 - Recommendation for school districts to extend their suspension of in-person instruction to at least May 1;
 - Plans to commute the sentences of hundreds of non-violent offenders;
 - All state parks would be closed for overnight stays; and
 - Move plans forward to convert state fairgrounds in Louisville into a 2,000 hospital makeshift bed.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Kentucky’s request to recover Medicaid federal match rates and provide federal funds for a payment benefiting over 50 rural hospitals.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new initiative aimed at making it easier for people to donate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a call to action for any person, organization or business that can donate more personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline workers.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he would allow first responders and front-line health care workers to quarantine in cabins at state parks in five locations across the commonwealth, which would allow them to quarantine away from their families and other loved ones if necessary.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Kentucky received the federal funding stream to begin making the additional \$600 per week payment to those Kentuckians receiving unemployment insurance benefits.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) a previous executive order that allows pharmacists to dispense emergency refills for up to another 30-day supply of non-scheduled medications to Kentucky residents.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all individuals who attend an in-person worship service or mass gathering of any kind Easter Weekend will face quarantine orders.
 - Information will be gathered from license plates of church-goers.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the United Postal Service (UPS) donated 16,000 N95 masks.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a coordinated effort with Indiana Governor Holcomb and Ohio Governor DeWine to respond to the pandemic and to reopen the states’ economies.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota,

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:

- Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an expansion of the state’s partnership with Kroger to provide drive-through testing for the coronavirus.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) seven benchmarks that must be met in order to start reopening the state’s economy. They include:
 - 14 days where cases are decreasing
 - Increased testing capacity and contact tracing
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE) availability
 - Ability to protect at-risk populations
 - Ability to social distance and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on large gatherings
 - Preparedness for a possible future spike
 - Status of vaccine and treatment
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of a new Long-Term Care Task Force that will assist the Kentuckians most vulnerable to COVID-19 and the healthcare workers who serve them.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [advised](#) the commonwealth’s education leaders to keep facilities closed to in-person instruction for the rest of the school year.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of “Healthy at Work,” a new initiative to help Kentucky businesses reopen safely. Healthy at Work offers a phased approach to reopening Kentucky’s economy, based on criteria set by public health experts and advice from industry experts.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the phased restart of Kentucky’s economy will begin on Monday, April 27th, with a segment of the health care services industry. Initially, the easing of restrictions will allow for diagnostic and radiology testing, as well as non-urgent, emergent, in-person office and ambulatory visits.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that on April 27, the state will begin the gradual restart and reopening of the Phase 1 health care services and facilities, although they will operate differently than prior to the outbreak of COVID-19.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Kentucky has received more than \$450,000 in funding to provide novel coronavirus (COVID-19) prevention, preparedness and response assistance to non-profit arts organizations.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor and Secretary of State Michael Adams [have reached an agreement](#) on how the state’s primary elections, special elections and local option elections scheduled for June 23, 2020.
 - The Governor [signed an executive order](#) on the issue outlining:
 - The expansion and promotion of absentee ballots
 - Prioritizing voting by appointment
 - PPE for clerks and poll workers
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Kentucky’s local public safety agencies and eligible local governments can apply for part of more than \$9 million in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice’s (USDOJ) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF).

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the expansion of testing sites across the state

Louisiana

- March 2, 2020 – Gov. John Bel Edwards [announced the creation](#) of a COVID-19 Task Force.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Edwards [declared a public health emergency](#) to allow state agencies to thoroughly prepare for any eventuality related to public health needs and deploy additional resources to assist local authorities. The declaration also addresses efforts to prevent price gouging and limits state employee travel.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) postponing elections in Louisiana, including the Louisiana Presidential Primary.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed a proclamation](#) that immediately halts any gathering of more than 250 people until April 13 and closes all K-12 public schools statewide effective March 16 until April 13.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) bars, gyms and movie theaters to close and limited restaurants to delivery and takeout.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced measures](#) to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including further limiting the size of gatherings to fewer than 50 people, closing casinos, bars and movie theaters and limiting restaurants to delivery, take out and drive-through orders only.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the Small Business Administration provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Orleans and Jefferson parishes.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that shelter in place may be necessary for some Louisiana localities to stem the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [suspended](#) foreclosures and evictions in the state.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) LA Wallet, the state of Louisiana’s official digital driver’s license, will be made available to residents free of charge. The all-digital identification and driver’s license app will temporarily suspend fees.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [sent a letter](#) to President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence requesting temporary changes to several federal programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:
 - An expansion of the Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service hot food waiver to allow the purchase of hot food in Louisiana restaurants through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
 - Statutory and administrative changes related to Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery;
 - Recommendations for FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program and Public Assistance program.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [warned](#) President Donald Trump that his state could exceed capacity to treat patients in one week.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [updated his public health emergency](#) declaration to provide waivers for education requirements and to speed up testing.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all Louisiana parishes would be eligible for small business disaster aid.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed and updated](#) to his Public Health Emergency declaration, which waives some education requirements in the law and also suspends some laboratory requirements to speed the process of coronavirus testing.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed and updated](#) the Public Health Emergency.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide Stay at Home Order.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Louisiana’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Louisiana to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Louisiana as the number of cases of COVID-19 grow. The declaration would allow the federal government to provide additional support for state and local agencies in dealing with this growing public health threat.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a proclamation outlining additional response measures in Louisiana, including provisions related to first responders, law enforcement and granting emergency authority to the insurance commissioner.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the opening of a Louisiana Economic Development help desk, providing email and hotline support for Louisiana businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new Loan Portfolio Guaranty Program, which will offer loans of up to \$100,000 to Louisiana small businesses of fewer than 100 employees that are impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced a new text](#) alert system that will provide timely COVID-19 updates and other critical guidance directly from the governor’s office to Louisiana residents.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [formally extended](#) his Stay at Home order until April 30 which extends the length of time that schools and some businesses are closed and continues limits on the size of gatherings.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order related to unemployment and other issues related to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, as it seeks to manage the influx in unemployment claims.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor’s response fund [approved](#) the first grant from the Governor’s COVID-19 Response Fund which will feed children in southern Louisiana.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of a Healthy Equity Task Force which will look at how health inequities are affecting communities that are most impacted by the coronavirus.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [postponed](#) Louisiana’s election again and is now rescheduled for July 11th.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed a proclamation](#) closing K-12 public schools in Louisiana to students until the end of the current school year, with students getting their education via remote learning.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced the creation](#) of Resilient Louisiana, a state commission charged with examining Louisiana’s economy amid the COVID-19 pandemic and making recommendations for more resilient business-related activities and commerce in the coming months.
- April 20, 2020 – The Louisiana Department of Health [issued](#) a revised order for medical and surgical procedures. The revised guidelines go into effect April 27th and state that medical and surgical procedures shall only be performed under the following conditions:
 - To treat an emergency medical condition;
 - To avoid further harms from an underlying condition or disease; and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- To treat time sensitive conditions.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) two co-chairs and appointed members to the Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force and several subcommittees. The chairs are:
 - Dr. Sandra C. Brown, Dean of Southern University’s College of Nursing and Allied Health
 - Dr. Thomas LaVeist, Dean of Tulane University’s School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- April 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state of Louisiana will be extending the stay-at-home order until May 15.

Maine

- March 2, 2020 – Governor Janet Mills [convened an Coronavirus Response Team](#) charged with coordinating the state’s response across departments, local agencies and health authorities to the potential spread of novel coronavirus.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Janet Mills [recommended in a press conference](#) that gatherings with more than 250 people be postponed. The Governor also announced that she is suspending all non-essential travel by state employees.
- March 15, 2020 – Governor Janet Mills [signed](#) a proclamation of civil emergency.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor’s emergency legislation were [approved](#) by the House and Senate. Key provisions include the following:
 - Access to at least \$11 million in state funding to respond to COVID-19.
 - Establishing a consumer loan guarantee program through the Finance Authority of Maine, in partnership with financial institutions, to provide low- or no-interest loans for eligible people in Maine.
 - Temporarily expanding eligibility for unemployment benefits for workers impacted by COVID-19.
 - Increasing the Department of Education’s ability to waive certain school-day requirements and to continue school lunch programs for all eligible children.
 - Authorizing the Governor to adjust state, county and municipal government deadlines and to permit all public entities to meet by remote participation.
 - Expanding the ability of Maine Emergency Medical Services’ Board and staff to take actions more promptly.
 - Authorizing the Governor to prohibit utilities from terminating residential electric and water service.
 - Authorizing the Governor to determine and direct the manner of the June 2020 primary, if necessary.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order that [closed](#) restaurant dining rooms, bars, and limited social gatherings to no greater than 10 people.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed the Maine Health Care Coverage Act](#) to improve private health insurance in the state.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) open all inland waters for fishing and waived the requirement that anglers need a recreational fishing license to fish the inland waters of Maine. The order is effective immediately and runs until April 30th.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the president requesting that the Trump Administration consider direct financial assistance, subsidies, and operating loans or loan deferment, among other possible measures, to help the seafood industry.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) large essential businesses to limit in-store customers, enhance curbside pick-up and delivery services, and implement physical distancing measures to protect customer and employee health
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor issued an executive order that mandated all non-essential businesses and operations in Maine close their physical locations that are public facing.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor, through the Maine Emergency Management Agency, [signed](#) agreements with the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to coordinate requests for assistance and the deployment of resources.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an insurance emergency response order allowing licensed physicians, physician assistants, and nurses greater flexibility to contribute to Maine’s response during the civil state of emergency. This includes:
 - Receive an emergency license to provide health care in person or through telehealth to Maine people, with no application fee
 - See Maine patients through telehealth without obtaining a Maine license, if already serving those patients at out-of-state locations
 - Have their licenses automatically renewed if up for renewal during the state of emergency
 - Suspend conforming to physician oversight requirements (for physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses)
 - Reactivate their license immediately with no application fee, if retired.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [took action](#) to align Maine with federal guidance and improves the affordability of needed health care services delivered through telehealth.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new measures to help the state’s nursing facilities address financial challenges. They include:
 - Providing additional payments through MaineCare to support nursing facilities’ efforts related to infection control and visitor screening to protect workers and the residents in their care.
 - Asking nursing homes to track and submit costs beyond their normal operating expenses.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the state income tax payment deadline to July 15, 2020
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a new online resource in the state that outlines the ways the people of Maine can support relief efforts. It outlines 4 ways help can be provided:
 - Financial assistance
 - Healthcare and medical assistance
 - Small business assistance
 - Connections with family, friends, and neighbors
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) boating registration renewal period until April 30 due to COVID-19.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to fast track free online job training at Maine’s community colleges
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that her office is accelerating pay increases for personal care workers and expanding access to meals for older Mainers who are home-bound because of COVID-19.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a stay-at-home order for the state that will continue to April 30th.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a major disaster declaration from the federal government.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the state property tax deadline.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order mandating that travelers arriving in Maine, regardless of their state of residency, self-quarantine for 14 days.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President has approved her request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Maine.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to further expand access to health care by taking additional steps to bolster the health care workforce, expand telehealth services, and temporarily alleviate certain licensing requirements.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Maine National Guard and the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to work with Maine’s health care systems to open two alternative care sites in Portland and Bangor as part of the State’s preparations to bolster Maine health system capacity.
- April 7, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Maine’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Maine to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing remote notarizations.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order moving Maine’s primary election from Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to Tuesday, July 14, 2020. The order allows applications for absentee ballots to be made in writing or in person, without specifying a reason, up to and including the day of the election.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [joined a coalition](#) of Governors from Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin in writing to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma to ask the Administration to reconsider its decision and take action to allow for a special enrollment period of at least 30 days on the federal health care exchange.
- April 14, 2020—The Governor wrote a letter [urging](#) U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to coordinate a nationwide strategy to increase the amount of food available to emergency food programs and to address gaps in the food supply chain.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed a proclamation](#) extending Maine’s state of civil emergency for another thirty days through May 15, 2020.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) that will prevent the immediate eviction of tenants other than those who engage in dangerous or unlawful conduct for the duration of the state of emergency. The Governor also strengthened the penalties for landlords who may try to evict tenants by unlawful means, and she extended the timeframe for the eviction process in the event that the Courts reopen before the Governor’s state of emergency is terminated.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor in partnership with MaineHousing, [announced](#) a new rental assistance relief program for Maine people who cannot pay their rent due to COVID-19.
- April 17, 2020 – Governor Janet Mills [responded](#) to President Trump’s guidelines for reopening the state.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that nearly \$11 million in federal funds will support access to child care for Maine’s essential workers, including health care professionals and first responders, and offer relief for child care providers.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor announced her vision for the gradual reopening of Maine. It includes:
 - Protecting public health
 - Maintaining healthcare readiness
 - Building reliable and accessible testing
 - Prioritizing private-public collaboration

Maryland

- January 29, 2020 – The State Emergency Operations Center’s activation level [has been raised](#) to “Enhanced” in support of a local incident and novel coronavirus response in Maryland.
- January 29, 2020 – The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has issued clinical guidance to the state’s 20,472 physicians, 2,786 nurse practitioners, 1,301 pharmacists, and local health departments. The department has held briefings for Maryland Strategic National Stockpile partners and public health and hospital emergency managers. In addition, the department has held an informational webinar for local health departments.
- March 2, 2020 – MDH has released [public service announcements](#) regarding statewide preparedness efforts.
- March 3, 2020 – Governor Hogan [is submitting](#) a \$10 million emergency funding request to the General Assembly as part of a supplemental budget.
- March 3, 2020 – The Maryland Higher Education Commission is coordinating with University System of Maryland institutions that are bringing home students who are studying abroad in Italy and Japan.
- March 3, 2020 – MDH is coordinating with nursing homes and assisted living facilities to review and reiterate guidance on infection control and medical management.
- March 3, 2020 – MDH is coordinating with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to provide guidance to local school systems on protocols for school closures.
- March 3, 2020 – MDH is coordinating with the Maryland Hospital Association to work with all the local hospitals on surge plans and preparedness.
- March 3, 2020 – The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is actively engaged with travelers to ensure they have information they need and are following the CDC guidelines. The Port of Baltimore is also engaged in similar screening protocols.
- March 3, 2020 – All state agencies have reviewed their Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans and submitted them to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.
- March 5, 2020 – Governor Hogan declares a [state of emergency](#) to coordinate response after coronavirus after confirming cases in Maryland.
- March 6, 2020 – Governor Hogan issued a [bulletin](#) for health carriers regarding coverage for COVID-19 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
- March 9, 2020 – Governor Hogan [signed](#) emergency legislation allowing his state to access rainy day funds, and formed a Coronavirus Response Team to advise on health and emergency management decisions.
- March 9, 2020 – Governor Hogan [suspended](#) all business-related out-of-state travel for state employees.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Hogan [enacted](#) several recommendations and additional state actions:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- The Department of Motor Vehicles moved toward an all appointment system for all transactions, to reduce walk-in visits and foot traffic.
- The Maryland Health Benefits Exchange established a special enrollment period through Maryland Health Connection for COVID-19.
- The Department of Corrections and Public Safety Services discontinued visitation services for an individual in infirmaries.
- For long-term care communities, access is restricted to essential visits only; staff are prohibited from international travel; and it is recommended that facilities screen all individuals entering the facilities.
- All state veterans' facilities are required to follow state-issued guidelines for long-term care facilities.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Hogan [announced](#) major actions including:
 - Maryland Emergency Management Agency moving to its highest action level.
 - Activating the National Guard.
 - All state government is raised to “elevated level two” and all non-essential state employees who are approved for telework will be required to do so.
 - Closing all public schools from March 16 through March 27.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued an emergency order](#) closing all casinos, racetracks, and betting facilities. To support these businesses, the Maryland Department of Commerce and Labor [compiled resources](#) for employer and worker assistance, financial assistance, and licensing and permitting to help support the industry.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [ordered the closure](#) of bars and restaurants and banned mass gatherings of over 50 people.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an omnibus health care order](#) that:
 - Increases hospital bed capacity by 6,0000;
 - Activates the states medical reserve corps;
 - Establishes policies and procedures for rationing, distributing and stockpiling resources received from the Strategic National Stockpile;
 - Allows for interstate reciprocity of practice for any individual that holds a valid health care license;
 - Allows for inactive clinicians to practice without first reinstating their inactive license; and
 - Allows for actions to control, restrict, and regulate the use of health care facilities in responding to a catastrophic health emergency.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an emergency order](#) that prohibits utility shutoffs and prohibits evictions for individuals who can show documentation that their inability to pay was due to COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor, along with the Maryland Police Force, [activated the Maryland State Troopers](#) to be deployed across the state and activated two Area Support Medical Companies (under the National Guard) to carry out emergency functions.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued a proclamation](#) to postpone April 28 primary elections until June 2, while moving forward with the 7th congressional general election by implementing a vote-by-mail system.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor announced that all vehicle emissions inspection programs will be shut down, and steps will be taken to [turn these facilities into drive-through testing centers](#).
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is moving to cashless tolling statewide in an attempt to limit interaction between the public and toll collectors.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor’s legal counsel [issued guidance](#) on the prohibition of large gatherings, and on [the closure of bars](#), restaurants, casinos and other facilities.
- March 18, 2020 – The Maryland Department of Commerce posted [Maryland Business Express Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information for Businesses](#).
- March 18, 2020 – The Department of Health [hosted](#) a webinar providing guidance for businesses in preventing the spread of coronavirus in the workplace.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that no one should use public transportation except emergency personnel, front-line health-care workers, or those whose jobs are essential to the supply chain.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) that all returning spring break travelers quarantine for the next 14 days and avoid people over the age of 60.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the closure of all non-essential businesses.
- March 23, 2020 – The governor [announced](#) more than \$175 million to assist small businesses and workers, with \$125 million in loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofits through the Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. Another \$75 million loan fund and a \$50 million grant fund, with \$1 million in grants dedicated to non-profits, will provide working capital to be used for payroll, rent, fixed-debt payments and other mission critical cash operating costs
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Maryland Commerce is also working on creating a \$5 million fund to incentivize businesses to manufacture personal protective equipment and other supplies to satisfy the increasing needs of the healthcare industry.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he has allocated \$5 million, and the Maryland Department of Labor has allocated \$2 million, to collaboratively launch the COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [toured](#) the Baltimore Convention Center, which is to be turned into a field hospital and alternative care site with support from the Maryland National Guard.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a presidential disaster declaration.
- March 26, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [approved](#) Maryland’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Maryland to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a joint partnership between the Governor’s office, Bloomberg Philanthropies and John Hopkins University to fund research into the potential therapeutic uses of COVID-19 convalescent plasma. The funding consists of a \$3 million gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies, in addition to \$1 million in backing from the state of Maryland.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a Stay at Home order and announced the opening of four new testing sites. Additionally, he [announced](#) updates on the state’s \$175 million economic relief package for workers and small businesses, including an additional \$2 million for the state’s COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that amends the previous May 20 order regarding telehealth by expanding these services beyond audio-only methods, to methods such as email.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order ensuring that workers who provide important support services to the disabled will be treated as health care providers under the recently enacted Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) new directives that requires nursing facilities to direct all staff who interact with residents to wear personal protective equipment, create separate observation and isolation areas for residents, and expedite all testing through the Maryland State Public Health Laboratory.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a new executive order empowering local health departments to take action against any businesses, establishments, and construction sites they deem unsafe.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health —through the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities—to immediately take all actions necessary in order to provide further demographic breakdowns on race and ethnicity for all case data, including hospitalization rates and mortality.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the White House and federal officials have now designated the Baltimore-Washington corridor as an emerging hotspot.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is instituting a budget and hiring freeze amid estimates that Maryland is facing a projected \$2.8 billion shortfall due to this public health emergency. He also announced that he has directed the Maryland Department of Labor to take steps to bolster the state’s unemployment insurance process to handle an unprecedented surge in claims.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of COVIDConnect, a new registry for Marylanders who have recovered from COVID-19. This registry will serve as a community platform to share experiences and lend support to others who are coping with the recovery process.
- April 15, 2020 – Governor Hogan [issued](#) an executive order requiring the wearing of face coverings inside any retail establishments or when riding any form of public transportation in Maryland.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Maryland is in a position to plan the gradual rollout of the state’s recovery phase amid “very real reasons for hope and optimism.” He laid out four building blocks for a recovery plan:
 - Expanding testing capacity
 - Increasing hospital surge capacity
 - Ramping up supply of PPE
 - Building a robust contact tracing operation
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state plans to hire 1,000 people to work in local health departments as investigators work to trace the path of the coronavirus.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor, along with New York Governor Cuomo, [issued](#) a statement to President Trump requesting an additional \$500 billion to address revenue shortfalls.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state’s roadmap to recovery will be unveiled next week.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing for the potential release of hundreds of inmates. Eligible inmates must be elderly or nearing release and must not be considered a public safety risk.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the successful completion of ‘Operation Enduring Friendship,’ which brought 500,000 tests to Maryland as purchased through LabGenomics, a company in South Korea.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [sent a letter](#) to President Trump, accepting an offer to allow the state to use federal labs for coronavirus testing and to request guidance on how to proceed.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor’s administration [released](#) interpretive guidance allowing barbershops and hair salons to reopen by appointment only to serve certain essential workers, such as military personnel and first responders.
- April 22, 2020 – As part of the Governor’s hospital surge plan, he [announced](#) that Laurel Medical Center has officially reopened. The Governor also announced additional measures and updates related to his reopening plan.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor, alongside Virginia Governor Northam and D.C. Mayor Bowser, [sent a letter](#) urging OPM to continue broad telework policies for federal agencies.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) his Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery which outline building blocks for recovery related to expanding testing capacity, increased hospital surge capacity, ramping up supply of PPE, and improving contact tracing operations.

Massachusetts

- February 3, 2020 – A [supplemental appropriations bill](#) filed by Governor Baker would allow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to use surplus funds in unrelated accounts in the event of unanticipated costs related to communicable diseases. The Massachusetts House and Senate have approved mid-year spending bills based on the Governor’s request, which must be reconciled.
- February 28, 2020 – The Massachusetts Department of Public Health established an Incident Command Structure to facilitate regular dissemination of information from federal and state partners to statewide stakeholders.
- March 4, 2020 – Governor Baker announced that due to the emergency health situation, the state is urging colleges and universities to cancel upcoming organized international trips.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Baker [declared](#) a state of emergency.
- March 10, 2020 – Broad restrictions are [imposed](#) on travel for many state employees
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Baker [signed off on a \\$15 million dollar spending bill](#) that will cover costs of monitoring, treating, containing and educating the public about COVID-19.
- March 13, 2020 – The state [allowed medical professionals](#) from other states to obtain a Massachusetts license in 24 hours.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Baker [announced](#) a ban on all gatherings of 250 people or more.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several new steps to address COVID-19, including the following:
 - All public and private elementary and secondary schools will be closed for three weeks.
 - Gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.
 - Visitors are prohibited from entering long-term care facilities and nursing homes.
 - The administration is filing emergency legislation that will allow new claims to be paid more quickly by waiving the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced a new legislative package](#) aimed at supporting municipal governance that allows changes to the postponing of town meetings, adopting lower quorum rules, permitting municipal spending of revolving funds, and other measures.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced a \\$10 million Small Business Recovery Loan Fund](#) that aims to provide emergency capital (up to \$75,000) to businesses in the state impacted by COVID-19.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced four new emergency orders that make the following changes](#):
 - Licensed physicians who have retired in the last year, and who are in good standing, may be reactivated for a period of 90 days after the end of the public health emergency.
 - Providers in good standing from other states can obtain emergency licenses to practice in the state, or practice through telemedicine.
 - The ability of residents to provide critical services (under supervision) will be expanded.
 - Allows licenses for nurses, pharmacists and physician assistants, who would otherwise be up for renewal, to extend their licensure status by 90 days after the end of the public health emergency.
 - Adjusts the minimum standards for ambulance staffing to ensure capacity of EMS services.
 - Expands telehealth by facilitating those services across state lines.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor’s administration [is distributing \\$5 million in initial emergency funding](#) to address needs of community health boards. Additional funding will support public health emergency resources in cities and towns.
- March 17, 2020 – Building off the Governor’s emergency loan fund, the Governor [formally requested](#) that the Small Business Administration issue a declaration of economic injury so as to expedite the ability for small business to obtain loans.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all early education and childcare centers will close on March 23, 2020.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed Senate S.2599](#) authorizing unemployment assistance to workers impacted by COVID-19. The legislation will allow for new claims to be paid in an expedited fashion by waiving the one week waiting period for such benefits.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the U.S. Small Business Administration will offer low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Massachusetts small businesses suffering substantial economic injury.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the Massachusetts National Guard with up to 2,000 members who will support requests from state agencies for equipment, logistics, warehousing, and related duties.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an emergency order requiring all businesses and organization who are not proving “COVID-19 Essential Services” to close their physical workplaces and facilities. Simultaneously, the Governor also stated that he is limiting mass gathering to 10 people or less. The order does not however prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in an outdoor space.
- March 16, 2020 – The Massachusetts courts [announced](#) that no evictions would occur during the COVID-19 public health emergency until at least April 21.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [filed](#) An Act to Further Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and School Districts Resulting from COVID-19, which would provide administrative relief to state and local government entities in the form of modifying local permitting processes, enabling municipalities to extend tax and finance deadlines, and extending deadlines for certain education requirements.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new text-based notification system to deliver important information about the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 response to Massachusetts residents.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new actions across the commonwealth, which include extending the closure of all public and private schools and non-emergency child care programs and actions to protect homeowners and low-income tenants from eviction and foreclosure.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of a COVID-19 Advisory Board, which includes a group of medical experts that will support the Response Command Center and actions across the commonwealth.
- March 26, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [approved](#) Massachusetts’ request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Massachusetts to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he extended the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new public health emergency responses, by issuing guidelines on travel and transportation and offering support for health care professionals and patients. The follow measures will go into place:
 - Travelers arriving to Massachusetts are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days.
 - State medical schools will facilitate early graduation of their qualified fourth-year students to allow graduates to support the health care workforce.
 - The Board of Registration in Medicine will provide medical school graduates who have matched as an intern, resident or fellow with a Board-approved Massachusetts health care facility or training program with Emergency 90-Day Limited Licenses to practice medicine.
 - The launch of Buoy Health’s new online resource for residents to check their symptoms and connect with the next appropriate health care resource.
 - A public health order to provide Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, in good standing, with greater flexibility in their prescribing practices.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with the Massachusetts Medical Society to match volunteers with communities and health care providers based on skillsets and need.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new online portal where individuals and companies can easily donate or sell personal protective equipment and sign up to volunteer to support COVID-19 emergency response efforts.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new actions that will support efforts to expand the Commonwealth’s health care workforce, including expediting licensing for certain health care workers and onboarding for health care volunteers who have signed up through the Administration’s new online volunteer portal.
- March 30, 2020 – The Department of Public Health [ordered](#) that certain MassHealth regulations regarding the transfers and discharge of long-term facility residents be waived for the purposes of moving residents to designated COVID-19 facilities.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) updates to the list of businesses deemed to provide “COVID-19 Essential Services” and extended the non-essential business emergency order to May 4.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an emergency order requiring all coastal beach reservation parking areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to close.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration, through the Response Command Center, [outlined](#) projections related to the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [announced](#) an initiative that will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already underway from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor, along with CVS, [announced](#) the launch of a new rapid testing site with the capability of testing 1,000 people a day, as well as same day results.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new financial package to support providers through the MassHealth program, by providing \$800 million crisis stabilization funding to support health care providers impacted by and responding to the public health emergency, \$80 million to nursing facilities, and \$400 million to safety net hospitals.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [filed](#) legislation to provide health care workers and facilities protections from civil liability while they are on the front lines of response to this public health emergency.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [announced](#) an expansion of COVID-19 testing sites for public safety personnel, new Crisis Standards of Care documentation for the Commonwealth’s health care facilities, and new guidance to further promote social distancing at grocery stores.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) details for the initial implementation of federal unemployment benefits in the CARES Act, such as an additional \$600 per week for individuals collecting benefits from regular unemployment compensation and a 13-week extension of benefits for individuals who exhausted their previous benefits.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the details for a new field medical station at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, increased support for health care workforce and patients, expansion of COVID-19 reporting data, new guidance for workers seeking unemployment benefits and protections for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [provided](#) an update on the Commonwealth’s hospital capacity and efforts to add more beds to the system to meet the expected surge.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [issued](#) further public health guidance that all residents wear a mask or face covering in public, expanded access to free priority testing sites for first responders and grocery store workers.
- April 13, 2020 – Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new initiative and over \$10 million in funding to support manufacturers’ efforts to pivot production operations to produce personal protective equipment and other critical devices, such as ventilators, sanitizers, and thermometers. The Manufacturing Emergency Response Team (M-ERT) is a coordinated response by the Governor’s Administration and leading academic and industry stakeholders

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

to support the Commonwealth's manufacturers in their efforts to produce much-needed supplies for front-line workers and the health care system.

- April 14, 2020 – The Governor's Administration [announced](#) the expansion of COVID-19 response reporting to include statewide hospital capacity and PPE distribution data.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor's Administration [announced](#) an additional \$130 million in new funding to long-term care facilities, the expansion of mobile testing for these facilities, and crisis management support to assist with staffing, vendors, and implementing infectious control measures.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for local law enforcement and firefighters through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) the state's ongoing comprehensive strategy to address homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic through the establishment of isolation and recovery sites, deployment of supplies and supporting families in emergency assistance and domestic violence shelters.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that residents who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits can now apply online for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. This includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and those with limited work history.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new actions to support the ongoing response, including extending the closure of all public and private schools through the end of the school year, and the closure of all non-emergency child care programs until June 29, as well as further support for students and families who have been impacted.
- April 22, 2020 – The Division of Banks [joined](#) a multi-state initiative to secure payment relief options for Massachusetts student loan borrowers and [issued](#) a Consumer Advisory with information and resources for private student loan borrowers.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor's Administration [announced](#) an initiative to expand testing at Community Health Centers as well as new Wi-Fi hotspots.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [filed](#) two waiver requests with CMS that will give the state and its Medicaid program, MassHealth, more flexibility to respond to this public health emergency.

Michigan

- February 3, 2020 – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services activated its [Community Health Coordination Center](#) (CHECC) to respond to COVID-19. The purpose of the CHECC is to develop and distribute guidelines and educational materials for coordination between local and state agencies.
- February 28, 2020 – Governor Whitmer activated the state Emergency Operations Center to coordinate with state, local and federal agencies to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- March 3, 2020 – Governor Whitmer [announced the creation of four task forces](#) to combat the spread of coronavirus and assess the impact it may have on Michiganders' day-to-day lives.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Whitmer [declared](#) a state of emergency.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Whitmer ordered [closure of all K-12 school buildings, public, private, and boarding schools](#) in the state until April 6, 2020.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 2020-8](#), effective until April 13, 2020, which imposes enhanced restrictions on price gouging of goods, materials, emergency supplies, and consumer food items.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance](#) that limits mass gatherings of more than 50 people.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor signed four executive orders to address COVID-19:
 - [Executive Order 2020-9](#) orders the temporary closure of bars, casinos and theatres, and limits restaurants to only serve carry-out and delivery orders.
 - [Executive Order 2020-10](#) orders the temporary expansion of eligibility for unemployment benefits.
 - [Executive Order 2020-11](#) orders a temporary prohibition on large gatherings and temporary closure of elementary and secondary schools.
 - [Executive Order 2020-12](#) orders the lifting of weight restrictions for vehicles carrying and delivering necessary items, such as medical supplies, testing and treatment equipment needed to respond to COVID-19 outbreaks in the state.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 2020-13](#) to temporarily lift regulatory requirements on hospitals and other care facilities in an effort to expand the number of health care providers able to respond to community needs.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [called](#) on the state National Guard to support its Department of Health and Human Services by gathering critical personal protective gear like gloves, gowns, and face shields.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 2020-14](#) extending the deadline for residents to pay back taxes, as well as avoid foreclosure on their property.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 2020-15](#), which states that public bodies (such as boards, committees, councils, etc.) subject to the Open Meetings Act can use telephonic methods to continue meeting and conducting business.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [wrote a letter](#) to President Trump requesting federal funding to support the Michigan National Guard.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Small Business Administration (SBA) approved her request for a statewide Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration, allowing small businesses to access loans from the SBA.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-16, which expands child care access during the public health emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-17, which imposes temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 2020-18](#), which includes minor clarifications of her executive order that temporarily imposed enhanced restrictions on the excessive pricing of goods, materials, emergency supplies, and consumer food items.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-19, which allows tenants and mobile homeowners to remain in their homes during the pandemic even if they are unable to stay current on their rent. The order also relieves courts from certain statutory restrictions to enable them to postpone eviction-related proceedings until after the public health emergency has passed.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-20, which makes clear that all facilities that provide non-essential personal care services must temporarily close.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-21, directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.
- March 20 – The Michigan Economic Development Corporation [announced](#) it will provide up to \$20 million in support for small businesses through the Michigan Small Business Relief program. The funding is divided between \$10 million in small business loans to support

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

businesses facing drastic reductions in cash flow and \$10 million in small business grants. The grant funding will go to local or nonprofit economic development organizations to provide grants up to \$10,000 to support small businesses that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [called on](#) residents and businesses to donate essential medical supplies and personal protective equipment to hospitals.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-22, which extends the deadline to complete the canvass of the March 10 primary to April 24.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order that allows the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to temporarily carry out more of their operations digitally. The order allows for Unemployment Insurance hearings to take place via teleconference and for e-signatures on related documents.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) her request for a Major Disaster Declaration.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-26, which pushes all April 2020 state and city income tax filing deadlines in Michigan to July 2020.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-27, encouraging residents to vote absentee by allowing the Department of State to assist local jurisdictions in mailing absentee ballot applications to every registered voter, and to provide absentee ballots directly to new registrants.
- March 28, 2020 – The state’s request for a Major Disaster declaration was [approved](#) by the President. In this request, funding was approved for the Crisis Counseling Program and for Emergency Protective Measures from the Public Assistance Category.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new volunteer website, www.michigan.gov/fightcovid19, where trained medical professionals can register to serve their fellow residents by assisting hospitals in responding to this public health emergency.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-28, which requires public water suppliers to immediately identify residences in their service area that do not currently have water service, and to make best efforts to restore service to homes where the service has been disconnected due to non-payment or damaged infrastructure. A \$2-million Water Restart Grant Program will help communities comply with the order.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-29, which protects vulnerable populations in Michigan’s county jails, local lockups and juvenile detention centers. The order also temporarily suspends transfers into and from DOC facilities until risk-reduction protocols are adequately in place, suspends provisions of the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act to allow local officials more flexibility in releasing vulnerable populations who do not pose a threat to public safety, and orders the State Budget Office to immediately seek a legislative transfer so that jails may be reimbursed for lodging prisoners who would have been transferred to DOC.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President has granted her request for a formal Mission Assignment to allocate and order up to 3,000 members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard for up to 90 days to perform humanitarian missions across the state.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Directive 2020-3, which temporarily restricts discretionary spending by state departments and agencies.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Directive 2020-4, which temporarily suspends the hiring, creating new positions, filling vacant positions, transfers, and promotions within the executive branch of state government.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a joint statement on the signing of two supplemental budget bills that provide \$150 million in new state funding in the current fiscal year in response to this public health emergency.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-32, which places a temporary restriction on non-essential veterinary procedures.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-31, suspending the April 1 requirement for lower vapor pressure gasoline to ensure that gasoline supplies remain available to support essential state functions.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor’s office [announced](#) that the Michigan National Guard will aid Food Banks in four communities across the state.
- March 30 – The Governor [announced](#) a new program to expand Pandemic Unemployment Insurance to self-employed and gig economy workers.
- March 31, 2020 – The Department of Education [requested](#) a federal waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Child Nutrition Programs, in accordance with federal guidance.
- March 31, 2020 – The Michigan Department of Education [requested](#) a federal waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Child Nutrition Programs, in accordance with federal guidance.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-33, which formally declares a state of disaster, and recognizes the expanded scope of economic, educational, and civic dislocation caused by this public health emergency, and equips the administration to address fully the devastation.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-35, which orders all K-12 school buildings to close for the remainder of the school year — unless restrictions are lifted — and ensures continuing of learning by setting guidelines for remote learning.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-34, to clarify the temporary restrictions she placed on non-essential veterinary procedures as part of Executive Order 2020-32.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) executive order 2020-36, prohibiting all employers from discharging, disciplining, or otherwise retaliating against an employee for staying home from work if they or one of their close contacts tests positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms of the disease. It also strengthens her “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with the Detroit Lions, Pistons, Red Wings, and Tigers to release a call to action video encouraging nurses and doctors to bring their skills to Michigan as a way to volunteer and help bolster the number of health care professionals on the front lines.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) executive order 2020-37, which renews the restrictions on entry into care facilities and juvenile justice facilities, and requires them to use best efforts to facilitate remote visitations between individuals under their care and their loved ones, using phone or video conferencing software.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-38, which relaxes requirements for responding to FOIA requests made by mail or fax.
- April 7, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Michigan’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Michigan to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-39, which temporarily suspends requirements regarding licensing and regulation of emergency medical services.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with health care providers providing critical support, such as the Henry Ford Health System, McLaren Health Care, Beaumont Health and the Detroit Medical Center.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities which consists of leaders across state government and health care professionals from communities most impacted by the spread of coronavirus. The task force will provide the governor with recommendations on how to address disparities as they work to slow the spread and mitigate this public health crisis for certain communities in the state.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-41, which will protect the health and safety of residents by reducing unnecessary in-person contact, through the use of electronic signatures, remote notarizations, remote witness attestations and acknowledgments, and remote visitations.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-42, extending her prior “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through the end of April.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that on April 13, self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers affected by this public health emergency will be able to apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor, along with 12 other Governors, [sent](#) a letter to Secretary Alex Azar and Administrator Seema Verma to ask that the Administration reconsider its decision and take swift action to allow for a special enrollment period of at least 30 days on the federal health care exchange.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) a statement after Hyundai Motor America announced that the city of Detroit Department of Health will receive a \$100,000 grant and 10,000 test kits to support the states drive-thru testing efforts.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-50, to establish procedures in long-term care facilities such as establishing COVID-19 designated regional hubs. The order also protects residents from being evicted and protects employees from retaliation for staying home when exhibiting symptoms.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting cost-sharing requirements for emergency work to be waived in response to the public health emergency.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Stay Home, Stay Mindful website in partnership with Headspace, a global leader in mindfulness and meditation, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide a new mental health resource for residents.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-52, which temporarily suspends requirements for in-person examinations for renewals of pesticide certifications.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-54 and 2020-53 to extend previous orders that suspended evictions and enhanced restrictions on price gouging.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) she and her staff will be taking pay cuts during the pandemic.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-55, creating the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with CVS Health to provide drive-through rapid testing to a select area of the state.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-56 extending her previous order which gives pharmacists increased operational capacity and increases access to prescriptions.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of the *MiMortgage Relief Partnership* with over 200 of Michigan’s financial institutions by providing affected borrowers with a 90-day grace period for all mortgage payment as well as other home ownership supports.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) executive order 2020-59, extending her “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order. The order also requires people to wear homemade masks when they are in enclosed public spaces and eases some restrictions on the public (e.g. allows motorized boating).
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-60 to establish strategies to reduce exposure between customers and employees. The order also provides temporary relief by suspending licensing requirements and regulations for food service industries.

Minnesota

- March 10, 2020 – Governor Walz [signed](#) legislation authorizing the state to use an additional \$21 million in state investments to support disease investigation, monitoring of the outbreak, public health information, and laboratory analysis of samples.
- March 11, 2020 – Proposed legislation would [grant](#) the Governor the authority to declare a peacetime emergency and allow employees to seek unemployment insurance or paid sick leave should they be quarantined due to COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Walz restricted all state business travel for state employees.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 20-02](#) authorizing the closure of all prekindergarten through grade 12 schools. This order also requires schools to provide care for elementary-age children of health care professionals, first responders, and other emergency workers during previously planned school days. Additionally, the order makes provisions for the continuity of mental health services and requires schools to continue providing meals to students in need. The Department of Health also [issued comprehensive guidance](#) for public school districts and charter schools on actions to take during these closures.
- March 15, 2020 – The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry released [guidance](#) on worker protections for those impacted by COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued a statement on economic conditions](#) in the state due to COVID-19, stating that experts anticipate a U.S. recession beginning in the second quarter of 2020 and lasting until the first quarter of 2021.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed Ch 70.S.F. 4334](#) providing \$200 million toward an emergency and long-term grant program. Roughly \$50 million will go to a response contingency account and \$150 million will be used to establish a health care response fund.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) three new executive orders which:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Protect individuals in veterans' homes by restricting visitors;
 - Provide emergency relief to motor carries to support food supplies; and
 - Provide paid leave for state employees that are unable to work.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 20-09](#) requiring health care providers to postpone elective surgeries and procedures and focus state health care capacity and equipment on needed resources.
- March 19, 2020 – Minnesota [designated](#) grocery employees as emergency workers.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state will partner with the YMCA to care for the school-age children of emergency workers.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a 30-day special enrollment period for qualified individuals who are currently without insurance during this public health emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) three Executive Orders that ban price gouging, ensure critical services continue for vulnerable residents, and seek federal authority to waive or modify certain requirements for federal programs, such as the Family Investment Program, Medical Assistance, and MinnesotaCare.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that small businesses in Minnesota are now eligible to apply for disaster assistance through the Small Business Administration loan for economic injury.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he will self-quarantine for 14 days after learning he had contact with an individual who tested positive.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Orders 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, and 20-17, which suspend evictions during the peacetime emergency, establish Peacetime Emergency Loans for small businesses, direct non-hospital entities to conduct an inventory of personal protective equipment, and clarify that Executive Order 20-09 on elective surgeries and procedures applies to veterinarians.
- March 23 – The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development [created](#) an Emergency Loan Program for Minnesota small businesses.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-20, directing residents to stay at home, and issued a list of activities for which it's permissible to leave, such as for health and safety activities, necessary supplies and services, and for the care of others. The Governor also [announced](#) a Stay Home MN public service announcement campaign through local media channels.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that six Minnesota Initiative Foundations will launch an Emergency Child Care Grant Program to provide financial support to licensed child care providers in Greater Minnesota serving families of essential workers needed to respond to this public health emergency.
- March 27, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Minnesota's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Minnesota to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Orders [20-21](#), [20-22](#), [20-23](#), and [20-24](#), which:
 - Keep health care workers in the workforce by giving health-related licensing boards flexibility in licensing requirements.
 - Allow the State Auditor to work with local governments to adjust reporting deadlines for various financial reports, to prevent municipalities from having to divert

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

resources that should be used to respond to communities' critical needs during this public health emergency.

- Amend Executive Order 20-07 to allow constitutional officers to implement leave for both classified and unclassified employees and to reassign and redeploy staff as needed.
- Provide hours of service and weight restriction relief for commercial vehicle drivers hauling livestock.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) HF 4531, which allocates \$330 million in COVID-19 aid and includes actions such as, expanding support to small businesses, supporting food banks, providing assistance for veterans, and creating peacetime emergency child care grants.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a Stay at Home MN public service announcement campaign.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Orders 20-25 and 20-26 to extend licenses for first responders and to allow the medical cannabis program to continue safely serving residents.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [granted](#) the Department of Human Services emergency temporary authority to change administrative and regulatory requirements for food assistance, home care, public health care and other state programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he will deliver his second State of the State address on April 5.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Minnesota's health plans have agreed to waive cost-sharing for treatment of COVID-19.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-27 to lift hours of service requirements for truck drivers transporting livestock feed or fertilizer, in order to support Minnesota's agriculture community while they work to keep residents fed during this public health emergency.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a new State of Minnesota COVID-19 dashboard that tracks the virus in Minnesota and provides the latest available data on available ventilators, ICU beds, personal protective equipment, and testing. The dashboard will be updated daily and is available at <https://mn.gov/covid19/>.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to President Donald Trump requesting a major disaster declaration to authorize emergency protective measures.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that of the \$6.2 million in total funding that was included in the COVID-19 response package passed by the legislature, veterans in the state may be eligible for financial assistance grants from this package.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Orders 20-28 and 20-29, that authorize out-of-state mental health providers to provide telehealth services to Minnesota patients and provide immediate relief to employers and unemployed workers through streamlined unemployment insurance and assistance in the qualifying of additional unemployment insurance funds.
- April 6, 2020 – Due to rising discrimination against the Asian American community, the Governor [announced](#) the launch of a Discrimination Helpline to reinforce the state's efforts to protect the civil rights of Minnesotans during this public health emergency.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Governor's Children's Cabinet, in partnership with CUB Foods and its parent company United Natural Foods Inc., has set up an ordering process specifically for child care providers by leveraging its extensive statewide supply chain network.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) H.F. 4537, expanding workers’ compensation eligibility for emergency first responders and front-line workers by allowing them to qualify for workers’ compensation benefits if they test positive.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the Stay Home Order until May 4 and included more occupations in his designation of what is essential.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-34 to help protect Minnesota’s first responders by sharing information between the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and 911 Dispatchers and first responders. It also directs the Commissioner of Health to develop protocol for the sharing of information while safeguarding patient privacy.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-35 extending the peacetime emergency in Minnesota for 30 days.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) HF 4556, the fourth legislative package passed and signed this month that delivers funding to help residents with and without insurance afford COVID-19 testing and care, streamline telemedicine, and extend administrative deadlines.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-36, instituting a hiring freeze and implementing salary cuts for the Governor, his Chief of Staff, and cabinet members.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-37, which extends exemptions for vehicles and drivers providing assistance for COVID-19 emergency relief efforts for 30 days.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 20-38, which expands allowable outdoor recreational activities.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) legislation allowing takeout sales of beer and wine from bars and restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a week-long homemade mask drive to encourage Minnesotans to create homemade masks for donation and highlight the importance of frontline workers.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor, along with members of the health care delivery system, Mayo Clinic, and University of Minnesota, [launched](#) a statewide testing strategy to test all symptomatic people, isolate confirmed cases, and expand public health surveillance tools.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) several items on the COVID-19 response, including the extension of distance learning through the end of the school year, plans for safely returning as many as 100,000 workers to their jobs, and an explanation of the different factors that determine the gradual re-opening.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a new website to help Minnesotans find a testing location within their community. The website also provides an interactive screening tool to help users determine if they need a test.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Mississippi

- March 4, 2020 – Governor Reeves [established](#) the Mississippi Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness and Response Planning Steering Committee to coordinate efforts across state and local governments.
- March 14, 2020 – Governor Reeves [declared](#) a state of emergency
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed two executive orders](#) which:
 - Active the National Guard to support mobile testing units;
 - Require agencies to keep essential employees and send non-essential employees home;
 - Requests schools develop distance learning protocols and continue providing free or reduced lunches; and
 - Provides paid leave for state and local employees who miss work due to COVID-19.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the closing of all public schools through April 17 as well as end-of-year tests and accountability measures.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the National Guard.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Small Business Administration approved the state’s request for an Economic Disaster Declaration.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 1462 that gives the Mississippi Department of Employment Security the ability to expedite payments to unemployed Mississippians and relax collection requirements on employers.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is not currently ordering businesses to close, or for individuals to stay home.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Mississippi’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Mississippi to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 1463 which:
 - Limits mass gatherings to 10 or less;
 - Suspends dine-in services at restaurants and bars;
 - Restricts visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities;
 - Directs businesses to allow employees to work from home; and
 - Defines essential businesses.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a supplement to Executive Order No. 1463 to ensure uniform statewide parameters, such that:
 - No measures can be adopted that are less restrictive than the executive order.
 - Any existing local measures can remain in effect under the executive order, as long as they provide the same minimum standards established in the executive order and do not impose restrictions that would prevent essential services from operating.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a shelter in place order for a county in the state due to increased cases in that region.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a stay at home order for the entire state.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) to waive the in-person requirement for notarizing documents in Mississippi for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide burn ban, due to requests from the Mississippi Forestry Commission, which would ease the strain on emergency responders who are responding to the public health emergency.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order restricting all non-essential elective surgeries and medical procedures.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order which creates additional protections from civil liability for healthcare workers and facilities assisting outside their normal operations in response to this public health emergency.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that schools in Mississippi will remain closed for the rest of the school year.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) two new programs that aim to help those at risk of losing their homes and to provide essential workers access to childcare.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the state’s stay-at-home order by one week.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of the Governor’s Commission for Economic Recovery, also called Restart Mississippi.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is now available for residents.
- April 22, 2020 – Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch [announced](#) the state plans to file a lawsuit against China for its response to COVID-19.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a Safer at Home order which encourages residents to stay home, but eases some restrictions on essential business closures.

Missouri

- March 13, 2020 – Governor Parsons [signs](#) a state of emergency declaration.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance limiting mass gatherings](#) of 50 or more individuals.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that casinos will be closing, and that a total of 432 public school districts and charter schools either have closed or will close soon. He also encouraged facilities who have a large concentration of senior citizens to put in place restrictions on visitors or consider closures.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 20-04](#) which:
 - Enables doctors to diagnose and treat patients through telemedicine.
 - Extends the hours commercial drivers can operate on Missouri roadways in order to deliver essential supplies; and
 - Removes barriers to entering the education profession in order to mitigate teacher shortages.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Economic Development to seek assistance through the Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Director of the Department of Health & Senior Services to issue an order on all residents to practice social distancing.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [granted](#) flexibility for the Missouri Department of Social Services to provide reassurance and clarity regarding services for the states most vulnerable populations.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-05 suspending any prohibition on the sale of unprepared food by restaurants to the public.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that his administration is continuing to streamline government process through a multitude of actions such as waiving some existing

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

statutes to assist pharmacists in dispensing medications and extending the time a temporary permit is valid for nurses.

- March 24, 2020 – The Governor, along with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Department of Health and Senior Services [released](#) new guidance related to school closures, meal delivery for students, childcare, financial aid, scholarship requirements, and social distancing protocols.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) that the President approve the state’s Major Disaster Declaration. In addition to other activities, the declaration requested FEMA’s Public Assistance Program to assist local governments and qualifying nonprofit agencies with emergency response expenses.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [approved](#) Missouri’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Missouri to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing and appeals timelines, and waive certain submission deadlines and public comment requirements for Medicaid State Plan Amendments.
- March 26, 2020 – In a press briefing, the Governor emphasized the importance of mental health during this public health emergency, and along with the Department of Transportation, [announced](#) a free, temporary overweight permit that allows haulers to transport up to 100,000 pounds on any Missouri highway.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President approved his request for a major disaster declaration.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-06 which mobilized the Missouri National Guard, to assist with community-based testing, intrastate transportation of personnel and equipment for medical or testing support, logistical support for state responders, and continued assessment, and construction of temporary medical facilities. This order also directed the DHSS Director to prohibit the operation of coin-operated amusement devices, such as slot machines, and closed state park campgrounds and lodging through April 30.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he has approved a waiver granting full reciprocity for physicians and surgeons from other states who wish to assist Missourians during this public health emergency.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state’s National Guard is seeking alternate care sites for COVID-19 patients and the Department of Economic Development is doing outreach to business leaders for help in procuring and producing additional personal protective equipment and other emergency supplies.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$180 million in expenditure restrictions to ensure a balanced state budget and the necessary funds to respond to this public health emergency, which include reduced funding for several state departments including the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Transportation, Office of Administration, Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Economic Development.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-07, which suspends late penalties for concealed carry license renewals.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide stay at home order.
- April 4, 2020 – The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, and the Missouri Department of Economic

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Development's Missouri One Start Division [partnered](#) to recruit medical professionals not currently part of the workforce to join a specialized state team that responds to critical health emergencies.

- April 4, 2020 – The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and President of Sysco Foods [announced](#) updates to the state's food supply chain.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-08 suspending a statutory requirement that a notary public must conduct the notarization in person.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state has received its first operational guidance related to the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program under the CARES Act. Funds will provide a \$600 federal supplement to those that are unemployed.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Missouri is moving forward with its first alternate care site to assist hospitals in the St. Louis region treating an increased number of patients.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all public and charter school buildings will remain closed through the remainder of the academic year.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the supplemental budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly which provides access to federal funding under the CARES Act. This funding will be used to buy more personal protective equipment and provide alternate medical locations as well as staffing. A working group was also established to help make recommendations on the best use of the funding.
- April 13, 2020 – The State's Public Safety Director [announced](#) a recall of 48,000 N95 masks that were distributed to first responders on April 2 and April 8.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [highlighted](#) efforts of hospitals across the state in responding to this public health emergency, along the lines of treatment and testing, and announced that DHSS is encouraging individuals who are fully recovered to donate plasma to help current COVID-19 patients.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Missouri is the first state in the nation to receive a federal grant for rural transit, totaling \$61.7 million dollars that will be used for operating expenses and capital assistance.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Missouri will receive a \$152.4 million grant for 75 state airports to help respond to this public health emergency, with funds available for operating costs (salaries, utilities, etc.), and airport development.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is extending the state's stay at home order until May 3. He also [announced](#) the state's initial framework to help Missouri safely and gradually move into the recovery phase.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that 16 broadband development projects will receive a total of \$3.05 million through the state of Missouri's broadband grant program. Along with this, the Department of Economic Development has also created a web page that lists broadband discounts, waivers and free resources available to Missourians during the pandemic.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [highlighted](#) the "Show Me Strong" Recovery Plan to safely and gradually reopen the state's economy.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) over \$47 million in additional expenditure restrictions to ensure a balanced budget. Restrictions include reduced funding for nine state agencies, the Office of the Attorney General, and the General Assembly.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new tool developed by Google to help health care providers connect with Missouri manufacturers and suppliers of personal protective equipment.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the deployment of Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System to assist with N95 mask shortages.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 20-09 extending the state of emergency.

Montana

- March 3, 2020 – Governor Bullock [activated](#) the Governors' Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate efforts across state government responding to COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Bullock [declared a state of emergency](#), which gives him the authority to use \$16 million dollars in state funds and additional personnel from the National Guard to respond to COVID-19.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance](#) closing all public elementary and secondary education schools, limiting mass gatherings of more than 50 people and suspending visitors from all nursing homes. Additionally, the guidance increases the legal weight limit for commercial vehicles by 10%, in an effort to provide more supplies and resources for the state, as well as mobilizing the National Guard to respond when necessary.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [activated eight Montana Army National Guard](#) soldiers to assist in the arrival and transport of Montana residents returning from quarantine.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that uninsured residents who receive a recommendation from their provider will be eligible to receive coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) emergency rules to make unemployment benefits accessible to workers who have been laid off due to COVID-19, while also waiving the waiting period for receiving benefits.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) access to telemedicine services to ensure Montana Medicaid patients receive quality health care in their homes to prevent unnecessary gatherings at health care facilities.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a quarantine advisory of 14 days to all residents who have traveled internationally.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) measures to close dine-in food services, alcoholic beverage businesses, health clubs, and other facilities across the state.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the payment and filing deadlines for 2019 individual income taxpayers to July 15 in accordance with the new federal filing deadline.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new measures that give local governments the flexibility they need to adhere to social distancing guidelines, such as suspending certain office hour requirements in state law to allow for limited closures where local governments cannot safely operate within social distancing guidelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a directive to extend closures of public schools and dine-in food service and alcoholic beverage businesses through April 10 as well as mandating social distancing measures.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to allow Montana health care providers to adapt operations to respond to the emergency based on Montana's specific and evolving need, such as making it easier to set up alternative testing or treatment sites, and expedited enrollment for new providers, and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

better information sharing and coordination to health trace and prevent the spread of COVID.

- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a directive requiring Montanans to stay home and temporarily closes all nonessential businesses and operations.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving from another state or country to Montana for non-work-related purposes.
- March 30, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Montana’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Montana to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) protections to lessen the economic impacts of this public health emergency, by stopping evictions, foreclosures and cancellation of utility services including water, heating and internet service.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a directive that allows Montana hospitals and related facilities to receive financing, under the Montana Facility Finance Authority Act, to remain open and acquire the supplies needed to respond to this public health emergency.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a Directive allowing residents to renew their driver’s licenses online and by mail and extended the deadline to complete title and registration paperwork.
- April 2 – The Governor [updated](#) his essential business designation to include childcare workers in order to ensure consistent care for children of other essential workers.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that, through the flexibility and funding of the CARES Act, he will extend federal food assistance to more than 100,000 Montanans, increase food supplies at emergency food pantries and food banks, and streamline nutrition assistance for new mothers and children.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a measure that will allow first responders to be notified in advance of potential exposure to COVID-19 and ensure they can take appropriate measures to safely perform their duties and avoid exposing other patients.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a directive to waive the current requirement that local and county governments implement a 2 mill emergency levy in order to access new funding coming to the state through the CARES Act.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#), through April 24, directives he previously issued to protect residents.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state successfully sold \$33 million in bonds at a historically low interest rate that will allow the state to begin construction projects that will create jobs and stimulate the economy after this public health emergency.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a Directive to provide emergency rental assistance to help families with limited financial resources make ends meet during this unprecedented economic situation. The program also includes relief funds specifically for households with children eligible for TANF.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) a report produced by state epidemiologists examining 377 cases of COVID-19 in Montana that helps the state understand who is impacted by the new virus, how it spreads, and patient outcomes.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a Coronavirus Relief Task Force that will provide guidance and advice on how to best use \$1.25 billion appropriated to Montana through the Federal CARES Act.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that 5,000 nasal swabs arrived to the state’s DPHHS warehouse from FEMA.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he secured hundreds of thousands of face masks, shields and gloves from private market distributors to fill the needs of front-line health care workers.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a gradual and phased reopening of the state beginning Sunday, April 26 for individuals, and extending to businesses on Monday, April 27.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) two directives to increase frontline health care provider capacity to respond to COVID-19 and expand insurance coverage to allow Montanans to access routine health care services while social distancing.
- April 26, 2020 – Montana churches [began holding in-person services](#).

Nebraska

- March 13, 2020 – Gov. Ricketts [issued](#) an emergency declaration for COVID-19
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced new guidance](#) which limits mass gatherings to 50 people or less and requires bars and restaurants to move to takeout only (on a regional basis).
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued an Executive Order](#) to allow for state and local government boards, commissions and other public bodies to meet by virtual and electronic means through May 31.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued an Executive Order](#) to relax eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s first Directed Health Measure which limits mass gatherings in certain counties and requires restaurants and bars in those counties to operate delivery, dine-in, or curbside services. The announcement also directed these counties to operate without students in their buildings.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued an Executive Order](#) which included:
 - Waiving penalties or interest with IFTA late filings of quarterly returns;
 - Extending drivers licenses and vehicle registrations to limit the number of individuals at Department of Motor Vehicle facilities;
 - Extending title requirements, registrations, or motor carrier temporary documents by 30 days; and
 - Extending ignition interlock providers by two weeks for all existing customers.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued an Executive Order](#) to provide relief to restaurants and bars who are still serving customers (via non-dine in methods) and provided guidance to these locations that they are limited to serving 10 patrons at a time.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is requesting \$58.6 million of emergency funding from the state legislature for local response efforts, health and human services staffing, surge staffing for VA hospitals and care facilities, and lab testing.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Small Business Administration approved the state’s request for an Economic Injury Disaster loan.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that residents have until July 15, 2020 to pay state income taxes.
- March 23 – The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) [allocated](#) Community Development Block Grant funds to assist qualified businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [discussed](#) ideas on the flexibility of continuing business operation, in the areas of offering drive-up service to customers, delivery, and the modification of normal day-to-day interactions.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) LB 1198, which provides emergency funding to help the state during this public health emergency. He also signed an Executive Order preventing eviction of residents who have been impacted.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order to expand access to childcare options, which eases the licensing requirements to open and operate a temporary, non-residential child care in an alternative setting. The Governor additionally announced that the May 12 primary election will continue as scheduled.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to expedite the entry of medical professionals into the workforce, which:
 - Authorizes the credentialing of retired or inactive health professionals.
 - Defers the requirements for healthcare providers to pay initial licensing fees or to complete continuing education.
 - Temporarily waives the restrictions on licensed out-of-state medical professionals working in Nebraska.
 - Temporarily suspends the limitations on the number of physician assistants that a physician may supervise.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new Directed Health Measures for additional counties, which includes limits on public gatherings, restaurant and bar closures, and school closures.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new Directed Health Measures for additional counties, which includes limits on public gatherings, restaurant and bar closures, and school closures.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) extended statewide social distancing restrictions through April 30th. He also announced that the Department of Labor is preparing to roll out the unemployment programs outlined in the CARES Act through the following actions:
 - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance – Allows unemployment benefits to individuals who have exhausted all other unemployment benefits, and those not eligible for other unemployment benefits, including workers who are self-employed and independent contractors. The minimum PUA weekly payment will be \$174 and top out at \$440.
 - Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation – This emergency increase in Unemployment Insurance Benefits adds \$600 per week in federal benefits to the unemployment benefit amount for COVID-19 unemployment claims, including PUA claims.
 - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation – Allows 13 weeks of federally funded benefits to be added to the end of the normal 26 weeks of benefits.
 - Short Time Compensation Programs (also known as Work Share) – Provides federal funding of Short-Time Compensation, a program that allows businesses to uniformly reduce their teammates' hours while the workers receive a partial unemployment benefit.
- March 30, 2020 – In an effort to encourage residents to support local dining businesses, the Governor [signed](#) a proclamation to designate every Tuesday from March 31st through the end of April 2020 as "Takeout Tuesday".
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that enables healthcare facilities to expand capacity as the need arises, through activities such as:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Waives time limits for how long Critical Access Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers may keep patients.
- Waives the time limit on complex nursing interventions in assisted living facilities.
- Modifies the training and testing requirements for nurse aides, medication aides, and dining assistants to allow individuals with sufficient training and appropriate supervision to serve temporarily in these capacities.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to allow online notary services to take place and to provide regulatory flexibility to banks.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the State has entered into an agreement with the University of Nebraska System to provide bed space for the quarantining of individuals who need monitoring, for people in isolation who are waiting for testing results, and the discharging of patients who are convalescing.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor’s wife [announced](#) the Nebraska Impact COVID-19 Relief Fund, which aims to help individual communities meet their local needs, through financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and utilities payments; provisions for food pantries; or supplies for students from low-income families now studying from home.
- April 2, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Nebraska’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Nebraska to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [declared](#) April 6-12 as Public Health Week in the state. During the same press briefing, the Governor discussed the potential for domestic violence amid this public health emergency and services available to those who need support.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) temporary changes to the State’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, such as extending eligibility periods and providing emergency allotments to families for the months of April and May.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [proclaimed](#) April 10-30, 2020 as “21 Days to Stay Home and Stay Healthy in Nebraska”. The Governor also announced a new statewide Directed Health Measure that orders certain businesses where six feet of social distance cannot be maintained to close through April 30th.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statement thanking the President for approving Nebraska’s request for federal funding of the National Guard.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to expand childcare options for working Nebraska families and to provide relief for childcare centers participating in the State’s Child Care Subsidy Program.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [encouraged](#) Nebraskans to stay connected to friends and family and take care of their mental health.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s first step to relax the health measures implemented to slow COVID-19’s spread, which includes resuming elective surgeries as long as hospitals and healthcare facilities meet requirements for available bed capacity and have adequate supplies of personal protective equipment.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [encouraged](#) Nebraskans to take an online assessment as part of the state’s [Test Nebraska plan](#), to help increase the state’s the rate of testing.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he is relaxing some restrictions related to places of worship, salons, restaurants, childcare facilities and other establishments.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Nevada

- March 5, 2020 – In coordination with the Nevada Department of Business and Industry’s Division of Insurance, Governor Sisolak [announced](#) the adoption of an emergency regulation to ensure Nevadans covered by health insurance policies regulated by the DOI are able to obtain medical services and prescriptions related to COVID-19 at their normal costs, despite disruptions caused by the spread of the virus. The emergency regulation prohibits a health insurer from imposing an out-of-pocket cost for a provider office, urgent care center, or emergency room visit when the purpose of the visit is testing for COVID-19. Additionally, the regulation prohibits insurers from charging Nevadans for the COVID-19 test itself or an immunization as one becomes available and further requires coverage for off-formulary prescription drugs if a formulary drug is not available for treatment. Lastly, the regulation requires health insurers to provide information on available benefits, options for medical advice and treatment through telehealth, and preventative measures related to COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Sisolak [declared a state of emergency](#).
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [closed all public elementary and secondary education schools](#) through April 6.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) risk mitigation measures happening across the state, such as requiring restaurants and bars to offer non-dine in options to customers. Additionally, he announced that the Department of Agriculture has set up more than 70 sites across the state to provide free meals to children impacted by school closures.
- March 18, 2020 – The Nevada Health Response Center [released](#) their Risk Mitigation Initiative. Additionally, the Department of Business and Industry posted guidance on construction, mining, and manufacturing industries.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is one of the first to receive statewide approval from the Small Business Administration for low-interest federal loans.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) the one-week waiting requirement for accessing unemployment insurance.
- March 19, 2020 – In response to the Governor’s emergency declaration on March 12, the state’s health insurance exchange [announced](#) a limited-time Exceptional Circumstances Special Enrollment Period for residents who missed the open enrollment period.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that sixteen of Nevada’s seventeen school districts and all of Nevada’s charter schools that submitted plans to the Nevada Department of Education are approved to continue or start distance education.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an emergency regulation which limits the use of two anti-malaria drugs to treat coronavirus patient. The Governor noted that this regulation does not apply to doctors who order the drugs for COVID treatment in an inpatient setting.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a directive limiting mass gathering to ten or less individuals (minus family members) in any indoor or outdoor public area.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that, effective immediately, the Division of Emergency Management and Department of Health and Human Services will be temporarily aligned with the Office of the Military for the duration of the public health crisis to ensure that the entirety of Nevada’s State Government is utilized effectively and efficiently in response to this unprecedented emergency situation.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [submitted](#) a formal request to President Donald Trump for a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Nevada.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 7, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Nevada’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Nevada to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend state fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor and Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation [announced](#) the selection of a vendor to provide at least 100 full-time operators to boost unemployment insurance call center capacity during a period of unprecedented demand.
- April 13, 2020 – The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Analytics [launched](#) a data dashboard for skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Nevada schools would not be reopening before the end of the school year.
- April 27, 2020 – Nevada [joined](#) the Western States Pact with Oregon, California, and Colorado.

New Hampshire

- March 12, 2020 – Governor Sununu [announced](#) a new order, issued by the state’s Insurance Commissioner, requiring health insurers to cover services associated with testing of COVID-19. It outlines a series of actions that health insurers must take, such as offering telehealth services and expanding access to prescription drug refills.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued an emergency order](#) closing all public schools in the state while also providing guidance to districts on remote learning plans.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [limited scheduled public gatherings](#) over 50 people and required that all bars and restaurants transition to offsite eating options.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [sent a memo](#) to municipal officials and state boards and commissioners on compliance with the state’s Right to Know law.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued three emergency orders](#) that:
 - Prohibit service providers from disconnecting or discontinuing services for non-payments;
 - Prohibit evictions for those impacted by COVID-19; and
 - Provide immediate access to unemployment benefits for those impacted by COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The New Hampshire Insurance Department posted [Frequently Asked Questions about Business Interruption Insurance Coverage and the Novel Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive orders 6, 7, and 8 which:
 - Allow for temporary authorization for takeout or delivery of beer or wine;
 - Modify data and privacy governance plans to allow school district to have greater flexibility in developing remote learning software tools; and
 - Expand access to telehealth services.
- March 18, 2020 – The Department of Motor Vehicles [transitioned](#) to phone and online services.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued Emergency Order 9](#) establishing the Emergency Healthcare System Relief Fund.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi regarding the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor and state delegation [sent](#) a letter to President Trump urging him to take additional steps to speed up the production and distribution of medical supplies needed to combat this public health emergency.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order requiring all grocers and retail stores to temporarily transition to the use of single use paper or plastic bags in order to reduce the transmission of the virus.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Orders 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 which:
 - Provide temporary authority perform secure remote online notarization.
 - Provide temporary modification of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A.
 - Temporarily allow pharmacists and pharmacies to compound and sell hand sanitizer over the counter and allow pharmacy technicians to perform non-dispensing tasks remotely.
 - Temporarily authorize out-of-state pharmacies to act as licensed mail-order facilities within the State of New Hampshire.
 - Temporarily authorize out-of-state medical providers to provide medically necessary services, as well as services through telehealth.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi regarding short-term and long-term steps that can be taken to provide economic assistance to small businesses.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) New Hampshire’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables New Hampshire to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 16 which prohibits mass gatherings of 10 or more people.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state has mobilized three websites to coordinate volunteer efforts in response to this public health emergency.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 17, which directed the closure of non-essential businesses and required residents to shelter in place.
- March 26, 2020 – The Department of Health and Human Services [established](#) an Emergency Child Care Collaborative, a public-private partnership to meet the needs of essential workers.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Orders 18 and 19, which temporarily modify Department of Safety Laws and Regulations, and extend Emergency Order 1 by requiring schools to maintain remote learning for all public K-12 school districts.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus [CARES] Act agreement which provides New Hampshire with 100 percent funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to support benefit payments to people receiving unemployment. This activity supports the program by:
 - For those eligible under Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, there will be an increase of the minimum weekly benefit amount from \$32/week to \$168/week, which includes people earning less than \$15,500 during their base period.
 - An additional \$600 per week to be added to an individual’s weekly benefits for all weeks claimed starting this week — 100% federally funded.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Extends the length of time a person can receive benefits by 13 weeks, totaling 39 weeks — 100% federally funded.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Department of Education is suspending standardized testing requirements.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the State will be extending business tax payment deadlines to June 15 for 98% of New Hampshire small businesses.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Emergency Order 2020-04 which provides temporary emergency wage enhancement for New Hampshire Liquor Commission retail employees.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the state’s lead disability organization on New Hampshire’s commitment to providing appropriate educational opportunities for students with disabilities as students learn remotely.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Secretary Alex Azar and Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Seema Verma requesting an 1135 waiver for New Hampshire.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 21, which aims to ensure that domestic and sexual violence crisis centers have the resources needed to provide critical services to victims of domestic violence.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 22, which authorizes emergency funding for child protection services, including domestic violence support, substance use support, the Strength to Success program, technology to support youth family services families, and the family resiliency support line.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 23, which provides provisions to municipalities such as being relieved of complying from statutory or local deadlines, the postponement of town meetings, and guidelines on construction activities.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Secretary Mnuchin regarding the CARES Act and requested state guidance on the timeliness of funding.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-05, renewing the Declaration of a State of Emergency, and Executive Order 24, which modified Emergency Order 4 regarding the temporary prohibition evictions and foreclosures. He additionally [issued](#) Executive Order 25 which provides temporary modification of interest penalty for late payment of property taxes.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 26 which is a continuation of Emergency Orders 2, 6, and 16.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [responded](#) to a letter from Congresswoman Kuster regarding the availability of substance use disorder services, including medication assisted treatment, across the state during this public health emergency.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Emergency Order 27, which restricts all lodging providers within the state to provide lodging only for vulnerable populations and essential workers.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to state House and Senate leaders outlining the formation of the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, which will be charged with the investment and oversight of COVID-19 relief and stimulus funds provided by the federal government.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order 28, 29 and 30 which provide non-congregate temporary housing for first responders and health care, provide temporary modification to executive branch deadlines and requirements, and provide temporary requirements for healthcare providers in alternative care settings.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) approximately 91,000 pounds of personal protective equipment was delivered to the state and it will be distributed to the areas of greatest need across the state.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-06 which established the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to assist with the management and expenditure of emergency relief funds.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi regarding federal aid to independent restaurants in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and needed changes to the Paycheck Protection Program.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Attorney General approving a grant application for \$600,000 submitted by the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, which ensures the availability of resources for victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Emergency Order 31 which establishes the COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program for service provided by front line workers employed by certain Medicaid providers, and contracted facilities, to provide temporary stabilization funding to incentivize frontline workers to remain in or rejoin the workforce during this public health emergency.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Emergency Order 32 which temporarily extends remote instruction and support for public K-12 school districts.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order #33 which activates the state's Crisis Standards of Care Plan to guide development of clinical guidelines during COVID-19.
- April 20, 2020 – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services [issued](#) updated guidance advising individuals to wear a face covering when leaving their residences.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he sent a letter to leadership at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Treasury requesting New Hampshire be granted a Section 1332 State Relief and Empowerment Waiver.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the formation of the Governor's Economic Re-Opening Task Force, which will develop a plan and oversee the state and private sector actions needed to reopen New Hampshire's economy while minimizing the adverse impact on public health.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-07, which allows for the appointment of additional members to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery Stakeholder Advisory Board.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-08, extending the State of Emergency. The Governor also signed a number of other Emergency Orders related to health insurance coverage, and workers compensation.

New Jersey

- February 3, 2020 – Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 102](#) creating the Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate all state efforts to appropriately prepare for and respond to the public health hazard of COVID-19.
- March 5, 2020 – Governor Murphy [placed restrictions on state-related business travel for state employees](#). New Jersey suspended all international travel for state employees until further notice. All domestic out-of-state travel on state-related business must be approved by the Governor's Office, including same-day travel.
- March 9, 2020 – Governor Murphy [signed](#) an executive order declaring a state of emergency and public health emergency. The declaration [allows](#) for certain safeguards, such as the

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

prohibition of price increases pursuant to New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act, as well as the ability to expedite the delivery of goods and services essential for preparedness and response efforts.

- March 12, 2020 – The Governor [cancelled all public gatherings](#) with more than 250 individuals.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [closed all motor vehicle agencies](#) and road-testing facilities until March 30.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [requested the federal government](#) open a Special Enrollment Period for New Jersey residents to allow those uninsured or underinsured to enroll in health coverage.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued closures](#) across the state of restaurants, bars, gyms, and movie theaters, and is limiting restaurants to only delivery and takeout. The Governor also [issued a statewide curfew](#) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) closing all schools in the state (for an unspecified period of time). The order also provides resources for how districts can continue to provide meals to students and creates a process for virtual learning.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [activated the New Jersey National Guard](#) to assist in state efforts to control the COVID-19 outbreak.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus throughout the tri-state area.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an administrative order that closes all indoor retail shopping malls and other places of public amusement.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [sent a letter to the president](#) requesting additional support from the U.S. military and Army Corps of Engineers to assist state efforts in expanding hospitals and intensive care unit capacity.
- The New Jersey Economic Development Authority posted [Information for NJ Businesses on the COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Outbreak](#).
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new amendments and resources for the state's Child Care Subsidy program, which will implement temporary flexible enrollment policies and robust payment policy amendments for families and providers that have been impacted by COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) that the Governor of Pennsylvania is joining their coalition to implement a regional approach to combatting COVID-19. The Governors [expanded](#) their previous orders to include:
 - Limiting crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people;
 - Closing restaurants and bars for on premise service and move to take-out and delivery services only; and
 - Temporary closing of movie theaters, gyms, and casinos.
- March 18, 2020 – The Department of Human Services [outlined](#) new actions within the state to support individuals and families with children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. Actions also include the issuance of guidance for mental health and substance use disorder services.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order No. 105](#), which temporarily changes certain election procedures and changes the date of upcoming elections.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the opening of a drive-thru community-based testing site, which was established in partnership with FEMA.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed Assembly Bill No. 3859](#), declaring a moratorium on removing individuals from their homes due to evictions or foreclosures.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an administrative order that mandates the indefinite closure of all personal care businesses and social clubs.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed legislation](#) expanding to telehealth services and allowing professional and occupation licensing boards to expedite licensure of out-of-state professionals.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the waiving of fees for COVID-19 testing for the uninsured.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) the federal government to consider a fiscal stimulus in the form of a direct cash assistance program to combat this public health emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new private sector partnership to increase the availability of testing.
- March 20, 2020 – The Department of Banking and Insurance [issued](#) a bulletin encouraging entities regulated by the department to work with and assist customers who have been adversely affected by this public health emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Assembly Bill 3848, which prohibits an employer, during the ongoing public health emergency, from terminating or refusing to reinstate an employee who has, or is likely to have, an infectious disease which requires the employee to miss time at work.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) close to a dozen bills and resolutions, which include but are not limited to, requiring school districts to provide meals to students eligible for free or reduced meals, providing extension deadline adoption of county or municipal budgets, and urging the FCC to take temporary measures to secure broadband access.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 107, directing all residents to stay at home until further notice.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the opening of a Community-Based Testing Site at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) departmental actions from the Department of Human Services, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Treasury, Department of Health, Department of Children and Family Services and the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs to ensure residents have access to telehealth and tele-mental health services to the greatest extent possible.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 109, suspending all elective surgeries and invasive procedures performed on adults.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor’s administration [sent](#) a letter to commercial laboratory operators directing them to send the reporting of all COVID-19 test results to the Department of Health.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor’s [announced](#) that the Department of Health issued guidance to health care professionals statewide on how to safely evaluate patients who may have COVID-19 and how to care for them.
- March 23, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) New Jersey’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables New Jersey to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.

- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a new online portal to connect New Jersey residents with jobs in critical industries responding to this public health emergency.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an Administrative Order, permitting additional retail businesses, such as mobile phone retailers, livestock feed stores, and garden centers, to operate during their normal business hours.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 110 directing all child care centers in New Jersey to solely serve as emergency child care centers for the children of essential workers.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) S2304, which expands the State’s Temporary Disability Insurance and Family Leave Insurance programs to provide more workers with access to paid leave benefits during public health emergencies.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President has issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the state which will provide federal assistance to supplement statewide recovery efforts.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor and New Jersey Economic Development Authority [approved](#) a suite of new programs designed to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship, such as a grant program for small businesses, a zero-interest loan program for mid-size companies, support for private-sector lenders and Community Development Finance Institutions, funding for entrepreneurs, and a variety of resources providing technical support and marketplace information.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new state website for reporting personal protective equipment as well as the donation process.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor and Human Services Department [announced](#) a \$70 million supplemental payment that allows residents who receive food assistance through SNAP to receive extra benefit payments.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a \$140 million pre-payment to health care providers to support preparations for the public health emergency, and announced that the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority has launched a \$6 million emergency loan program to assist New Jersey’s health care organizations.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that financial institutions will provide mortgage forbearance, such as a 90-day grace period for mortgage payments, and financial protections, such as a moratorium on initiating foreclosure sales or evictions, for residents facing economic hardship.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 111, directing health care facilities to report daily data concerning their capacity and supplies to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governors Administration [announced](#) the formation of a joint federal-state task force to investigate and prosecute a wide range of misconduct arising from the pandemic, including the unlawful hoarding of medical supplies, price gouging, charity scams, procurement fraud, insurance fraud, phishing schemes, and false and misleading investment opportunities.
- March 30, 2020 – In an effort to address concerns of potential drug shortages caused by the inappropriate prescribing and hoarding of drugs that have touted as potential treatments, the Governor’s Administration [announced](#) a statewide restriction for prescribing and dispensing those medications.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 30, 2020 – The Division of Consumer Affairs [announced](#) that they are allowing supervising nurses to conduct required plan-of-care evaluations by phone or video-chat instead of in person for the elderly and fragile populations.
- March 31, 2020 – The Department of Labor and Workforce Development [urged](#) employers to keep employees on the payroll throughout the pandemic and to take advantage of a 100 percent, dollar for dollar, payroll tax credit provided under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 112, which authorizes the Division of Consumer Affairs to temporarily reactivate the licenses of recently retired health care professionals and grant temporary licenses to doctors licensed in foreign countries. The order also temporarily permits certain health care professionals to perform acts outside of their ordinary scope of practice and grants broad civil immunity to health care professionals and facilities providing services.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [issued](#) guidance for the Emergency Child Care Assistance Program for children of workers designated as ‘essential’ under Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 110.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 113, authorizing the New Jersey State Director of Emergency Management to use the Governor’s full authority under the Disaster Control Act to commandeer personal services and/or real or personal property, including personal protective equipment from private companies and institutions.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an Administrative Order allowing municipalities and counties to impose additional restrictions on short-term rentals.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 115, which allows retirees to return to state and local government employment without impacting their retirement pensions and removes restrictions on law enforcement’s ability to temporarily supplement their ranks.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 117, which waives 2019-2020 statutory school year assessment requirements for eighth grade students and twelfth grade students who have not yet met the graduation assessment requirement due to this public health emergency.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Executive Order 118, closing all state parks and forests and county parks to further social distancing measures.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 119, which extends the Public Health Emergency for another 30 days.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 120, postponing primary elections on June 2nd to July 7th.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 121, allowing an increase in the maximum weight limit on certain interstate highways and toll roads for vehicles transporting relief supplies.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 122, ceasing all non-essential construction projects and imposing additional mitigation requirements on essential retail businesses and essential industries to limit the spread. The order also outlines specific protections and policies for all essential retail, manufacturing, and warehousing businesses, as well as businesses engaged in essential construction projects.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 123, which extends grace periods during which certain insurance companies, including health insurers, life insurers, and property and casualty insurers, will not be able to cancel policies for nonpayment of premiums.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 124, establishing a process by which the Department of Corrections may grant temporary reprieve to certain at-risk inmates during the public health emergency
- April 11, 2020- The Governor [announced](#) that FEMA has approved the state’s request to use emergency, non-congregate sheltering for individuals impacted by COVID-19 that do not have the means or ability to isolate themselves.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 125, imposing additional mitigation requirements on NJ TRANSIT and all private carriers to limit the spread.
- April 13, 2020 – New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 126, prohibiting cable and telecommunications providers from terminating Internet and voice service due to nonpayment until 30 days after the current public health emergency has ended.
- April 13, 2020 – In an effort to increase blood donations during the public health emergency, the Governor’s Administration [signed](#) on with a national coalition of lieutenant governors urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to lift the discriminatory 3-month waiting period that gay, bisexual, queer and transgender men must adhere to before donating blood.
- April 14, 2020 – The Department of Labor and Workforce Development [announced](#) that they have made a series of moves – from upgrading computer technology to adding personnel and boosting phone capacity – to get unemployment claims processed faster.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) legislation which expands protections of the Family Leave Act to allow employees forced to take time off to care for a family member during the COVID-19 outbreak with up to 12 weeks of unpaid family leave in a 24-month period without losing their jobs
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the following bills into law which:
 - Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.
 - Allows remote notarial acts during Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020.
 - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances.
 - Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of emergency.
 - Permits nonprofit corporations to allow members to participate in meetings by means of remote communication, and permits nonprofit corporations to hold meetings in part or solely by means of remote communication during state of emergency.
 - Changes date of 2020 primary election from June 2 to July 7.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency has unanimously voted to suspend rent increases at all eligible properties.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that physicians who are licensed in another country but living in the United States can now apply for a temporary emergency license to practice medicine in New Jersey.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor, along with New York Governor Cuomo and Connecticut Governor Lamont, [announced](#) that marinas, boatyards and marine manufacturers will be

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

allowed open for personal use as long as strict social distancing and sanitization protocols are followed.

- April 19, 2020 – The Governor, along with the governors of Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Delaware, [announced](#) their appointees that will serve on the multi-state, regional council to restore the economy and get people back to work. The appointees include a health expert, an economic development expert and the respective chief of staff from each state.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that United Airlines and Delta Airlines, in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Health, are offering free round-trip flights to health care workers traveling to New Jersey to help the state’s efforts to fight the virus.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state has secured relief options with private student loan servicers to expand on the protections the federal government granted to federal student loan borrowers.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor’s administration and New Jersey Infrastructure Bank [implemented](#) a backstop municipal bond note program designed to help mitigate financial impacts to municipalities during the state of emergency.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) legislation which requires hospitals to report demographic data to the Department of Health. In conjunction with this signing, the [COVID-19 Information Hub](#) has been updated with preliminary racial data that has already been collected.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor’s Administration [reported](#) on how the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness is leading the state’s efforts to combat COVID-19 disinformation, rumors, and scams.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 128, allowing tenants to direct their landlords to use their security deposits to offset rent or back rent.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an Administrative Order protecting access to hotels and motels for individuals without safe, permanent housing.

New Mexico

- March 4, 2020 – Governor Lujan Grisham said [state officials are engaging in tabletop exercises](#) for how to respond if the virus surfaces in New Mexico including the possibility of “off-site locations” that could be used to provide care and limit transmission of the virus.
- March 6, 2020 – The Department of Insurance [issued](#) a bulletin stating that carriers should educate enrollees and providers on CDC guidelines around COVID, adopt new billing codes, encourage telehealth, and ensure preparedness response is ready.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Lujan Grisham signed an [executive order](#) declaring a state of public health emergency. The Governor is also restricted state employee travel.
- March 12, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all New Mexico public schools will close for three weeks beginning March 16th.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued a public health order](#) prohibiting gatherings of 100 people or more and also ordered that all restaurants, bars, and food establishments operate at no greater than 50 percent of maximum occupancy.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued a directive](#) to all state agencies to accelerate remote work to minimize face-to-face contact.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued five executive orders](#) which authorize up to \$3.25 million of additional funding to address the effects of COVID-19.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 16, 2020 – The Children, Youth and Families Department, along with the Early Childhood Education and Care Department, [have expanded childcare](#) for first responders and health providers and is also delivering paid childcare for families.
- March 17, 2020- The Governor [announced](#) that New Mexico has qualified for the Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance program to assist businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – New Mexico [extended eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits](#) to those workers that have been impacted by reduced hours or layoffs due to COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [prohibited](#) all mass gatherings of 10 or more across the state, which also includes closures of non-essential businesses through April 10.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Health [issued](#) guidelines for the public concerning travel and COVID-19 testing.
- March 19, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Health [issued](#) a public health order building on earlier [orders](#) to include additional mandatory closures on bars and restaurants, among other businesses.
- March 19, 2020 – The New Mexico Corrections Department [implemented](#) new safeguards suspending all visitation through the end of April, in tandem with increasing inmate access to phones and video conferencing.
- March 19, 2020 – The sovereign tribal nations [joined](#) the Governor in collective efforts to prevent further transmission by temporarily closing all tribal casinos.
- March 18, 2020 – The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Secretary [announced](#) that the state is providing free thirty-day accounts to Parentivity, a web-based system providing customized educational resources for new parents, for all parents of New Mexico’s young children.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the deadline by 90 days (July 15) for New Mexicans file and pay their 2019 personal income taxes.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) New Mexico’s Medicaid Program is requiring managed care organizations to reimburse doctors, behavioral health providers and other health care professionals for telephone and video patient visits. Additionally, managed care organizations are now required to:
 - Waive all prior authorizations for members to obtain COVID-19 testing and treatment services;
 - Expand nurse advice lines to operate 24/7;
 - Coordinate with home care providers to ensure coordinated care for those patients requiring telemedicine services;
 - Allow for replacement of durable medical equipment through telemedicine; and,
 - Reimburse for prescriptions dispensed in amounts up to a 90-day supply.
- March 23, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Health [announced](#) a new public health emergency order closing all non-essential businesses and further restricting mass gatherings.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) New Mexico’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables New Mexico to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The New Mexico State Investment Council [approved](#) a recovery loan fund of up to \$100 million designed to assist distressed New Mexico businesses facing economic hardship.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 24, 2020 – The State Aging and Long-Term Services Department [announced](#) a collaborative emergency donation drive to deliver essential supplies and food to homebound seniors and disabled people.
- March 24, 2020 – The state Supreme Court [ordered](#) a temporary moratorium on evictions for inability to pay rent due to economic displacement.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor and the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department [clarified](#) that no penalties or interest will be assessed on state income tax payments received by July 15.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) two public health orders with the goal of conserving personal protective equipment:
 - One order [prohibits](#) non-essential health services, defined as services that can be delayed for three months without undue risk to the patient’s health.
 - The second order [prohibits](#) health care providers and wholesale medical suppliers from selling or otherwise distributing personal protective equipment without prior approval from the New Mexico Department of Health.
- March 26, 2020 – The New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation [committed](#) up to \$25 million to its lending partners to assist New Mexico businesses that have been impacted by market disruption.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) that the U.S. Defense Department deploy a 248-bed U.S. Army combat support hospital to Albuquerque as a proactive measure intended to enhance the state’s treatment capacity.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor, in partnership with the New Mexico Coalition of Community Foundations, [established](#) the \$1.1 million All Together NM Fund to address immediate needs and offer long-term support for work recovery. Specifically, this includes:
 - Procurement of food and medical and cleaning supplies for at-risk communities;
 - Support for childcare workers who are supporting frontline employees; and
 - Grants to address income insecurity among smaller businesses and employees affected by market disruptions.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) all K-12 public education will shift to a learn-at-home model as schools remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. Additionally, the school closure plan includes the following provisions, among other things:
 - Students with special needs will receive all feasible supports and accommodations that can be delivered while maintaining safe social distancing;
 - Individual districts will design measures by which seniors can demonstrate eligibility for graduation;
 - Advanced placement exams will be offered online and will be limited to material students should have covered up to March;
 - School personnel and contractors will remain on call and continue being paid as usual; and,
 - Every New Mexico school district has a plan to continue providing childhood nutrition during this period.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) all Motor Vehicle Division offices around the state will be closed effective immediately and until further notice.
- March 27, 2020 – The New Mexico Supreme Court [ordered](#) the Children, Youth & Families Department to conduct family visits for children who are in foster care through video and telephone conferencing. The suspension of in-person visitations is in effect until April 26, unless extended or otherwise modified by the Supreme Court.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The New Mexico State Police [clarified](#) a rumor, making it clear that law enforcement personnel are not making traffic stops to ensure the public or their travel is considered essential.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring air travelers to New Mexico to self-isolate for at least 14 days. Of note, air travelers who fail to voluntarily self-isolate will be subject to forced isolation or quarantine by the New Mexico Health Department.
- March 27, 2020 – The state Supreme Court [ordered](#) a temporary moratorium on evictions for New Mexicans who prove they are unable to pay rent on the land where they park a mobile home that they own.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a call-in filing system for unemployment claimants in anticipation of a surge of claims for self-employed workers in New Mexico who are newly eligible under the expanded Unemployment Insurance provided through the CARES Act.
- March 29, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Health [launched](#) two online tools for the public: a [portal](#) for receiving COVID-19 test results and a self-screening [tool](#) to aid in determining of an individual should be tested.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-015 waiving any disciplinary action for notaries who use audio-video technology rather than face-to-face meetings with clients for notary services.
- March 30, 2020 – The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department temporarily [modified](#) some of its enforcement activities, which include, among other things:
 - The most severe collection activities will cease for 90 days;
 - Taxpayers undergoing audits will be offered the opportunity to request a 60-day suspension or a waiver giving them more time to produce records; and,
 - Taxpayers on payment plans will be offered deadline extensions of up to 60 days.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department to temporarily waive fees and penalties incurred due to social distancing recommendations.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Aging and Long-Term Services Department purchased and distributed 350 tablets across the state to licensed facilities to promote connectedness between older persons and their family members.
- April 1, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Health [broadened](#) the state’s testing criteria beyond those that are either symptomatic or recently traveled out of state or the country.
- April 1, 2020 – The New Mexico Economic Development Department [launched](#) a website that pairs shoppers with products and services in a “Buy for Tomorrow Today” campaign to help sustain businesses during the emergency closures.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the state’s public health emergency order encouraging social distancing, limiting capacity at retail businesses still in operation, and preserving safety equipment for health care workers until at least April 30.
- April 7, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Health [issued](#) an FAQ for faith-based organizations intended to help faith leaders keep their communities together while abiding by the state’s public health orders strongly encouraging social distancing.
- April 7, 2020 – The New Mexico Environment Department’s Food Program [concurred](#) that restaurants and food establishments selling products like toilet paper and other convenience items are in compliance with state and federal restaurant regulations.
- April 7, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions [announced](#) it is extending Unemployment Insurance Operations Center call hours, waiving the “waiting

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

week” requirement for claimants, and beginning an auto-adjudication program to clear specific pending issues that will result in a release of held payments to claimants.

- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, directing the New Mexico Corrections Department to compile a list of incarcerated individuals who are eligible for early release and coordinate with community-based organizations to provide supportive services upon reentry.
- April 8, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions [announced](#) one-time \$750 grants to self-employed individuals facing economic displacement.
- April 9, 2020 – The New Mexico Livestock Board [reminded](#) brand holders that their current card expires July 2020 and encourages renewals to be completed early online.
- April 10, 2020 – The New Mexico Human Services Department [announced](#) it is providing \$35 million in financial assistance through the Medicaid program to New Mexico’s safety-net hospitals.
- April 10, 2020 – The Human Services Department [announced](#) it is distributing an enhanced payment of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to households that did not receive the maximum SNAP benefits during the months of March and April.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) outdoor recreation guidelines to help New Mexicans preserve social distancing while also getting the limited fresh air and exercise they need to stay healthy.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) measures authorizing emergency dispensing by a pharmacist through prescription adaptation without practitioner approval where limited access to prescribing health care practitioners interferes with the pharmacist’s ability to provide patient medication in a timely manner.
- April 11, 2020 – The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board of New Mexico [issued](#) a statement supporting the use of telehealth to provide expanded care options.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that houses of worship must abide by a public health order banning mass gatherings.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a data dashboard that includes testing rates as reported by county and county-by-county breakdowns of positive cases by age, gender and ethnicity.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) NMConnect, a phone app that provides free 24-hour crisis and non-crisis support and access to behavioral health specialists that can provide referrals to longer-term support.
- April 14, 2020 – The New Mexico Environment Department [recommended](#) that employees working in restaurants, food establishments and grocery stores wear gloves and a cloth face covering while serving customers and maintaining safe physical distance of at least six feet and utilizing proper handwashing techniques.
- April 14, 2020 – The New Mexico Magazine [announced](#) it is offering free access to the full digital editions of the publication through the month of June.
- April 15, 2020 – The Department of Public Health’s Women, Infants and Children program [modified](#) their services to provide curbside service to continue critical operations while maintaining a safe physical distance.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and New Mexico Tourism Department are partnering to encourage statewide support of homegrown products from local businesses throughout New Mexico.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 20, 2020 – The New Mexico Tourism Department [partnered](#) with the Small Business Development Center to provide business coaching and mentorship to tourism and hospitality businesses for immediate and sustainable support.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [provided](#) an update on the state's efforts to ramp up high volume shipments of PPE to state agencies, cities, counties, tribes, pueblos, elder care facilities, health clinics and other local entities.
- April 21, 2020 – The New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance [announced](#) guidance requiring major health insurance carriers operating within the state to reimburse care received out-of-network, while imposing penalties on providers for knowingly surprise billing a patient for out-of-network care.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance that plant nurseries selling live product, including floral shops, will be allowed to offer curbside pick-up or delivery service only, while abiding all necessary social distancing precautions and must adhere to the mass gathering rule.
- April 21, 2020 – The New Mexico State University [launched](#) the Seed to Supper Program, which provides free seeds and gardening guidance on growing vegetable gardens while staying at home and practicing social distancing.
- April 22, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions [announced](#) the application for unemployment insurance benefits for self-employed, independent contractors and gig economy workers will become available on April 26.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [appointed](#) a diverse group of business and labor leaders to a new Economic Recovery Council that will advise her on strategies for gradually reopening New Mexico to help the economy grow in a safe, smart and effective manner.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the alternate care facility at Miyamura High school is operational and will begin accepting COVID-19 patients.
- April 24, 2020 – The New Mexico Department of Agriculture [announced](#) the state's food industry has supplied tons of food to tribal communities across the state and is gearing up to provide more wherever needed.

New York

- March 2, 2020 – Governor Cuomo announced the state will institute a new cleaning protocol at schools and in the public transportation system to help stop any potential spread of the virus.
- March 2, 2020 – The Governor will also propose legislation to clarify authority for governor to take certain statewide actions and measures in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak as needed.
- March 2, 2020 – The public health laboratory housed within the State Department of Health (DOH) is partnering with hospitals to expand surge testing capacity to 1,000 tests per day statewide for the novel coronavirus. The Wadsworth Center will provide these hospitals with instructions on how to replicate the State's test, as well as help them purchase some of the equipment necessary to develop and validate the test.
- March 2, 2020 – DOH is convening local health departments and hospitals statewide to review protocols, best practices and procedures to help ensure they are prepared to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.
- March 2, 2020 – Under a directive by the Governor, the State Department of Financial Services [will require](#) health insurers to waive cost sharing associated with testing for coronavirus.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 3, 2020 – Governor Cuomo [signed into law](#) a \$40 million emergency management authorization for New York State’s novel coronavirus response.
- March 3, 2020 – The Governor also announced he will amend his Paid Sick Leave budget proposal to specifically protect from termination people who are required to stay home from work because they are being isolated or quarantined as a result of the novel coronavirus.
- March 3, 2020 – State university institutions will bring back students who are in study abroad programs in countries with high prevalence of novel coronavirus and review all study abroad programs ahead of potential expanded travel restrictions by the federal government.
- March 5, 2020 – The Governor has activated their [statewide emergency operations center](#) in Albany, along with two outposts in Westchester County.
- March 7, 2020 – Governor Cuomo declared a [disaster emergency](#) in the state.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Cuomo [deployed](#) National Guard troops to a Health Department command post in New Rochelle to assist with the outbreak – an area with 108 confirmed cases at the time of mobilization.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Cuomo [announced](#) that New York will contract with 28 private labs to increase COVID-19 testing capacity. Additionally, he announced that the state will provide two weeks paid leave for workers who are quarantined as well as \$200,000 to local food banks in New Rochelle for families who rely on free school lunches.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Cuomo [announced](#) that gatherings larger than 500 people should be cancelled or postponed.
- March 13, 2020 – The FDA [issued enforcement discretion](#) and is not objecting to the New York State Department of Health authorizing certain laboratories in New York to begin patient testing after validating their tests and notifying the state.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [sent a letter](#) to President Trump calling for comprehensive federal action to combat COVID-19, including a national strategy for testing, school closures, and hospital surge capacity.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all NYC, Westchester, Suffolk, and Nassau Public Schools are closed for two weeks beginning on March 16.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive](#) order which:
 - Increases hospital capacity in the state;
 - Directs all nonessential state workers to work from home;
 - Opens drive-through mobile testing facilities in State Island and Rockland County; and
 - Waives all park fees in state, local, and county parks.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) delaying village elections until the April 28 primary election.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) directing all New York schools to close from March 19 – April 1.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus throughout the tri-state area.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) legislation that guarantees job protection and pay for New Yorkers who have been quarantined. The bill also includes comprehensive paid sick leave.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor and State Attorney General [announced](#) that the state will temporarily halt the collection of medical and student debt for at least a 30-day period.
- March 17, 2020 – The New York Empire State Development Corporation posted COVID-19-Related Resources: [Novel Coronavirus FAQ for Businesses](#).

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the United States Navy Ship Comfort, a 1000-bed hospital ship, will be deployed to New York harbor.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) all non-essential businesses to implement work from home policies, with exceptions for specific essential services determined by the state.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) that the Governor of Pennsylvania is joining their coalition to implement a regional approach to combatting COVID-19. The Governors [expanded](#) their previous orders to include:
 - Limiting crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people;
 - Closing restaurants and bars for on premise service and move to take-out and delivery services only; and
 - Temporary closing of movie theaters, gyms, and casinos.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order requiring in-office personnel to decrease in-office workforce by 75 percent, with exceptions for essential businesses.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Department of Financial Services issued a new directive providing 90-day mortgage relief for all New Yorkers.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) an online portal for retired health care professionals to sign up to enlist as reserve medical staff.
- March 19, 2020 – New York [waived](#) the one-week waiting requirement for accessing Unemployment Insurance.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor, together with Governor Murphy, Governor Lamont, and Governor Wolf [directed](#) the temporary closure of barber shops, nail and hair salons, and related personal care services.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance on essential services under the New York State on PAUSE executive order, a ten-point policy to assured uniform safety for everyone [signed](#) on Friday, March 20.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a suite of strategies aimed at equipping the state prepare for a medical surge, including:
 - Leveraging the Army Corps of Engineers to repurpose four temporary hospital sites in New York State;
 - Implementing drugs trials and acquiring hydroxychloroquine, Zithromax, and chloroquine as treatment candidates;
 - Announcing that all hospitals will be required to develop plans to expand capacity with hospitals; and,
 - Suspending all elective, non-critical surgeries to help expand hospital capacity.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 202.9 which continues the temporary suspension and modification of laws relating to the disaster emergency.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statement on the third supplemental package that passed the Senate on March 26.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state received significant donations from several major corporations, philanthropic organizations and celebrities to help increase the states medical material supply capacity.
- March 26, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) New York's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables New York to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 202.11 continuing the temporary suspension and modification of laws relating to the disaster emergency.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 202.12 moving the presidential primary from April 28 to June 23 and enabling the tax filing deadline for personal and corporate taxes to be pushed back to July 15
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) several announcements detailing recent actions the state has taken to increase testing and health system capacity:
 - The State Department of Health Wadsworth Lab is working in partnership with other labs to evaluate antibody testing;
 - The first 1,000-bed temporary hospital at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center is expected to open March 30, one week after construction started;
 - Three additional sites – South Beach Psychiatric Center, Westchester Square, and Health Alliance will add 695 more emergency beds; and,
 - The Empire State Development Board of Directors approved \$7.5 million in business counseling support to 70 non-profit partners across the state.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a mobile testing site in Northeast Bronx, which will prioritize individuals that are among the highest risk population. There will be no walk-ins allowed and all patients must be in a vehicle.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 202.13 continuing the temporary suspension and modification of laws such as extending the grace period for the payment of premiums and fees to 90 days for any life insurance holder, allowing schools to pay for child care services, and postponing all elections until at least June 1, among other things.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a public-private partnership whereby the Department of Health will work with the statewide healthcare system to create a command center to share information between hospitals about the supplies each hospital has in stock and the supplies each hospital is ordering.
- March 30 – The New York Department of Labor [published](#) an unemployment insurance flow chart to clearly outline how different eligible individuals can access unemployment compensation and what levels of compensation are available.
- March 30 – The Governor [publicly asked](#) that healthcare workers from communities across the U.S. that are not facing a crisis come to New York to help alleviate the strain on their healthcare system.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the formation of the Central Coordinating Team (the Team), a hospital network tasked with facilitating a coordinated and strategic approach to implement the statewide public-private partnership announced by the Governor on March 30. Specifically, the Team will:
 - Organize upstate and downstate staffing
 - Assist Elmhurst hospital and other stressed hospitals;
 - Establish patient thresholds for hospitals;
 - Organize patient transfers to other hospitals and the USNS Comfort;
 - Coordinate State-City stockpiles and individual hospital stockpiles; and,
 - Facilitate staffing recruitment.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that New York-based Regeneron Pharmaceuticals is manufacturing 500,000 test kits for the state at no charge. Additional private sector donations include:
 - Regeneron is donating 25,000 kits per day;
 - Apple donated 1.9 million masks; and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Corning donated 100,000 tubes and provided an additional 500,000 tubes to the state at reduced cost and expedited delivery.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that New York City playgrounds will close to address the lack of compliance to social distancing protocols.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor announced the launch of a PSA that provide information on how to apply for unemployment benefits and reassures New Yorkers if their unemployment filing is delayed, they will still receive full unemployment benefits. Read the PSA in Spanish [here](#).
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several updates related to the state’s ongoing response:
 - The state Department of Health approved Northwell’s protocol allowing BiPAP machines to be converted into ventilators;
 - The state is conducting a hospital-by-hospital survey on a nightly basis to take inventory of every state’s medical materials;
 - 21,000 out-of-state individuals have volunteered to work in New York’s hospital system on a temporary basis as part of the state’s surge healthcare workforce; and,
 - Consumers and businesses experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic may defer paying premiums under individual and small group health insurance policies.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) and the President approved allowing the state-owned Javits Center, a 2-500 emergency medical facility being operated by the U.S. Army, to accept COVID positive patients.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an executive order allowing the state to redistribute ventilators and personal protective equipment from institutions that don’t currently need them and redeploy the equipment to other hospitals with the greatest need.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a website that will provide New York State’s comprehensive coronavirus testing data to the public, which will be updated daily with the latest data.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the federal government is deploying approximately 1,000 personnel to New York, including doctors, nurses, respiratory technicians and therapists.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following response activities the state is undertaking:
 - Extending the NYS on Pause functions through April 29, after which the state will reevaluate if additional social distancing measures are necessary;
 - Allowing the USNS Comfort hospital ship to be used for COVID-19 patients;
 - Partnering with Headspace to offer free meditation and mindfulness content for all New Yorkers as a mental health resource for residents coping;
 - Announcing that 802 ventilators have been distributed downstate through the “Surge and Flex” system where all hospital systems are working together as one and sharing supplies, equipment and staff; and
 - Creating the First Responders Fund to assist health care workers and first responders with expenses and costs, including child care.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing the state to redistribute ventilators and personal protective equipment to hospitals with the highest need, and extended the NYS on Pause functions for an additional two weeks until April 29. The order also allows medical schools that are slated to graduate to begin practicing immediately to assist with the state’s surge health care force.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will invest in private companies to bring rapid COVID-19 testing to scale and accelerate testing capacity.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to New York’s Congressional Delegation outlining the state’s needs in the next federal relief package.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an agreement with the largest student loan servicers in New York to secure relief for student loan borrowers, a category of individuals that are not eligible for loan relief under the CARES Act.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a multi-platform, multi-language education and awareness campaign to emphasize the state’s core message to stay at home and will expand outreach and awareness to wider audiences, including hard-to-reach communities.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several actions as part of the state’s ongoing response efforts:
 - Partnering with SUNY Albany to increase testing in minority communities and determine why more people in minority and low-income communities have higher rates of infection;
 - Directing the State Department of Labor to make \$600 in additionally weekly unemployment benefits available to all New Yorkers;
 - Acquiring 2,400 BiPAP machines through a generous donation by Mercury Medical; and,
 - Partnering with Delta, JetBlue and United to offer free travel to New York for medical workers to serve as part of the state’s surge healthcare force.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) five testing facilities downstate in primarily minority communities, bringing the state’s total number of testing facilities to nine.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the “New York Loves” initiative to coordinate all foundations, philanthropies, non-profits, charities and other entities that want to donate resources to assist local government response efforts.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [appealed](#) to all New Yorkers who have recovered from COVID-19 to contact the state and donate blood plasma, which has antibodies against the virus and could assist with treatment development.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order continuing the temporary suspension and modification of laws.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state is ramping up antibody testing through a collaborative effort with Connecticut and New Jersey to create a regional testing partnership.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an additional \$200 million in emergency food assistance will be available for more than 700,000 low-income households enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new partnerships with the private sector to provide housing for frontline medical workers.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with the New York State Court System to create a pro bono network of volunteer lawyers.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a letter calling on the U.S. Treasury to ensure New Yorkers do not have their stimulus payments frozen by banks or seized by creditors, a practice known as garnishment.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) Maryland Governor Larry Hogan in a bipartisan effort calling for \$500 billion in aid to states to offset drastic state revenue shortfalls.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [returned](#) ventilators to the Pathways Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Niskayuna, who donated their machines to assist hardest hit areas in the state.
- April 13, 2020 – New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will begin conducting antibody tests using a finger prick method to test up to 2,000 New Yorkers per day, beginning this week with frontline health care workers and other essential workers.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will provide 100 ventilators to Michigan and 50 ventilators to Maryland.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring all people in New York to wear a mask or a face covering when in public and in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained, such as on public transportation.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the State University of New York and The City University of New York are using 3D printers to produce critical personal protective equipment, such as face shields, for New York’s frontline workers.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) all NYS on Pause restrictions and closures will be extended until May 15, after which the states will re-evaluate additional closure periods.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will provide 100 ventilators to New Jersey, building on previous interstate sharing of medical resources with Michigan and Maryland.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) a blueprint to un-pause New York, getting people back to work and easing social distancing policies without triggering renewed spread of the virus. The plan lays out four key steps:
 - First – continue control the rate of infection and embracing the “do no harm” principle;
 - Second – continuing the surge and flex strategy to ensure anyone who needs medical attention gets it, while continuing to share resources amongst states and localities;
 - Third – ramping up a massive testing and contact tracing operation; and,
 - Fourth – phasing into a “new normal.”
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that, among other things, allows health professionals in good standing in any province or territory of Canada to practice in New York without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) an awareness campaign encouraging low-income New Yorkers to claim their Economic Impact Payments under the CARES Act.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing the Department of Health to establish a single, statewide coordinated testing prioritization process that requires all laboratories in the state (public and private) to complete COVID-19 diagnostic testing in accordance with such process.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor, together with the nation’s governors, [called](#) on Congress to allocate \$500 billion in unrestricted aid to shore up budget shortfalls.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [called](#) for federal coordination of the supply chain to bring testing to scale so states can satisfy the necessary preconditions to begin reopening.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing any town or city clerk to officiate a wedding via teleconference.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor, together with New Jersey Governor Murphy and Connecticut Governor Lamont, [announced](#) that marinas, boatyards and marine

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

manufacturers will be allowed open for personal use as long as strict social distancing and sanitization protocols are followed.

- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will begin an antibody testing survey that will sample 3,000 individuals to help determine the percentage of the population that is now immune to the virus, allowing more individuals to safely return to work.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state is ready to transport 400 ventilators to Massachusetts within 24 hours if necessary.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) the April 18 executive order to allow any authorized officiant to perform marriage ceremonies using online video technology.
- April 19, 2020 – The Governor, along with the governors of Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Delaware, [announced](#) their appointees that will serve on the multi-state, regional council to restore the economy and get people back to work. The appointees include a health expert, an economic development expert and the respective chief of staff from each state.
- April 20, 2020 – The New York State Department of Labor [launched](#) a one-stop-shop for unemployment benefits that will connect New Yorkers with benefits through a streamlined application.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a partnership with Ready Responders to bring health care services, including diagnostic testing, to residents of public housing in New York City.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will deliver 500,000 cloth masks and 10,000 gallons of hand sanitizer to public housing communities.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) the Reimagine NY Task Force, intended to improve systems in downstate New York once the state is no longer on pause.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the State University of New York will distribute more than 8,000 laptops and Chromebooks to students in need who are currently completing their spring semester coursework online.
- April 20, 2020 – The Secretary to the Governor, Melissa DeRosa, and the New York State Council on Women and Girls [created](#) a COVID-19 maternity task force to examine the best approach to authorizing and certifying additional birthing centers to provide mothers a safe alternative for low-risk pregnancies. Additionally, the task force will review literature and make recommendations on the impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) hospitals will be able to resume elective outpatient treatments on April 28th if the hospital capacity is over 25 percent for the county and if there have been fewer than 10 new hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients in the county over the past 10 days.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will take a regional approach to reopening and will make decisions on which counties and regions to open and when to open them based on the facts and the data specific to that area.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with Vital Strategies to launch a contact tracing program in coordination with the downstate region as well as New Jersey and Connecticut.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the New York State Department of Financial Services will direct insurers to provide cash flow relief to, and ease administrative burdens on, New York State hospitals in response to COVID-19. Relief includes immediate payment of outstanding accounts receivables, suspension of preauthorization requirements for all hospital services, and prohibition of the retrospective review of claims.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the New York Department of Health is partnering with the state Attorney General to investigate nursing homes who violate Executive Orders requiring these facilities to communicate COVID-19 test results and deaths to residents’ families.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a directive requiring nursing homes to immediately report to the Department of Health (DOH) the actions they have taken to comply with all DOH and CDC laws, regulations, directives and guidance. Facilities could be fined \$10,000 per violation or potentially lose their operating license.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor and Attorney General [launched](#) an employment portal to increase staffing through the state and expand training and technical assistance for nursing homes to use the professional staffing portal.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) preliminary phase one results of the state’s antibody testing, which found that 13.9 percent of the population have COVID-19 antibodies and are immune to the virus.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an initiative to ramp up testing in African-American and Latino communities by partnering with churches and places of worship in those communities as a network or possible testing sites.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will provide childcare scholarships to essential workers, such as health care providers, firefighters, and grocery store employees.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the CARES funding will be used to purchase supplies for statewide childcare providers who remain open, including masks, gloves, diapers, baby wipes, baby formula and food.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that directs the New York State Board of Elections to automatically mail every New Yorker a postage-paid application for an absentee ballot.
- April 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state expanded its testing criteria to include all first responders, health care workers and essential employees to be tested even if they aren’t symptomatic.
- April 26, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) a phased plan to reopen the state and re-imagine a new normal for the state starting with construction and manufacturing. Based on CDC recommendations, once a region experiences a 14-day decline in the hospitalization rate they may begin a phased re-opening.
- April 27, 2020 – The New York State Board of Elections [voted](#) to cancel the presidential primary scheduled for June 23.

North Carolina

- February 11, 2020 – Governor Cooper formalized the state’s ongoing effort to monitor, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 with a state [Novel Coronavirus Task Force](#).
- March 3, 2020 – The state is now allowing coronavirus testing at the [NC State Laboratory of Public Health](#). These tests are coordinated through the Division of Public Health’s Communicable Disease Branch.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Cooper [declared](#) a state of emergency, which activates the Emergency Operation Center, and allows for control of cost burdens, protects consumers from price gouging, and makes it easier to purchase necessary medical supplies. The executive order also makes other recommendations around telework schedules, social gatherings, school closures, and high-risk populations, such as those in adult living facilities.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Cooper [provided guidance](#) to cancel or postpone gatherings over 100 and to telework if possible.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) to close all K-12 public schools for a minimum of two weeks. The executive order also prohibits mass gatherings of more than 100 people.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) that the Small Business Administration grant a disaster declaration for business owners in the state that are facing economic losses due to COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed Executive Order 118](#) which closes sit down services at restaurants and bars, and makes state unemployment benefits more widely available.
- March 19, 2020 – The U.S. Small Business Administration [granted](#) the Governor’s request for a disaster declaration for small businesses to apply for a low interest disaster loan.
- March 19, 2020 – The U.S. Small Business Administration [granted](#) the Governor’s request for a disaster declaration for small businesses to apply for a low interest disaster loan.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the President requesting the approval of key waivers that will allow the state to adapt federal food and health care programs to better serve North Carolinians.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [shared](#) a list of funding priorities with the North Carolina Congressional Delegation to help people afford health care, childcare and education needs, while preparing the state for a strong economic recovery.
- March 20, 2020 – The North Carolina Department of Revenue [announced](#) an extension of the April 15 tax filing deadline to July 15 for individual, corporate, and franchise taxes.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that waives restrictions to increase access to caregivers to provide flexible child care and elder care, provides ways for the Division of Motor Vehicles to enact social distancing protections, and waives some registration requirements to ensure resources can be delivered by truck throughout the state.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 120, which enforces tighter limits on gatherings (50-plus), extends school closures statewide to May 15, closes some businesses that require close social interaction, and limits visitors to long-term care centers.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) North Carolina’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables North Carolina to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [established](#) a \$50 million flexible allotment for public schools to implement remote learning strategies, school nutrition programs, cleaning and sanitizing schools and buses, acquiring protective equipment, and providing child care.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a major disaster declaration, asking the federal government to provide individual assistance to those affected, including crisis counseling, disaster unemployment assistance and Small Business Administration assistance, among other programs.
- March 25, 2020 – The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services [issued](#) emergency child care operations and finance guidelines requiring emergency centers to register with the state and offering bonus pay to child care teachers.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state received a federal disaster declaration, which allows local governments, state agencies and eligible non-profits to be reimbursed for costs incurred by response efforts.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that parents who need food assistance for their children can text a hotline to locate nearby meal sites.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a statewide stay at home order in effect until April 29, providing for essential businesses to continue to operate while prioritizing social distancing measures.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the first payments for the approximately 270,000 unemployment claims related to COVID-19 will be issued within the forthcoming week.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order No. 122 allowing schools and local governments to request additional property, including computers owned by the state, to help bridge outstanding resource gaps. The Order also provides transfer or donation of personal protective equipment that state government may have and not need.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order No. 124 prohibiting utilities from disconnecting people who are unable to pay their bills due to economic distress. The Order directs utilities to give residential customers at least six months to pay outstanding bills and prohibits them from collecting fees, penalties or interest or late payment.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that creates more flexibility in law enforcement training schedules so that people training for new positions can pause their trainings to isolate or self-quarantine and resume at a later date.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that FEMA approved the state’s request to provide housing alternatives, such as hotels, motels, and dormitories, for North Carolinians with unstable housing that may need to quarantine in response to or are at risk for severe COVID-19 related illness. The emergency non-congregate sheltering will provide more than 16,500 units of individual housing.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order strengthening social distancing requirements and streamlining benefits for the recently unemployed. Specifically, the order:
 - Requires retail stores that are still operating to implement additional social distancing policies to make shopping safer for customers and employees;
 - Mandates COVID-19 guidelines for nursing facilities, and recommends other long-term care facilities adopt the same approach; and,
 - Implements changes intended to accelerate certain benefit payments to those who are recently unemployed.
- April 13, 2020 – Madison County [issued](#) a curfew from 11:59 p.m. until 5 a.m. each day until further notice.
 - Individuals coming and going from work, helping with emergency operations or traveling through Madison County are exempt from the curfew.
 - Violators of the order are subject to a \$1,000 fine and/or 180 days in the Madison County jail.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [shared](#) North Carolina’s vision of a path forward for eventually easing certain social distancing policies by leveraging mass testing, robust contact tracing, and epidemiologic modeling to inform decision-making.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is collaborating with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and East Carolina University to assess changes in COVID-19 prevalence in Chatham, Pitt and Cabarrus counties.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state has been approved for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, to provide additional food and benefits to more than 800,000 children across the state.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order extending the stay-at-home order to May 8.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s plan to begin reopening the economy through a three-phased approach that centers on the following metrics:
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory in COVID-like Illness (CLI) surveillance over 14 days;
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory of lab-confirmed cases over 14 days;
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory in percent of tests returning positive over 14 days; and
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory in hospitalizations over 14 days.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that K-12 public schools will continue remote learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership to equip school buses with Wi-Fi.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) a recommended budget plan to invest \$1.4 billion in emergency funds to help North Carolina response and recovery activities, including \$75 million to support testing, tracing and trends analysis and secure the personal protective equipment needed to help the state move into Phase 1 of easing restrictions.

North Dakota

- March 3, 2020 – The North Dakota Department of Health has [developed an online survey](#) for people who have traveled internationally within the past 14 days to complete. Upon completion of the survey, North Dakotans will receive information about how to monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if symptoms develop.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Burgum [released recommendations](#) around large events and public gatherings.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Burgum [declared](#) a state of emergency
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [ordered all K-12 schools to close](#) from March 16-March 20 to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed an executive order](#) allowing K-12 schools to not make up instructional time lost due to COVID-19 related closures.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order directing bars and restaurants to close to on-site patrons.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporarily suspending certain licensure requirements for health care and behavioral health care workers to allow them to work in the state if they’re appropriately licensed in another state.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) additional guidance for K-12 schools to continue educating students through alternative delivery methods beginning April 1.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) three executive orders to reduce regulatory burdens and improve services for North Dakotans. Taken together, these waivers:
 - Require immediate changes to the unemployment insurance process by expanding eligibility;
 - Order state agencies to identify any state laws, rules, or regulations that hinder or delay their ability to render maximum assistance;
 - Recognize any North Dakota driver’s license or motor vehicle registration that expired on or after March 1, as valid and current as long as the executive order is in effect;
 - Expand telehealth services to limit in-person visits and assist residents practicing social distancing; and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Include medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals to the list of health professionals who can work in the state if they're appropriately licensed in another state.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order expanding testing locations across the state. Specifically, the Governor authorized licensed pharmacists to administer COVID-19 tests and issue emergency refills for medications for up to a 30-day supply.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requesting school districts submit distance learning plans by March 27 and begin instruction no later than April 1.
- March 19, 2020 – The North Dakota Development Board [voted](#) to suspend all payments, both principal and interest, for all outstanding North Dakota Development Fund Loans for 30 days.
- March 22, 2020 – The North Dakota Department of Commerce [issued](#) these COVID-19 state resources: North Dakota Development Fund Loans, Childcare Loan Program, and Rural Growth Incentive Program Emergency Loans.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order extending worker's compensation coverage to first responders and health care providers who encounter an infected person. Notably, the executive order:
 - Provides up to 14 days of medical and wage replacement benefits if first responders and health care providers are quarantined, and
 - Provides employees who contract the virus on the job with full workers' compensation benefits just like any other compensable work injury claim.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) North Dakota's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables North Dakota to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, extend fair hearing and appeals timelines, and modify time frames for tribal consultations for certain COVID-19-related Medicaid State Plan Amendments.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a child care initiative with the following elements:
 - Providing guidance on how child care providers can continue to safely serve children through modified operating practices;
 - Establishing a Child Care Emergency Operating Grant to cover operating costs associated with the modified practices and to sustain vital child care services; and,
 - Providing added flexibility to allow school districts to help care for children in grades K-5 whose parents are frontline workers.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order waiving the requirement that counties must provide at least one physical polling location on primary election day; accordingly, this gives counties the flexibility and local control to conduct the June 9 primary election by mail ballot only – if the county chooses to do so.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that expanded business closures as the number of confirmed cases attributed to community spread surpassed the number of travel-related or close-contact cases.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order suspending payment of unemployment taxes and suspending interest on all Workforce Safety & Insurance employer accounts, which will allow them to focus on preserving their business operations and retaining critical cash flow.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a major disaster declaration to support public infrastructure and facilities; mitigation grants for counties and tribal nations; assistance for

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

individuals and households, and supplemental nutrition and transitional sheltering assistance, among other aid.

- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) Executive Order 2020-10.1 allowing certain public school districts to open facilities through the month of May, for the limited purpose of providing childcare services to children in grades K-5 only, for K-12 teachers and other health, safety and lifeline worker households.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-16 suspending the open meeting requirement of a physical meeting room and a speakerphone or monitor at a physical location, when members of the governing body are attending remotely.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-17 temporarily suspending deadlines for public libraries to submit state aid applications and reports.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the activation of North Dakota’s Workforce Coordination Center to connect businesses with the volunteers and workforce they need to support effected health care providers, industries, and agencies.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the President granted the governor’s request for a major disaster declaration to make federal assistance available to support North Dakota’s state and local response efforts.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order waiving the mandatory one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) Executive Order 2020-06.2 extending business closures until April 20.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order giving school districts the flexibility to hold elections by mail ballot between April 1 and June 30.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a pilot project “Operation Drive-In” to expand COVID-19 testing and improve contact tracing.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order that temporarily suspends certain requirements related to health care and behavioral health licensing statutes to allow medical professionals with inactive or lapsed licenses to return to the work force.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order, requiring individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to self-quarantine in their place of residence for no less than 14 days or as directed by order of the State Health Officer.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order, suspending visitation to long-term care facilities, including skilled nursing facilities and basic care facilities.
- April 6, 2020 – The North Dakota Department of Human Services [waived](#) the in-person interview requirement for TANF to expand access to the program.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor, in partnership with ProudCrowd, [launched](#) a free mobile app, Care19, that will more efficiently and effectively identify individuals who may have had contact with people who have tested positive.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) four executive orders aimed at shoring up the pandemic impacts on school districts, agribusiness, fuel retailers and others in North Dakota. These actions include:
 - [Granting](#) flexibility to school districts to hold mail ballot-only elections;
 - [Suspending](#) the requirement that a school district conduct a written performance review for staff that have been employed for more than three years;
 - [Allowing](#) winter-grade fuel to be sold until May 20 instead of the traditional April 1 cutoff date; and,
 - [Suspending](#) the pesticide applicator certification for the use of non-restricted disinfectants during the public health emergency.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing for changes necessary to maintain critical operations for vulnerable youths being served in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and Qualified Residential Treatment Programs. Specifically, the order:
 - Suspends state regulations that require routine health care checks that are not available and are not urgent;
 - Allows for alternative service options such as telehealth;
 - Allows for state background checks while national checks are suspended during this emergency
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) the finalized hospital surge plan, stressing that it's the government's responsibility to plan for the worst-case scenario, and in that regard, the state is well-prepared. The plan is based on three tiers:
 - Tier 1: Existing hospital capacity with current staff, supplies and equipment.
 - Tier 2
 - A: Hospitals increase their bed capacity and stretch staff through scheduling, with a surge of equipment from the state medical cache as requests.
 - B: Hospitals further increase capacity with a surge of equipment, supplies and staff from the state.
 - Tier 3: Establishing minimal care facilities that would be used only if hospitals in the region have reached their maximum level of surge capacity with beds, supplies, equipment and staff that can be provided through state resources.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an amended executive order that extends closures for an additional 10 days for businesses, including recreational facilities, health clubs, and athletic facilities, among other retailers.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) a path forward to easing social distancing policies, that hinges on key capabilities such as mass testing capacity, targeted case-based interventions, and adequate PPE availability for the health care system and the public, among other things.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that a rapid response team that tested employees on April 16 at a Grand Forks manufacturing plant confirmed an additional 88 COVID-19 cases. The outbreak was contained, and all employees were directed to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) a plan to significantly increase testing capacity for COVID-19.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the CARES Act funding will help cover unemployment insurance costs that aren't otherwise reimbursed by the federal government.

Ohio

- February 27, 2020 – Governor DeWine [ordered](#) the following action by state agencies:
 - The Ohio Department of Transportation will post information from the Ohio Department of Health in all state rest areas on hand washing protocols including messages on Ohio Travel TV.
 - The Departments of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Youth Services will increase frequency and use of disinfectant measures in all their state facilities to protect inmates, families, and staff.
 - The Governor called on Ohio college and university leaders to urge every student and faculty member on their campuses who have not yet received a shot to get one at their health clinic immediately.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- The Governor is asking our college and university leaders to prohibit college travel to nations where the CDC has recommended no travel, such as China and South Korea.
- The Governor is asking college and universities to take appropriate action to accommodate students who are studying abroad and may need to come back to the United States.
- The Governor is asking the Ohio Department of Aging to continue working with local aging networks to identify the most vulnerable older adults with the highest needs to make sure that plans are in place to meet their needs – whether that is providing additional meals or additional medication or other personal care needs.
- The Governor is asking local aging advocates across Ohio to go out into their communities to check on nursing care facilities to ensure that all illness prevention methods are in place.
- The State of Ohio will also be paying aggressive attention to common areas in state-owned buildings, including significantly increased cleaning frequency of these areas and hand sanitizer stations in common lobbies and hallways.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor DeWine [issued a recommendation](#) on limiting large indoor gatherings.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor DeWine [announced](#) that all schools will be closed for three weeks beginning on Monday, March 16.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [ordered all Ohio bars and restaurants to close](#), with only take-out and delivery options available.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an order](#) regarding the closure of all polling locations on March 17.
- March 17, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services [implemented](#) emergency measures to ensure communities have access to childcare.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) the Ohio National Guard to assist state and local governments execute laws and respond to state emergencies, such as distributing food and supplies.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order expanding access to health care services through telemedicine for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) all senior living centers to stop providing adult day care services in congregate care settings.
- March 20, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Insurance [issued](#) an order for insurers to allow employers to offer employees a grace period (up to 60 calendar days from original premium due date) for insurance premiums.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that adult day services for individuals with developmental disabilities will be ordered to close, with the exceptions for groups of less than 10.
- March 21, 2020 – The Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation [announced](#) that insurance premium installment payments due for March through May for the current policy year may be deferred until June 1.
- March 21, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Transportation [announced](#) the agency will issue waivers on a rolling basis for haulers carrying heavy or oversized loads of essential goods.
- March 21, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Health [issued](#) a Director’s Order closing all internet cafes.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 22, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Health [issued](#) a “Stay at Home” order which directs citizens of Ohio to stay at home or place of residence, ceases all non-essential business and operations, prohibits public and private gatherings, and prohibits some travel, among other things.
- March 22, 2020 – The Ohio Board of Pharmacy [passed](#) a rule relating to prescribing chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 treatment.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that any child care facility that remains open to care for children under a Temporary Pandemic Child Care license must give first priority to front line workers.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an expanded data dashboard that displays the most recent preliminary data reported to the Ohio Department of Health about COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in Ohio by selected demographics and county of residence.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 197 which provides emergency relief to Ohioans. Specifically, the bill, among other things:
 - Waives state testing requirements for school children this year;
 - Extends professional licenses to those who cannot get them renewed;
 - Extends the income tax deadline to July 15, 2020; and,
 - Provides funding for small businesses, such as day cares and services for the disabled.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) an urgent plea to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to issue an emergency waiver for the use of new technology that could sterilize up to 160,000 used N95 personal protective face masks per day in the state. Additionally, the Governor issued a plea to LabCorp and Quest Diagnostics to provide COVID-19 testing results to the Ohio Department of Health immediately.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) several announcements related to the state’s ongoing pandemic response:
 - School closures have been extended through the end of April;
 - The formation of a “Homelessness Team” to help people who may rely on homeless shelters, domestic shelters, group homes, and recovery housing;
 - A forthcoming business advisory group to provide recommendations to mitigate the negative economic impact in Ohio; and,
 - Inmates incarcerated in state correctional facilities have begun making gowns, cough masks, hand sanitizer, and face shields.
- March 31, 2020 – The Department of Health [issued](#) a Director’s Order to require any entity involved in the supply chain, from creation through end use, to report and disclose their inventory of ventilators no later than 5:00PM ET each Wednesday.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-08D requesting landlords suspend rent payments for small business commercial tenants and provide a moratorium of evictions of small business commercial tenants for a period of 90 days.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the establishment of a public-private partnership, the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19, that will coordinate efforts to provide healthcare workers and first responders with personal protective equipment.
- April 1, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Health Director [signed](#) an order to speed turnaround time of COVID-19 testing by directing Ohio hospitals that do not currently conduct their own testing to send their specimens to one of four laboratories outlined in the order. Additionally, hospitals are directed to immediately begin utilizing rapid tests as soon as they become available.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service and grocery stores to develop a “click and collect” option for SNAP recipients. The partnership allows SNAP recipients to order groceries online, pick up their groceries in their cars, and swipe their EBT cards from their vehicles without entering the store.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor announced the President [approved](#) the governor’s request for a major disaster declaration to provide relief for state and local response efforts associated with emergency protective measures, such as emergency operations center operations, fire and police services, emergency medical care, sheltering, among other things.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor announced several state actions to strengthen response and recovery efforts:
 - [Extending](#) the stay and home order through May 1;
 - [Creating](#) an Economic Advisory Board to assist the administration work through the economic issues facing Ohio; and,
 - [Implementing](#) a website geared toward matching essential businesses with Ohioans who are able and willing to work as an essential employee.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is partnering with the Ohio Department of Health to help increase the availability of testing supplies.
- April 3, 2020 – Lt. Governor Jon Husted [announced](#) that Battelle and JobsOhio have partnered to provide free N95 masks sanitizing for hospitals for the next two weeks.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he recommended the early release of 38 prison inmates. To this end, the Governor will send a letter to the judges who presided over these cases and encourage them to grant early release.
- April 3, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Education [released](#) a special guide to assist schools, educators, students, parents, and caregivers as they navigate remote learning.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health [urged](#) Ohioans to begin wearing cloth masks while in public.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order allowing Ohioans to more easily access telehealth services from individual counselors, social workers, and marriage and family counselors.
- April 4, 2020 – Lt. Governor Husted [announced](#) that BroadbandOhio has been working with providers to find public WiFi locations for Ohioans who may not otherwise have access to internet from home. A list of hotspot finders and locations by provider can be found [here](#).
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) six sites have been selected as alternative care facilities to increase medical surge.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) the Ohio National Guard to assist in the Elkton Federal Correctional Institution’s infirmary with non-COVID-19 cases and with patients who are showing symptoms of the disease.
- April 7, 2020 – The Ohio Liquor Control Commission [passed](#) an emergency rule, allowing establishments with an existing on-premises liquor permit to sell and deliver alcohol for off-premises consumption.
- April 7, 2020 – The Ohio Development Services Agency [established](#) the Office of Small Business Relief, that will:
 - Serve as the lead state agency for administering federal recovery funds for small business support and recovery;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Work with federal, state, and local partners to evaluate and determine possible regulatory reforms that encourage employment and job creation; and,
 - Coordinate efforts of Ohio's Small Business Development Centers and Minority Business Assistance Centers.
- April 7, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections [recommended](#) that certain inmates scheduled to be released in the next 90 days be released sooner to allow for increased social distancing between prison staff and inmates.
- April 7, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services [announced](#) that those who did not already receive the maximum monthly allotment for their household size from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in March will be issued an additional payment beginning this week.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to provide \$1.6 billion to Ohio employers, equal to 100 percent of the premium employers paid in policy year 2018.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that through the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance, 19 manufacturers have partnered with three hospital groups to begin large scale production of face shields.
- April 9, 2020 – The Lt. Governor [announced](#) that The Christ Hospital Linder Research Center in Cincinnati received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to begin treating high-risk patients with convalescent plasma, an approach that holds potential for reducing a patient's risk of dying.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Medicaid managed care plans and MyCare Ohio plans have reached an agreement to ease several pharmacy benefit restrictions.
- April 10, 2020 – The Lt. Governor [announced](#) that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted STERIS Healthcare in Mentor a temporary Emergency Use Authorization for contaminating compatible N95 and N95-equivalent respirators.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that JobsOhio has procured more than 1 million ounces of Ohio distillery made hand sanitizer, to be distributed to the Ohio Association foodbanks.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a temporary permit from the Ohio Department of Transportation that will allow food vendors to sell food to truck drivers and other essential personnel who stop at any of the state's 86 rest areas.
- April 13, 2020 – The Department of Health [issued](#) an order requiring long-term care facilities to notify residents and families within 24 hours of a resident or staff member testing positive for the virus.
- April 13, 2020 – The Department of Health [issued](#) an order restricted the sale of in-person liquor in six border counties to Ohio residents.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) members of the Ohio National Guard to support the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) medical staff at the Pickaway Correctional Institution.
- April 14, 2020 – The Department of Health [issued](#) an order requiring local health departments to provide to their jurisdictions' dispatch agency or agencies the names and address of COVID-19 positive individuals.
- April 14, 2020 – The Lt. Governor [announced](#) that 667 critical employers – including Amazon, Walmart, and CVS Health – have listed roughly 41,000 essential job openings on the state's job search portal.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [asked](#) the Ohio Hospital Association to begin developing a plan to begin treating patients whose non-COVID-19 elective procedures were delayed or deferred during the emergency.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the expansion of Ohio’s partnership with Battelle to extend their sterilization services to law enforcement agencies and EMS providers.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Ohio State University will be creating viral transport media, such as sterile solution needed to transport the swabs.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the early release of 105 prison inmates who had been scheduled to be released in the next 90 days.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will begin a phased reopening of the state economy on May 1.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) comprehensive testing of inmates has begun at Marion Correctional Institution, Pickaway Correctional Institution and Franklin Medical Center.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) public schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [formed](#) the Minority Health Strike Force to examine the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on minority groups in Ohio and across the country.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Ohio Department of Health to collect more specific information regarding cases of COVID-19 in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) LabCorp and Quest no longer have a backlog of samples and have added more testing capacity to process testing samples received from hospitals.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the formation of a testing strike team that will work to secure reliable sources of reagents and testing supplies for COVID-19.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Ohio Department of Agriculture has waived the required \$50,000 local match for the Agriculture Society Facilities Grant Program to assist local budgets and businesses’ bottom lines.
- April 21, 2020 – JobsOhio [announced](#) a new partnership to support Peoples Bank and First Federal-Home Savings Bank’s existing small business clients in Ohio. The partnership will help small businesses maintain operations and payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. JobsOhio has committed up to \$50 million in assistance.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation board of directors approved the distribution of 170,000 dividend checks over the next five days to private employers and local governments.
- April 22, 2020 – The Director of the Ohio Department of Health [issued](#) an order that directs healthcare providers in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers to reassess procedures and surgeries that were postponed.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 22, 2020 – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services [launched](#) a mental health COVID CareLine.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Testing Strike Team reached an agreement with Thermo Fisher to substantially expand testing capacity throughout the state.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) ROE Dental Laboratory in Cleveland will manufacture up to 1 million testing swabs to support the state’s testing efforts.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state partnered with Massachusetts-based Partners in Health to bring needed resources to increase the state’s ability to trace contact exposure to the virus.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state will cover the costs to keep more than 200 youth who are aging out of foster care in the foster care system until the pandemic ends.
- April 24, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Ohio’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Ohio to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.

Oklahoma

- March 15, 2020 – Governor Stitt declared an emergency.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor signed an amended [executive order](#) declaring a state of emergency that:
 - Allows health professionals licensed in states that are members of the Emergency Management Compact to practice, so long as they meet certain other conditions; and
 - Allows state occupational licenses for health care professionals that are set to expire to be temporarily extended during the crisis.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [amended](#) Executive Order 2020-07 to include provisions suspending certain state regulations that could limit state and community transmission of the virus.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-08 strongly recommending Oklahomans follow all CDC guidance to protect public health over the next 15 days, among other actions.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an amendment to Executive Order 2020-07 that:
 - Allows University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University labs to perform diagnostic testing;
 - Permits nurses with inactive licenses to quickly get recertified;
 - Allows nurses to practice regardless of tax compliant status; and,
 - Limits prescriptions of chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to ensure there is an adequate supply for patients who need it most.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) amendments to Executive Order 2020-07 providing for the following measures:
 - Issues a statewide “Safer at Home” order for adults over the age of 65 and vulnerable individuals with serious underlying medical conditions;
 - Limits gatherings to no more than 10 people;
 - Prohibits visitation to nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
 - Postpones all elective surgeries, minor medical procedures and non-emergency dental procedures until April 7;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Requires restaurants to provide take-out and delivery options only and close all bars in Oklahoma counties; and,
 - Closes all businesses not identified as being within a critical infrastructure sector through April 15.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Oklahoma’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Oklahoma to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Oklahoma State University is increasing its testing capability after procuring supplies sufficient to analyze approximately 10,000 test samples being taken by health professionals across the state.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statement clarifying elective surgeries and procedures suspended under Executive Order 2020-07 (4th amended).
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [broadened](#) testing criteria to include anyone with symptoms or those who have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-07, extending all provisions of the stay at home order to all 77 counties and:
 - Closing all businesses not identified as being within a critical infrastructure sector;
 - Requiring restaurants to provide take-out and delivery options only and closing all bars through April 30;
 - Postponing all elective surgeries, minor medical procedures, and non-emergency dental procedures;
 - Issuing a statewide stay at home order for adults over the age of 65 and vulnerable individuals with serious underlying medical conditions;
 - Prohibiting visitations to nursing homes and long-term care facilities; and,
 - Limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order ensuring support staff of Oklahoma public schools can be paid for the remainder of their current contract despite school buildings being closed.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order declaring a health emergency in all 77 Oklahoma counties for the next 30 days and designating the Oklahoma State Commissioner of Health as the primary public health authority responding to the emergency.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that due to the governor’s declaration of an emergency, the legislature is authorized to access an additional 25 percent of the Rainy Day Fund, or \$201 million, to shore up a budget shortfall for the remainder of fiscal year 2020 which ends June 30.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [approved](#) an emergency rule that provides approval of temporary emergency waivers for the employment of nurse aide trainees in employer based nurse aide training programs.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, ensuring first responders such as correctional officers, law enforcement and fire personnel who work for state agencies will receive guaranteed paid time off if they contract the virus. Additionally, the order:
 - Removes barriers to allow more medical professionals to practice in the state by encouraging licensing boards to ease requirements on physician assistants, nurse practitioners and retired physicians;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Encourages the boards to increase opportunities for students and recent graduates who are not yet fully licensed to practice;
- Allows closed health care facilities to be re-opened and remove regulatory burdens that would create lag time in getting bed space to treat patients; and,
- Allows stretcher vans and stretcher aid vans to assist with emergencies and operate anywhere in the state.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) SB 1053 and SB 617, fully funding the state government through the month of April.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a comprehensive hospital surge plan in anticipation of peak cases in the coming weeks. Specifically, the plan has three components:
 - The initial phase aims to increase existing hospitals capacities by 40 percent;
 - The second phase includes OSU Medical Center in Tulsa and a hospital in the Oklahoma City metro areas to be used as flex sites; and,
 - The third phase, if needed, will leverage additional facilities constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with assistance from the Oklahoma National Guard.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [approved](#) more than 450 offenders for commutations to decrease prison overcrowding and reduce the risk of community transmission upon reentry.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the safer-at-home order for vulnerable populations until May 6. This applies to:
 - Adults over the age of 65
 - Individuals with serious underlying medical conditions
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) elective surgeries can resume April 24.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an amendment to Executive Order 2020-13, which establishes guidelines for medical providers to determine which elective surgeries that the state can resume April 24.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) governors from 5 other states to ask Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler to issue an expedited waiver of federally required renewable volume obligations for fuel blending.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Memorandum 2020-02 outlining an Elective Surgery Acuity Scale (ESAS) for medical providers to follow regarding when elective surgeries can be performed during the state of emergency.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) all non-life-threatening medical procedures that would have the potential for increasing morbidity or mortality can be performed beginning April 24; additionally, all minor medical procedures and non-emergency dental procedures that are non-life-threatening illnesses may resume May 1.
- April 20, 2020 – The Board of Equalization [declared](#) a \$416,883,273 revenue failure for FY2020, which allows the Legislature to access money from savings to fill the gap in the FY2020 budget.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) plan, which is a three-phased approach to reopen the state’s economy. The statewide plan is:
 - Based on scientific modeling from public health experts;
 - Intended to mitigate risk of resurgence;
 - Intended to protect Oklahoma’s most vulnerable citizens from the threat of COVID-19; and
 - Intended for businesses and individuals to utilize in conjunction with guidance from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma State Health Department, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 27, 2020 – The Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission [extended](#) the temporary emergency authorizations granted to various alcoholic beverage licensees through May 15.

Oregon

- February 28, 2020 – Governor Brown [convened](#) a Coronavirus Response Team tasked with coordinating state and local agencies and health authorities. The group will meet regularly and make recommendations to the Governor.
- March 3, 2020 – Governor Kate Brown [wrote a letter](#) to Vice President Pence requesting the release of additional PPE supplies from the federal government’s strategic national stockpile.
- March 5, 2020 – The State of Oregon [reached an agreement with health insurance companies](#) to waive cost-sharing for patients who testing for COVID-19. The agreement means that people with insurance and group health plans won’t face co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles for COVID-19 testing at in-network healthcare providers or emergency rooms. It will also cover immunization for covered people, when that becomes available.
- March 8, 2020 – Governor Brown [issued a state of emergency](#) on Sunday, 9 March, 2020 as the state’s identified cases of novel coronavirus COVID-19 rise to 14.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Brown [issued a policy](#) to limit transmission of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Brown [announced statewide school closures](#) for K-12 schools in Oregon from March 16th through March 31st.
- March 12, 2020 – Oregon is sending an Incident Management Team to Seattle-King Co., WA to support planners and public health officials through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced new statewide actions](#) for the next four weeks regarding social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020- The Governor [signed an executive order](#) which extended statewide school closures until April 28.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an extension of the statewide school closure to a total of six weeks, until April 28, and issued further guidance for Oregon’s public schools.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) all Oregon hospitals, outpatient clinics, and health care providers, including veterinarians and dentists, to cease all non-emergency medical procedures to conserve personal protective equipment.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 20-11, placing a 90-day moratorium on residential evictions for nonpayment.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 20-12, directing Oregonians to stay at home to the maximum extent possible, outlining new guidance for child care facilities, and expanding the list of businesses that will be temporarily closed.
- March 25, 2020 – The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services [issued](#) a temporary emergency order requiring insurance companies to extend grace periods for premium payments, postpone policy cancellations and nonrenewals, and extend deadlines for reporting claims.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor and the Oregon Department of Revenue [announced](#) an extension through July 15 for Oregon tax filing and payment deadlines for personal income taxes and some other taxes, such as corporate income and excise taxpayers.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [called](#) on the federal government to open a special enrollment period for Oregonians to buy health insurance and apply for federal subsidies

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

through HealthCare.gov. Specifically, the Governor requested that the enrollment period open immediately and last at least 30 days.

- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Oregon’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Oregon to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance on Executive Order 20-12, which directed Oregonians to “Stay Home, Save Lives.” Specifically, the guidance clarified:
 - Social service agencies providing for basic food, water, shelter, and hygiene needs of any person who is unable to meet those same needs without the service providers should remain open; and,
 - People experiencing unsheltered homelessness are not subject to enforcement under the executive order simply since they are in public and unable to stay at home.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a statewide public awareness campaign to inform Oregonians about the urgent importance of staying home to save lives.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s major disaster declaration was approved by the President, with funding that would provide for:
 - Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety;
 - Emergency operation and coordination costs;
 - Medical sheltering; and,
 - Purchase and distribution of food, water, medicine and other consumable supplies, including personal protective equipment.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a shipment of personal protective equipment was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The state will immediately begin processing and shipping those supplies to all 36 counties and 9 tribes, which should expect to receive shipments by or before April 6.
- March 31, 2020 – The Division of Financial Regulations [highlighted](#) three coronavirus scams for Oregonians to avoid:
 - Scams claiming to have top-secret vaccine or miracle cure, or claiming to offer government assistance or economic relief;
 - Scams requiring downloads to view coronavirus maps; and,
 - Scams using the market downturn to convince consumers to invest in a product with a guaranteed or very high return, including investments tied to COVID-19, such as medical supplies, vaccines, and other treatments.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 20-13, placing a 90-day moratorium on commercial evictions for nonpayment due to business closures, specifically prohibiting landlords from charging tenants late fees for nonpayment of rent during the moratorium.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the Coronavirus Small Business Resource Navigator to connect small businesses to financial support and the information they need to ensure business sustainability.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the Coronavirus Small Business Resource Navigator, which will help connect small businesses to financial support and information they need to stay in business.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [offered](#) New York 140 ventilators to assist with the state’s medical surge.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [convened](#) the Oregon COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel to begin developing recommendations to the Governor to address the needs of the health care system, provide advice and input, and serve as a resource to the Oregon Health Authority.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order aligning the effective date for the [prohibition](#) on dine-in food and drink consumption with that of their Stay Home, Save Lives [order](#).
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) school closures for the K-12 and post-secondary education systems through the end of the current academic term and school year.
- April 8, 2020 – The Oregon Department of Education [released](#) Graduation Pathways 2020, guidance detailing how Oregon’s high school seniors can earn their final set of high school credits and graduate on-time.
- April 9, 2020 – The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality [created](#) an online emission test certification for vehicle owners in the Portland and Medford emission testing areas to renew their registrations and obtain their certification online.
- April 9, 2020 – The Oregon Department of Revenue [reminded](#) businesses and individuals who pay their corporate or personal income tax quarterly that estimated payments for the first quarter 2020 are due April 15.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state has distributed its first Abbott ID NOW rapid testing instruments to three rural Oregon hospitals.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [received](#) 78 pallets of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), replenishing the state’s stockpiles of critically needed N95 masks and other PPE.
- April 11, 2020 – The Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority [launched](#) a multi-agency support team to assess the needs of long-term care facilities experiencing increased cases and help them access resource to prevent further transmission among residents and staff.
- April 13, 2020 – Oregon Governor Kate Brown, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and Washington Governor Jay Inslee [announced](#) an agreement on a shared vision for reopening their economies and controlling COVID-19 into the future. It will focus on four goals:
 - Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
 - Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.
 - Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.
 - Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The states will work together to share best practices.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Oregon Army National Guard facilitated transportation and distribution of medical personal protective equipment to all 36 counties, nine tribal nations, and two tribal health agencies in order to enhance needed supply inventories.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state is ramping up its enforcement activity. Specifically, Oregon OSHA will begin systematically conducting spot checks to verify that employers are complying with the requirements – including closures to the public.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [introduced](#) their framework for Reopening Oregon: a plan to restart public life and business while maintaining healthy communities. Once certain prerequisites are met, Oregon can begin to reopen by:
 - Ramping up COVID-19 testing capacity in every region of Oregon;
 - Developing robust contact tracing systems to track and contain COVID-19 cases; and,
 - Establishing a quarantine and isolation program for new cases.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing state and local governments to take necessary measures to facilitate public participation in decision-making – stressing the importance of civic engagement on the path to recovery.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order preventing creditors or debt collectors from garnishing federal CARES Act recovery rebate payments.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Oregon National Guard will distribute approximately 395,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to all long-term care facilities in the state.
- April 21, 2020 – The Oregon Department of Revenue [issued](#) a directive that expands relief and provides additional relief to certain affected taxpayers and extended the tax filing and payment deadline to July 15th.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a framework to resume non-urgent procedures on May 1. Medical providers will need to demonstrate they can:
 - Minimize the risk of coronavirus transmission to patients and healthcare workers;
 - Maintain adequate hospital capacity in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases; and,
 - Support the health care workforce in safely resuming activities.
 - The framework for hospitals and surgical centers is [here](#) and for medical and dental offices [here](#).
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the next phase of the state’s public awareness campaign to educate Oregonians about COVID-19. The campaign, Safe + Strong, focuses on community-centered outreach in 12 languages to connect people who are most at-risk of experiencing health disparities.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Walgreens opened one of its first testing sites in Oregon, to be overseen by on-site pharmacists.

Pennsylvania

- February 26, 2020 – Pennsylvania [activated its Department of Health’s Emergency Operations Center](#) to allow for enhanced response coordination.
- March 5, 2020 – State officials have [updated their travel guidance](#) for residents. Anyone who has arrived from China or Iran, and anyone who has returned from Italy or South Korea, within the last 14 days, are required to contact the public health department and practice social distancing for 14 days post travel.
- March 5, 2020 – The state updated their [interim guidance for healthcare professionals](#) responding to potential coronavirus cases.
- March 7, 2020 – Governor Wolf is [coordinating with legislative leaders](#) on a package that would aim to allocate resources towards supporting county and municipal health departments, secure equipment and personnel, disseminate public health messaging, and support care for the senior population and those most at risk for infection.
- March 10, 2020 – The Department of Insurance [issued](#) a notice regarding preparedness plans and information for educating enrollees on their benefits for COVID treatment and testing.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 11, 2020 – Governor Wolf [issued guidance](#) on restricting travel for state employees as well as new directives to address large gatherings, telework, and paid leave for impacted employees.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Wolf [provided guidance](#) for Montgomery County and the state of Pennsylvania on reducing the spread of the virus.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Wolf [announces](#) closure of Pennsylvania schools.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [issued an order to close all dine-in facilities](#) starting on March 16 in Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties for the next 14 days.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued statewide mitigation efforts](#) beginning on March 17 which include the following:
 - Closing of all restaurants and dine-in services
 - A no-visitor policy for correctional facilities and nursing homes
 - Restrictions around non-essential travel
 - Closure of licensed childcare centers
 - Closure of adult day care centers, adult training facilities, Provocations facilities, LIFE centers and Senior Community Centers
 - Visitor restrictions for state centers to ensure health and safety for individuals with an intellectual disability
 - Visitor restrictions for assisted living and personal care homes to minimize exposure to our seniors and individuals with disabilities
 - Telework or a 10 workday paid absence for individuals who do not have telework capability
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued guidance](#) for non-essential businesses across the state to close for at least 14 days to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governors of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey [announced](#) that the Governor of Pennsylvania is joining their coalition to implement a regional approach to combatting COVID-19. The Governors [expanded](#) their previous orders to include:
 - Limiting crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people;
 - Closing restaurants and bars for on premise service and move to take-out and delivery services only; and
 - Temporary closing of movie theaters, gyms, and casinos.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order suspending all [non-life-sustaining business](#).
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the availability of low-interest loans for small businesses and eligible non-profits in all 67 counties in the state through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) targeted “Stay at Home” orders to seven highest-burden counties that will be in effect until April 6.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [updated](#) previous school closure guidance, extending the deadline to at least April 6.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that funding is available for small businesses through a program under the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority’s Small Business First Fund, the COVID-19 Working Capital Access Program.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) the “Stay at Home” order to Lehigh and Northampton counties, bringing the total number of counties under a stay at home directive in Pennsylvania to 10.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a web portal to source needed supplies for medical providers, emergency responders, and health care professionals.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$50 million in transferred state funding will be spent to purchase medical equipment and supplies for hospitals, nursing homes, and emergency workers.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [submitted](#) a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture requesting the USDA:
 - Waive eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program;
 - Reconsider Pennsylvania’s request for temporary waivers to allow more food to be distributed at school feeding sites and food banks; and
 - Reconsider its interpretation of recent changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to allow for additional flexibility.
- March 27, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Pennsylvania’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Pennsylvania to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 1232, which provides \$50 million to purchase medical equipment and supplies for hospitals, nursing facilities and emergency medical services.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 751, which waives the requirement for schools to be in session at least 180 days, provides for continuity of education plans, ensures school employees are paid during the closure, and provides the Secretary of Education with authority to waive student teacher and standardized assessments.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 422, which reschedules the 2020 primary election from April 28 to June 2 and makes other election process changes.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 68, which makes applying for unemployment compensation easier for workers by waiving the one week waiting period and job search and work registration requirements for claimants, among other things.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) the “Stay at Home” orders to include nine additional counties, bringing the state total to 19 counties under a stay-at-home order.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) the “Stay at Home” orders to include three additional counties, bringing the state total to 22 counties under a stay-at-home order.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [approved](#) a request by the Pennsylvania Department of State to suspend several provisions that create barriers to temporary licensure. The Governor’s approval streamlined the process for retired doctors, nurses, medical students, pharmacists, and other healthcare workers, allowed out-of-state practitioners to practice in the state, expanded telemedicine, and launched a portal to purchase medical supplies.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [received](#) approval for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to operate a Disaster Household Distribution program to provide critical food supplies to hard hit Pennsylvanians.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) a major disaster declaration to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [committed](#) his administration to establishing a policy that strictly prohibits discrimination based on disability or socioeconomic status whereby these groups will be ensured the fair and equitable allocation of scarce resources should healthcare needs exceed system capacity.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the “Stay at Home” order to four additional counties, bringing the state to a total of 26 counties under a stay-at-home order.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the stay-at-home orders through April 30 and directed all Pennsylvania schools to remain closed until further notice.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the approval of part of his [request](#) to the President for a major disaster declaration which will provide reimbursement for up to 75 percent of eligible expenses related to state, county and local response efforts.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) the “Stay at Home” order to seven additional counties, bringing the state total to 33 counties under a stay-at-home order.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the stay at home order to all 67 of the state’s counties. The order will continue until April 30.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [recommended and issued](#) guidance for Pennsylvanians on universal masking, including instructions on how to make your own mask using materials that can be found at home.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) updated stay-at-home guidance encouraging religious leaders from across the commonwealth to explore and embrace alternative forms of faith gatherings.
- April 4, 2020 – The Secretary of the Department of Health [signed](#) an order providing direction for maintaining and cleaning businesses authorized to maintain in-person operations. These new protocols include:
 - Maintain pre-existing cleaning protocols established in the facility for all other areas of the building;
 - Clean and disinfect high-touch areas routinely in accordance with CDC guidelines;
 - Ensure that the facility has the workforce to perform all cleaning protocols in an effective manner; and,
 - Ensure that the facility has a sufficient number of security employees to control access, maintain order, and enforce social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) Pennsylvania manufacturers that are currently producing or can pivot to producing COVID-19 related supplies to submit their information to the newly developed Pennsylvania Manufacturing Call to Action [portal](#).
- April 7, 2020 – The First Lady [reminded](#) Pennsylvanians that volunteer efforts to distribute meals and other life-sustaining services in Pennsylvania remain an essential activity, encouraging all who are able to continue assisting local organizations with delivery services to their communities follow necessary safety precautions.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) community leaders in calling for the public to remain vigilant against hate and compassionate to all peoples after the FBI warned of an uptick in incidents targeting members of the Asian American community due to misinformation and xenophobic rhetoric used to misclassify coronavirus.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order to ensure the efficient allocation and effective use of N95 face masks, ventilators, respirators, face shields, safety goggles, disinfectants and other sanitizing solutions by hospitals in the state.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [closed](#) all schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year. Students and families can continue to pick up meals at designated sites.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) the Department of Corrections officials to establish a Temporary Program to Reprive Sentences of Incarceration to help aid the department in the transfer of qualifying individuals to community corrections facilities or home confinement.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a \$450 million loan package to be made immediately available to the commonwealth’s hospitals to provide financial support for working capital to ensure that these facilities have sufficient personnel, equipment, and personal protective equipment.
- April 13, 2020 – Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) businesses that collect Pennsylvania sales tax will not have to make Accelerated Sales Tax prepayments over the next three months.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary urging them to publish a plan to support agriculture producers, food processors, workers, and local food systems, regardless of size of operation.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Department of Revenue is providing relief to economically dislocated Pennsylvanians and businesses that will remain in effect through at least July 15.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor and Lt. Gov. [established](#) a COVID-19 Response Task Force for Health Disparity that will help communicate issues with how the pandemic is affecting the state’s minority and vulnerable populations.
- April 15, 2020 – The Department of Health [issued](#) an order directing protections for critical workers who are employed at businesses that are authorized to maintain in-person operations.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a state plan to provide citizens and businesses relief, allow for a safe and expedient reopening and outline a statewide recovery.
- April 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) nearly \$16 million in funding for Pennsylvania food banks to ensure Pennsylvanians are adequately fed and receive the assistance they need.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 841, which provides flexibility on property tax deadlines, allows remote public meetings and notarization of documents so online vehicle sales can resume. The bill, among other things:
 - Reauthorizes the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council and requires it to study the impact of COVID-19 on hospitals and health systems;
 - Allows local governments to conduct remote public meetings;
 - Provides property tax relief by allowing taxing districts to waive late fees and penalties for property taxes paid by December 31;
 - Allows school districts to renegotiate contracts with service providers to ensure payment of personnel and fixed costs during the school closure; and
 - Allows remote notarization of documents.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) three actions including: enabling online sales of vehicles, restarting construction projects statewide, and allowing curbside pickup of wine and spirits at select Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board locations.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor and Secretary of Health [announced](#) that the statewide stay-at-home orders will be extended to May 8th.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [released](#) a detailed plan to reopen the Commonwealth utilizing a phased approach with phase one beginning May 8th.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Department of State has launched an awareness campaign to inform the public about the new primary election date and how to apply for a mail-in ballot.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance for all construction businesses and employees to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as operations resume on May 1, one week earlier than previously announced.

Rhode Island

- March 1, 2020 – Rhode Island [established](#) an Incident Command System response to organize state agency preparedness and response activities. It includes staff from numerous state agencies, including emergency management, behavioral health, education, human services, environmental management, and others.
- March 1, 2020 – The Rhode Island Department of Health is coordinating with other state agencies and community organizations to support anyone doing self-quarantining to ensure that people who are remaining at home have the support services they need. This includes support with everyday needs, such as prescriptions and groceries.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Raimondo [issued guidance](#) for large events in Rhode Island to help contain the spread of COVID-19.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced guidance](#) directing all child care centers in Rhode Island to close. She also announced that the Rhode Island Department of Education will be working with local school districts to make “grab and go” meals available to students while schools are closed.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) regarding restrictions for public meetings.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [issued an executive order](#) regarding restrictions for restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, and public gatherings.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that public schools should implement distance learning through April 3.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that directs health insurers to cover telemedicine visits.
- March 18, 2020 – The Public Utilities Commission [issued](#) an emergency declaration that places a moratorium on public utilities terminating services.
- March 18, 2020 – The Department of Health [announced](#) that out-of-state health care providers can obtain a temporary 90-day license to practice in the state.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [made](#) several important announcements about the state’s evolving response strategy:
 - State courts will not process any residential or commercial evictions for the next 30 days.
 - Rhode Islanders who suspect price gouging or COVID-19 scams should [report](#) them to the Attorney General’s office.
 - The state [created](#) an online form so organizations can donate laboratory supplies and personal protective equipment to fill gaps in due to increased testing demand.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the Rhode Island National Guard, allowing 1,000 Guardsmen and Guardswomen to train civilian medical personnel, staff call centers, and distribute food and necessities to the most vulnerable.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the 2019 tax filing and payment deadlines to July 15, consistent with changes made in federal law.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several initiatives designed to assist frontline workers who may need child care services.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new guidelines for retailers and grocers, which must, among other things:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Allow no more than 20 percent of state fire capacity in the store at a time;
 - Designate employees to monitor social distancing and assist customers;
 - Offer exclusive hours for those in high-risk populations; and
 - Assign employee(s) to ensure the CDC cleaning guidelines are followed.
- March 25, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Rhode Island’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Rhode Island to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order mandating that anyone who has traveled to New York by any form of transportation must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Rhode Island. The order applies to anyone who has been in New York in the past 14 days and going forward.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that small business owners can now receive 45 minutes of free tech support via teleconference or over the phone, which is being coordinated by Rhode Island Commerce and staffed by volunteers from some of Rhode Island’s tech companies.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) several regulations and announced several changes to the state’s SNAP program to provide maximum relief as provided by the CARES Act.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several state actions, including:
 - Issuing a stay-at-home order until April 13;
 - Ordering anyone coming to Rhode Island by any mode of transportation after visiting another state for a non-work-related purpose to self-quarantine for 14 days;
 - Limiting gatherings to groups no more than 5; and,
 - Closing all non-critical retail businesses.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several state actions including:
 - Directing all out-of-state drivers to pull over at information stations, staffed by the National Guard in partnership with the Department of Health;
 - Suspending all childcare licenses until April 4;
 - Suspending all Medicaid terminations at quarterly income verifications; and,
 - Allowing a 90-day extension on DMV expirations for March or April.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [delayed](#) the state’s presidential primary to June 2 and will send all registered Rhode Islanders a mail ballot application in the coming weeks.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [mandated](#) all child care providers (centers and families) to close, while the state reevaluates child care license suspensions on a week to week basis.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several education initiatives:
 - Rhode Island schools will continue distance learning through the month of April;
 - All households that have a smart phone with a WiFi hotspot feature and have cell phone service from one of the four most common providers in the state (Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint) will be able to activate the hot spot feature free of charge;
 - All Rhode Island students are challenged to read every single day during the month of April – all thirty days; and,
 - A special press conference will be held this week specifically for kids to have their voices heard and questions answered.
- March 31, 2020 – The Superior Court [established](#) the Business Recovery Plan, whereby courts will use a non-liquidating receivership model to supervise and provide protections for

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Rhode Island businesses so they can remain operational, access new working capital, and pay debts.

- March 31, 2020 – The Department of Environmental Management [announced](#) the temporary closure of Rhode Island state parks and beaches, along with their parking areas, beginning April 3 and until further notice.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) three fully operational drive-through testing sites that allows the states to expand testing to additional populations: people who are older than 65, people with underlying medical conditions, and critical infrastructure workers – all of which still must be symptomatic and be referred by a medical provider.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several state initiatives to provide relief for individuals and families, including:
 - RI Delivers – a connection to help those living in quarantine or isolation so they have the supportive services they need to safely remain at home and monitor their symptoms;
 - Bridge Loan Program – a partnership with the Local Initiative Support Corporation and the Rhode Island Hospitality Association providing additional funding to restaurants and small businesses (up to 10 employees); and,
 - Family Court – parents who have join custody of their children and feels a modification to visitation is warranted, they may go to Family Court if a resolution between the parents can't be reached.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [expanded](#) testing criteria to include all Rhode Islanders who have symptoms, while underscoring the critical need for people who are experiencing symptoms to practice social distancing and voluntarily self-isolate.
- April 3, 2020 – The Department of Environmental Management [reminded](#) Rhode Islanders that state parks, beaches and campgrounds are closed until at least May 1st.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several actions related to the state's ongoing response efforts:
 - Establishing surge sites to provide hospital-level care at the Rhode Island Convention Center, the former Citizens Bank in Cranston, and the former Lowe's building at Quonset to treat more than 1,000 people;
 - Encouraging Rhode Islanders to consider wearing cloth face covers when in public;
 - Continuing the suspension of childcare licenses through the month of April;
 - Establishing a \$5 million Behavioral Health Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation to assist nonprofit organizations working to address Rhode Islanders' behavioral health needs; and,
 - Expanding testing to all Rhode Islanders displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [reached](#) an agreement with the Secretary of State allowing business transactions that require a notary public to utilize the Remote Online Notarization on a temporary basis.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the donation of 208,000 face masks from Rhode Island's Chinese-American Community to support local response efforts.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans to extend the following executive orders until May 8:
 - All gatherings of more than five people are prohibited;
 - Restaurants, bars and cafes will be closed to dine-in services;
 - Public recreation and entertainment businesses and all close-contact businesses will remain closed;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Anyone returning to the state from domestic or international travel by any mode of transportation must self-quarantine for 14 days;
 - All open meetings must take place by phone or video conferencing;
 - Health insurers must cover telemedicine for primary care, specialty care and behavioral health; and,
 - Extending the time period that law enforcement has to complete a background check for a gun permit from seven to 30 days.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order ensuring that hospitals provide data to the state regarding supplies, patients being treated for COVID-19, and testing.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several updates to the state’s ongoing response efforts:
 - Extending the closure for all non-essential businesses – including residential and commercial evictions – through May 17;
 - Partnering with Salesforce to create a secure database that will allow RIDOH and the National Guard to conduct contact tracing more efficiently and effectively;
 - Providing free fabric to all Rhode Island residents to make their own fabric face coverings.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order, clarifying Rhode Island’s requirements around quarantine and isolation:
 - Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-isolate;
 - People in isolation must self-isolate for at least seven days;
 - People in quarantine must distance themselves from others, including at home; and,
 - Anyone who has been in close contact with an individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) several updates related to the state’s ongoing response efforts:
 - Allowing the Department of Labor and Training to have access to the records of every person that has applied for unemployment insurance, speeding up their ability to process claims; and,
 - Limiting capacity on all Public Transit Authority busses to no more than 15 passengers.
- April 13, 2020 – Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Connecticut will [form](#) a regional task force to guide the easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Goldman Sachs committed \$10 million for loans for small businesses in Rhode Island through a partnership with Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and with Community Reinvestment Fund.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order clarifying the state’s directive around face coverings. Beginning April 18:
 - All employees of customer-facing businesses, office-based businesses, manufacturers and non-profits, must wear cloth face coverings while at work;
 - All customer-facing businesses must take steps to remind customers to wear face coverings; and,
 - Face coverings can include scarves, bandanas, and other homemade and non-factory-made masks.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that HealthSourceRI, the state-based health insurance exchange, is extending their special open enrollment period through April 30.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a data dashboard that provides key metrics and county-specific testing and case rates, among other things.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) RI Havens, a website that connects those in need of a safe space to quarantine with hotel rooms across the state offered at significantly discounted rates.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) the state’s modeling projection for coronavirus hospitalizations through mid-May.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [re-launched](#) a state job-seeking platform to health connect Rhode Islanders with nearly 2,000 open jobs.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Oak Hill Center in Pawtucket established a COVID-19 Specialty Nursing Home that will be a central facility to accept patients discharged from the hospital who are still COVID-19 positive but no longer require acute-level care.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Beacon Mutual Insurance Company, which insures 12,000 Rhode Island businesses, is allowing frontline healthcare workers to file for workers’ compensation under presumption that they contracted COVID-19 while doing their jobs – and will expedite those claims.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state is implementing a cyclical testing program for all nursing homes to be tested every 7-10 days, which involves delivering swabs to nursing homes and picking up samples the next day.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state was granted the authority to issue Pandemic-EBT benefits (P-EBT) to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and non-SNAP households with one or more children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price meals at schools due to closures.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [outlined](#) the vision for safely reopening the state’s economy. The following six key indicators will be used to gauge readiness to reopen:
 - Has the rate of spread continued to decrease?
 - Does the state have the capacity to quickly identify community spread on an ongoing basis before a major outbreak occurs?
 - Does the state have necessary supports in place for vulnerable populations and for anyone in quarantine?
 - Does Rhode Island’s healthcare system have the capacity and the PPE to handle future surges?
 - Do businesses, schools, childcare facilities, faith leaders and recreational spaces have plans for long-term social distancing?
 - Is the state prepared to reimpose measures or reclose certain sectors of the economy if necessary?
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the completion of two field hospitals, adding almost 1,000 beds to the state’s capacity.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [partnered](#) with Brown University to provide more than 700 free single-occupancy dormitory housing to frontline workers.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a self-checker tool, which is a web-based mobile-friendly tool to help Rhode Islanders make decisions about seeking appropriate medical care and testing.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is opening a walk-up testing site alongside a drive-up clinic that is currently operating at the former Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) school buildings will remain closed and distance learning will continue through the end of the school year in June.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state received a shipment of 20,000 antibody tests. In the coming weeks, the state will work with experts at Brown University and the Rhode Island Blood Center to test a random population and collect information about the prevalence of the virus in the state.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Congregate Care Workforce Stabilization Fund to provide temporary pay increases for low-wage frontline workers at eligible Medicaid-funded residential facilities.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) more than 20 financial institutions in the state pledge the following relief to their residential borrowers:
 - A 90-day grace period for all residential mortgage payments;
 - An agreement to not report late payments to credit reporting agencies for borrowers taking advantage of this relief;
 - A 60-day moratorium on initiating residential foreclosures and evictions; and,
 - An agreement to waive mortgage-related late fees.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [revealed](#) the state will be making available \$1.5 million in rental assistance for low income residents across the state.
- April 25, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) RIArts.org, a portal to connect artists with available resources and provide Rhode Islanders with an up-to-date list of virtual performances happening in the state.

South Carolina

- March 13, 2020 – Governor McMaster [issued an executive order](#) that all K-12 schools, including universities, colleges, and technical colleges be closed through the end of the month.
- March 14, 2020 – The SC Board of Medical Examiners and the SC Board of Nursing [implemented](#) procedures to broaden licensure requirements for out of state health professionals to practice in the state during this public health emergency.
- March 17, 2020- The Governor [signed an executive order](#) on additional measures that:
 - Close all dine-in facilities from March 18 through March 31;
 - Prohibit any large public gathering from March 19 through March 31;
 - Activate the South Carolina National Guard; and
 - Delay the state tax filing deadline.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order which, among other actions:
 - Directs all non-essential employees at each public university, college, and technical college to work from home;
 - Waives regulations to allow unemployment claims to be expedited by at least one week;
 - Suspends unemployment insurance payments for employers through June 1;
 - Suspends procurement regulations for all state agencies; and
 - Suspends enforcement of certificate of need regulations to expedite treatment.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration approved the state’s request for the agency to offer South Carolina’s small businesses with disaster assistance. All 46 counties are included in the disaster declaration.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-12, which directs the Department of Revenue to waive additional regulations to allow restaurants to include sealed containers of beer and wine for curbside pickup or “to-go” orders only. Additionally, the

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Order extends the state's income tax deadline to July 15, in line with the new federal income tax deadline.

- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-13, authorizing law enforcement to disperse congregate groups of people that pose a clear risk to public safety.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-16 closing all public access points to state beaches, public boat ramps, landings, and other access points on the state's lakes, rivers and waterways.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-17, directing the closure of non-essential businesses, as defined through the order.
- March 31, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) South Carolina's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables South Carolina to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor, in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation [extended](#) the license renewal deadlines for licenses, registrations, and permits scheduled to renew during the months of April, May, June, July and August to September 30.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order including mandatory “Home or Work” order and establishing capacity limitations on retail businesses still operating.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, allowing furloughed employees to receive “COVID-19 Support Payments” from their employers and still qualify for unemployment benefits.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor announced the state would be allowing beaches and retail stores to reopen so long as they adhere to social distancing requirements of operating at 20 percent occupancy or five customers per 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. Businesses permitted to reopen include:
 - Furniture and home-furnishings stores;
 - Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores;
 - Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores;
 - Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores;
 - Sporting goods stores;
 - Book, craft, and music stores;
 - Flea markets; and
 - Florists and flower stores.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) accelerateSC, a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business leaders, healthcare professionals, local government officials and education professionals. The plan consists of five components of analysis and effort:
 - Response;
 - Protection;
 - Governance;
 - Resources; and
 - Information.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order lifting restrictions on public access points to the state’s beaches, public piers, docks, and wharfs. Additionally, the order re-opens certain retail stores that were closed pursuant to Executive Order 2020-18.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order opening public boat ramps and boat landings.
- April 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 2020-29, which declares a state of emergency throughout the state and allows for the state’s response to COVID-19 to continue.

South Dakota

- March 5, 2020 – Governor Noem and the South Dakota Department of Health [commissioned an agency taskforce](#) for coordination and planning with partners and other state agencies, developed an action plan for information management, incident management, and monitoring for persons at risk of infection, among other actions.
- March 10, 2020 – The South Dakota State Department of Health issued [guidance](#) to school administrators regarding prevention and mitigation in schools.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Noem [signed](#) a state of emergency order for South Dakota.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fund Program in South Dakota to help eligible businesses and non-profits impacted by COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor and her team [are working closely](#) with the U.S. Small Business Administration to activate the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program in South Dakota.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all schools in South Dakota will remain closed for another week.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that she is working with the Small Business Administration to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loan funding to companies negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) her executive order directing state employees to continue to telework through the next week and maintaining the ban on state employee work-related travel outside South Dakota.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order, urging South Dakotans to practice CDC recommendations and implement social distancing measures; and urging businesses to modify business practices as necessary to comply with CDC guidance.
- March 25, 2020 – The Department Of Education [issued](#) guidance on child care for health workers and first responders during the coronavirus outbreak.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 1295 to allow necessary enforcement of applicable department directives and orders to any person with confirmed coronavirus syndrome, or any disease or condition that is the subject of a declared public health emergency.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) House Bill 1298 to postpone any elections scheduled to be held between April 14 and May 26.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 187 amending reemployment assistance benefits.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 189 exempting all school districts from certain state codes for the 2019-2020 school year and waiving nationally standardized achievement tests.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Senate Bill 192, creating the small business economic disaster relief subfund and authorizing the Economic Development Finance Authority to make grants to and provide appropriations of the sub fund.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [updated](#) executive order 2020-12, mandating South Dakotans to comply with CDC hygiene practices, understand the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and implement social distancing measures, among other things.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 2020-13, directing adults over the age of 65 with underlying medical conditions in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties to stay at home.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 2020-14, suspending certain regulations, including:
 - Regulatory provisions governing teacher evaluations;
 - Requirements that a public body conducting a meeting by teleconference provide a physical location for the public to listen; and
 - The provision requiring the Department of corrections to impose certain sanctions for parole violations regarding a positive urinalysis test for a controlled substance.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that South Dakota is working with health care providers in the state to conduct a state-wide clinical trial on hydroxychloroquine.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of the Care 19 app, which will enable South Dakotans to track their movements and assist the Department of Health’s contact tracing efforts.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with Sanford Health to launch a statewide clinical trial to determine the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine in treating and preventing COVID-19.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor signed an [Executive Order](#) to remove barriers to licensure for healthcare facilities, telehealth, and other regulations.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) a committee to draft plans to reopen South Dakota’s economy.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor and the Office of Economic Development [announced](#) the first 94 recipients of Governor Noem’s Small Business Relief Fund, totaling more than \$5 million.

Tennessee

- March 5, 2020 – Governor Lee announced the formation of a [task force](#) to enhance Tennessee’s coordinated efforts to prevent, identify and treat potential cases of COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Lee issued a [State of Emergency](#) to free up funds for the treatment and containment of COVID-19
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) further guidance regarding mass gatherings, schools, state employees and the State Capitol Building as more confirmed cases of COVID-19 surface in Tennessee:
 - Congregations and groups are urged to consider alternatives to traditional services by utilizing live streams, pre-recorded messages and other electronic means.
 - Events larger than 250 people are discouraged to limit exposure to COVID-19.
 - School districts have been advised to exercise discretion when canceling school for K-12 students. The state will provide further support for districts pursuing this action but urge districts to consider the prevalence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their area. In partnership with districts, students who depend on school-provided meals will still receive this support, regardless of school closure.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- State employees who have been trained and certified to work from home within the state's Alternative Workplace Solutions program will work from home through March 31, 2020.
- State employees have been instructed to cease all non-essential business travel through March 31, 2020.
- The Tennessee State Capitol is closed to tours and visitors through March 31, 2020. Members of the media will continue to have access to the State Capitol building.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) limiting all remaining legislative business to fulfilling the constitutional requirement of passing a balanced budget, and any associated actions that will ensure Tennessee can keep its doors open.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) all school districts in Tennessee to close by March 20 and remain closed through March 31. The Governor announced that during this time the [School Food Authorities](#) will have flexibility to continue to provide meals to at-risk students who rely on meals.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor also [announced](#) the following actions:
 - The Governor encouraged childcare facilities to remain open to support community needs and directed the Department of Human Services to relax the regulatory burden on child care centers.
 - The state will provide \$10 million in response and recovery grants to support existing childcare facilities.
 - The Tennessee Department of Human Service issued a policy offering emergency cash assistance utilizing TANF funds. Assistance will be up to \$1,000 for families of five or more who qualify and who have experienced loss of a job as a result of COVID-19.
 - The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is working to determine how to utilize the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The Department will extend unemployment benefits to those quarantined by a physician for COVID-19.
 - The Governor's amended budget includes \$200 million to provide specific relief to county and city governments.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 17 calling on businesses to utilize “alternative business models” and prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more people. The order also:
 - Orders restaurants and bars to offer only drive-thru, take-out, or delivery, and permits closed-container alcohol take-out or delivery;
 - Temporarily closes gyms and fitness centers; and
 - Limits visitation to nursing homes, retirement homes, and long-term care facilities.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [established](#) a COVID-19 Unified Command to streamline coordination across the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Tennessee Department of Health and Tennessee Department of Military. The Command will be led by Commissioner Stuart McWhorter.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [mobilized](#) the National Guard to assist with expanding testing efforts. The mobilization consists of 250 personnel, including 150 medical personnel.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) work from home orders for state employees under the Alternative Workplace Solutions program, until April 24.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor extended statewide school closures until April 24.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a series of administrative actions, including:
 - Delaying the deadline to file franchise and excise taxes until July 15;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Suspending the issuance of REAL ID through May 18;
 - Waiving emissions testing requirements through May 18;
 - Filing an emergency petition, in partnership with the Attorney General, an emergency petition asking the Tennessee Public Utility Commission to prohibit utilities from disconnecting services for non-payment during the state of emergency; and
 - Directing the Department of Commerce and Insurance to issue guidance to providers requesting flexibility for employers and individuals.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the purchase of additional testing supplies using CDC funding.
- March 25, 2020 – The Department of Human Services [announced](#) the use of emergency response and recovery grants for existing child care facilities, allowing churches, gyms, or non-profits to register with the Department to open an emergency temporary child care facility.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of Tennessee Talent Exchange, a public-private partnership with the Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association, Tennessee Retail Association, and Hospitality TN to match out of work Tennesseans with companies currently experiencing business surges.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order to better mobilize health care workers, by:
 - Loosening restrictions around retired medical professionals returning to the workforce;
 - Temporarily suspending continuing education requirements so professionals can continue to work through the pandemic;
 - Calling for the availability of phone assessments for individuals with mental illness or emotional disturbances; and
 - Expanding telemedicine efforts.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) emergency cash assistance (TANF) for up to two months to families significantly impacted by COVID-19. Families who have lost employment or at least 50% of their earned income as a result of the pandemic are eligible.
- March 29, 2020 – The COVID-19 Unified Command [announced](#) coordination with the Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation and Healing to address the COVID-19 outbreak at the facility:
 - The transport of 23 residents to Sumner Regional Medical Center via an ambulance strike team of EMS Professionals on Friday, March 27;
 - Engagement of the National Guard on-site to assist with testing;
 - Isolation of staff members who tested positive; and
 - Deep cleaning and disinfecting of the facility.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order issuing “Shelter in Place” guidelines, which will remain in effect until April 14.
- March 30, 2020 – The Unified Command [announced](#) a partnership with LaunchTN to work with Tennessee businesses and entrepreneurs willing to switch production to make PPE.
- March 31, 2020 – The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is working with behavioral health providers to [expand service](#) to individuals who need professional behavioral health help, including expanded telehealth services and mobile behavioral health care units.
- March 31, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Tennessee’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

waiver enables Tennessee to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, and allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings.

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare for a surge of hospitalizations.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order requiring Tennesseans to stay at home except for essential activities.
- April 2, 2020 – President Trump [approved](#) Tennessee’s major disaster declaration, accelerating coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers and expanding statewide capacity by 7,000 beds.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, which:
 - Grants with Commissioner of Health authority to expand telemedicine and allow post-degree, pre-licensed mental or behavioral health professionals to treat patients;
 - Suspends and extends deadlines for filing and paying taxes and applying for tax relief;
 - Grants the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development discretion to require expedited information in processing unemployment benefits claims;
 - Extends the law against price gouging for an additional 15 days;
 - Suspends the expiration of marriage licenses;
 - Extends the deadline for law enforcement officers to complete certain introductory POST Commission courses;
 - Extends the due date for driver license reinstatement installment payments;
 - Provides flexibility for Tennessee Corrections Institute county jail plans; and
 - Suspends requirements regarding deposit of funds at walk-in state service location.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$200 million in grants to be distributed to every county and city government across the state for one-time, local expenses.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$10 million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants to support hospitals.
- April 6, 2020 – The Tennessee Division of TennCare [submitted](#) a waiver to the federal government seeking matching dollars to address the uninsured population.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Paycheck Protection Program, which offers fully forgivable loans to help small businesses maintain payrolls.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) executive order 25, extending the postponement of elective medical and dental procedures until April 30.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a partnership with Nextdoor to provide official, real-time information to Tennesseans about the state’s response.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order extending the state’s Stay at Home Order until April 30.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the development of the Economic Recovery Group to coordinate legislative leadership, local leadership, health care professionals, and industry representatives to reboot the economy.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) expanded COVID-19 testing in coordination with the National Guard, free to all Tennesseans, regardless of symptoms,
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [called on](#) schools to remain closed for the remainder of the academic year.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [appointed](#) the Department of Tourism Development Commissioner to lead the Economic Recovery Group.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of the Stimulus Financial Accountability Group to oversee fiscal management of CARES Act funding received by the state.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 28, removing regulatory barriers to facilitate the treatment of COVID-19, including:
 - Extending the deadline for firefighters to obtain a medical examination;
 - Suspending the collaborating physician requirement for nurse practitioners and physician assistants;
 - Allowing nursing school graduates to work during the emergency order under the supervision of a licensed nurse;
 - Allowing nurse practitioners and physician assistants to write orders for home health services;
 - Expanding the facilities in which autopsies may be performed;
 - Allowing medical laboratory personnel to work from home in reviewing data and reporting results;
 - Protecting HIPAA information sent by the DoH to first responders and law enforcement personnel; and
 - Extending the price gouging law for an additional 15 days.
- April 17, 2020 – The Tennessee Department of Human Services [announced](#) new child care assistance to support families serving in essential workforce positions.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) expanded testing, with the Tennessee National Guard establishing 15 drive-through testing sites.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the stay at home order will expire April 30 and the majority of businesses in 89 counties will be allowed to re-open on May 1.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the first four grants of a \$10 million grant program were distributed to support hospitals facing financial strain.
- April 21, 2020 – The Tennessee Department of Health’s Office of Minority Health Disparities Elimination [provided](#) an overview of efforts to engage minority communities seeking testing and treatment. Actions include:
 - Engagement of non-profits, faith leaders, legislators and local leaders;
 - Expanded testing efforts to coordinate with local health clinics and safety net clinics;
 - Focused resources to improve race and ethnicity data collection; and
 - Additional public service announcements focused on minority health concerns
- April 22, 2020 – The Tennessee COVID-19 Unified-Command Group [released](#) data regarding the state’s long-term care facilities and outlined a plan for preventing future cases and mitigating present clusters of cases within these facilities.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following initial guidance on retail industry reopening:
 - Restaurants operating at 50% capacity and following guidance will be allowed to open on Monday, April 27; and
 - Retail outfits operating at 50% and following guidance will be allowed to open on Wednesday, April 29.
- April 23, 2020 – The Department of Labor and Workforce Development [issued](#) an update on actions to support Tennesseans including system upgrades and benefit distribution.
- April 23, 2020 – The Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner [announced](#) that most state parks will reopen for day-use only on Friday, April 24.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance to restaurants and retailers as part of “Tennessee Pledge,” the state’s rollout approach to reopening businesses in 89 of 95 counties.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor signed [Executive Order 29](#), amending Executive Order 17 and allowing restaurants to begin reopening on April 27.

Texas

- January 27, 2020 – The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the lead agency for response, [activated](#) the State Medical Operations Center (SMOC). The SMOC serves as a touchpoint for any requests from local entities, and ensures consistent collection, tracking, and reporting of public health activities and data. DSHS and Texas Division of Emergency management have begun bi-weekly meetings with all relevant state agencies at the SMOC to discuss up-to-date emergency planning documents and how plans will be implemented.
- February 27, 2020 – Agencies will implement disinfecting measures at places like driver’s license offices and schools, as well as ensure high-risk populations, such as those in daycares, nursing homes, assisted living associations, and health care facilities, are prepared and properly cared for.
- March 6, 2020 – Governor Abbott [issued](#) a statement regarding price-gouging of medical supplies, pointing out that should there be extensive reports of price-gouging, the Governor can grant the Texas Attorney General broader powers to prosecute those cases.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Insurance [requested](#) insurers and HMOs to waive copayments, co-insurance, and deductibles for “testing and telemedicine visits for the diagnosis of coronavirus,” that is consistent with CDC guidance.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services [urged](#) Texans to take preventative measures
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Abbott [hosted a call](#) with Texas legislators, mayors, and judges, reiterating state support in the form of resources and supplies, as well as encouraging locals to track expenses for potential federal reimbursement.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [declared](#) a state of disaster in Texas due to COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that he has waived the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, the Governor is requesting that the Department of Education waive federal testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Texas is waiving certain rules relating to vehicle registration, parking placards for persons with disabilities, and titling to aid the state’s efforts to combat COVID-19.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [granted](#) the Office of the Attorney General’s request for suspension of certain open-meeting statutes. This temporary suspension will allow for telephonic or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies that are accessible to the public in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people.
- March 17, 2020 – The Texas Department of State Health Services [confirmed](#) the first death as a result of COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [activated](#) the National Guard in preparation to assist with the COVID-19 response. The activation excludes first responders and health care workers so they may continue to serve in their respective fields.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [granted](#) waivers to allow hospitals to increase the total number of unused beds without having to apply or pay additional fees in addition

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

to [directing](#) the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule regarding telemedicine care for patients.

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) designation from the Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Declaration in order to access the Economic Injury Disaster Loan to provide long-term, low-interest loans to affected and qualified businesses across Texas.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Public Safety to temporarily waive expiration dates on driver licenses, commercial driver licenses, and other forms of identification.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code in order to allow political subdivisions to postpone 2020 local elections. Local government will have the ability to postpone May 2 elections until November 3.
- March 18, 2020 – The Texas Education Agency (TEA) [announced](#) a collaboration with Local Education Agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students MealFinder Map launching March 20. The map, available on the [TEA website](#), will allow parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals to the community.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a waiver allowing restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with food purchases to patrons. He also directed the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to waive certain provisions to allow manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages to repurchase or sell back unopened product.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) immediate closure of all driver license offices across the state.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order detailing the following restrictions throughout the state:
 - Prohibition of social gathering of 10 or more people.
 - Ban on dine-in service for restaurants, bars, and food courts and on patronage of gyms or massage parlors.
 - Ban on visitation of retirement of long-term care facilities; and
 - Closure of schools.
- March 19, 2020 – The commissioner of the Department of State Health Services [declared](#) a state of public health disaster.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to temporarily suspend inmate fees for health care services related to COVID-19.
- March 20, 2020 – The Texas Supreme Court [issued](#) an emergency order suspending residential eviction proceedings through April 19, 2020.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the U.S. Small Business Administration granted Texas access to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, which will provide long-term, low-interest loans to qualifying businesses.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to allow for refunds of application fees to businesses who applied for temporary event permits for events that were later cancelled.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) regulations to allow pharmacists to conduct telephonic consultations and removed regulations to enable pharmacies to operate at full strength.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation, postponing the runoff primary election until July 14, 2020.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) regulations to expand the Texas nursing workforce by:

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Allowing temporary permit extensions to practice for graduate nurses and vocational nurses that haven't yet taken the licensing exam;
- Allowing students in their final year of nursing school to meet clinical objectives by exceeding the 50% limit on simulated experiences; and
- Allowing nurses with inactive licenses or retired nurses to reactivate their licenses.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order postponing non-immediate surgeries and procedures to expand hospital bed capacity.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Texas received \$36.9 million from the CDC as part of the initial allotment from the first emergency coronavirus bill passed by Congress. The Texas Department of State Health Services will distribute \$19.5 million to 43 local health departments.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor formally [requested](#) a major federal disaster declaration in Texas.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of Supply Chain Strike Force, responsible for collaboration between public and private sectors to supply health care facilities with necessary supplies and resources.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Supply Chain Strike Force secured more than \$83 million worth of purchase orders for essential supplies and will begin receiving 100,000 masks per day by the end of next week; and that the Texas Division of Emergency Management will begin receiving 1,000 masks per day by the end of the week.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order to better track hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the State Department of Health to permit restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the receipt of a \$16.2 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living to help provide meals for older adults.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission [sent](#) a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture requesting permission to allow Texas SNAP recipients to use their benefits at take out and drive thru restaurants.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the federal declaration of a major disaster for the state of Texas.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) certain licensing renewal and subsequent fees for nurses in Texas and authorized a six-month grace period for nurses with expired licenses.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) certain hospital licensing rules and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission adopted an emergency rule to increase hospital capacity.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) access to interest-free federal loans to pay unemployment claims and accelerated the release of funds from the Texas account of the federal Unemployment Trust Fund.
- March 26, 2020 – The Texas Health and Human Service Commission [submitted](#) a Section 1135 Medicaid Waiver to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order mandating a 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving in Texas from Tri-State airports in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut, as well as from New Orleans, Louisiana.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) certain Texas Workforce Commission regulations to preserve and extend childcare capacity for frontline workers.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the deployment of the National Guard Joint Task Force Brigades to manage drive through testing locations and support the state’s healthcare infrastructure.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees, extending expiration dates for licenses and temporarily suspending continuing education requirements for pharmacists.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) regulations to expedite licensing reactivation processes for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.
- March 29, 2020 – The Texas Health and Human Service Commission [submitted](#) a Section 1135 waiver.
- March 29, 2020 – The Governor announced Executive Orders [GA-12](#) and [GA-13](#), mandating a 14-day quarantine for road travelers arriving from anywhere in Louisiana and expanding a previous [Executive Order](#), mandating a 14-day quarantine for air travelers from New York Tri-State Area, California, Louisiana, Washington, Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL, Detroit, MI, and Miami, FL.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order prohibiting the release of individuals in custody with a history of offenses involving physical violence.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) certain cost-sharing provisions so public safety employees who contract COVID-19 during the course of their employment will be reimbursed for medical expenses related to their treatment.
- March 30, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Texas’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. As [announced](#) by the Governor, the approved waiver enables Texas to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the state.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Comfort Food Care Package program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statement regarding the latest stimulus package and the benefits that Texans affected by COVID-19 will see.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs [waived](#) statutes related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s HOME Investments Partnership program, granting flexible use of funds to help Texans pay their rent.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [suspended](#) regulations to increase the amount of Emergency Medical Services workers and first responders. The Governor also suspended certain skills testing requirements for EMS personnel in Texas and for out of state Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians seeking reciprocity to practice in Texas.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, suspending parts of the Texas Election Code to allow the Fort Worth Crime Control and Prevention District to order its special election on July 14, and to allow early voting by personal appearance.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) licensure regulations to allow Physician Assistants (PA), Medical Physicists, Perfusionists, and Respiratory Care candidates to work under an emergency license and to provide greater flexibility between physicians and the PAs and the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses they supervise in provision of services.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Care.com is increasing home child care access for frontline workers, including 90 days of free, premium access to their services. Frontline workers looking for childcare as well as prospective caregivers can enroll [here](#).
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Texas received 2.5 million masks, and provided a region-by-region breakdown of supply distribution.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to close all state parks and historic sites.
- April 7, 2020 – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission [adopted](#) an emergency rule to provide flexibility in serving dialysis patients and to better enable end stage renal disease facilities to treat patients.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) certain regulatory requirements to increase the job capacity of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new partnership between the Texas Military Department and Prestige Ameritech to increase the production of face mases for health care workers.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Texas Health and Human Services will provide more than \$168 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation, suspending parts of the Texas Election Code to allow the City of Sundown to order its special election on July 14.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the provision of one-time emergency waivers of required match contributions required for the Victims of Crime Act and STOP Violence Against Woman Act grant funds.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [suspended](#) certain statutes to allow appearances before a notary public to be done via videoconference.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) regulations to expand telehealth options, allowing any audio-visual, real-time, or two-way interactive communication system to qualify as telecommunications technology to provide certain telehealth services.
- April 9, 2020 – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) [adopted](#) an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serves as residents in long-term care facilities.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a new online Frontline Child Care Website to help essential workers locate childcare and support childcare centers.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [waived](#) certain regulations to ease restrictions on physicians-in-training to increase health care capacity.
- April 12, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) extending the state’s disaster declaration.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Goldman Sachs, the LiftFund, and other community development financial institutions are partnering to provide \$50 million in loans to small businesses.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) his intention to “slowly and strategically” reopen parts of the state’s economy.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Public Safety Office will provide \$38 million in federal funds to local governments.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor and Harris County Judge [announced](#) a partnership with Walgreens to open two new drive-through testing sites.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor’s Office of Economic Development and Tourism [launched](#) the Governor’s Small Business Webinar Series to provide Texas small

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

business owners and entrepreneurs with timely, relevant and actionable information on COVID-19 recovery resources. The first webinar, tailored to Central Texas, was attended by over 3,000 Texans. The Webinar Series takes the place of the Governor's Small Business Series events that were postponed due to COVID-19.

- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order, establishing the Strike Force to Open Texas to advise the Governor on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order GA-16, allowing retail outlets to reopen beginning on April 24 using a “Retail-To-Go” model.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order GA-15, loosening restrictions on surgeries.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Texas National Guard will mobilize more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) nearly 500,000 job openings currently listed on WorkInTexas.com, a job matching service developed by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) certain testing requirements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), allowing new APRN graduates who have applied for APRN licensure to begin practicing under direct physician supervision.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor temporarily [waived](#) restrictions to allow Texas higher education institutions to transfer unexpended financial aid funds from the Texas College Work-Study program to other financial aid programs.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and individuals with disabilities.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire and administer federal assistance available to Texas.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs [announced](#) that Texas will provide HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance to Texans experiencing housing challenges, made possible by waived recently authorized by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services have [launched](#) an online COVID-19 test collection map to help Texans locate test collection sites in their communities.

Utah

- January 29, 2020 – The Utah Department of Health activated its [Incident Command System](#) to ensure effective communication and coordination among state agencies.
- March 6, 2020 – Governor Herbert declared a [state of emergency](#), which is part of the state's preparedness plan and came at the recommendation of the Governors COVID-19 Task Force.
- March 2, 2020 – Utah [established](#) the COVID-19 Community Task Force. On 10 March, the task force [recommended](#) that hospital and health care systems establish satellite sites for testing.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Herbert issued a [statement](#) praising the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints' decision to host sessions of its General Conference remotely and to limit mass gatherings in the immediate future.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 12, 2020 – Governor Herbert, in partnership with the Utah COVID-19 Community Task Force, issued [official recommendations](#) to: limit gatherings of 100+ people (including church); not participate in group gatherings for individuals over 60 years of age or immunocompromised; and restrict access to long-term care facilities.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Herbert approved [recommendations](#) to the Utah Systems of Higher Education and the Utah State Board of Education to transition to online teaching.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Herbert announced [recommendations](#) the implementation of several precautionary measures across the state of Utah to help slow the spread of novel coronavirus.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that Utah’s public schools will implement a two-week dismissal, or “soft closure,” starting Monday, March 16. The dismissal is designed to help implement social distancing and slow the spread of novel coronavirus in our communities.
- March 17, 2020 – The Utah Department of Health [ordered](#) all restaurants and bars to close dining rooms, effective March 18.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) three executive orders, that will:
 - Lessen the burden on establishments with liquor licenses by facilitating returns of product to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;
 - Allow the public to view Board of Pardons and Parole hearings remotely; and
 - Facilitate the ability of public bodies to conduct meetings electronically.
- March 19, 2020 – The Utah Board of Education [waived](#) requirements regarding the calendar year, transportation, and assessments. The Board also [directed](#) staff to continue to distribute state funding to local education agencies.
- March 21, 2020 – The Utah Department of Health [amended](#) a recent [order](#), removing a potential criminal penalty association with gathering in groups of 10 or more.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor, State Superintendent, and Acting Commissioner of Technical Education [announced](#) that Utah’s K-12 public schools will extend their dismissal through May 1, 2020.
- March 24, 2020 – The Utah Department of Health [announced](#) restrictions on non-urgent medical, dental, and veterinary procedures.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order suspending sections of the state statute to ease the provision of telehealth care to patients.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order suspending certain requirements on signature gathering for candidates seeking to get on the ballot.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a “Stay Safe, Stay Home” Directive to provide further guidance to individuals and businesses regarding hygiene, gatherings, travel, and outdoor recreation.
- March 30, 2020 – The Child Care Task Force [created](#) One Utah Child Care to meet child care needs of essential employees such as healthcare workers.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor’s Office of Economic Development [announced](#) the Utah Leads Together Small Business Bridge Loan program to assist small businesses with 50 or fewer employees.
- March 30, 2020 – The Utah State Tax Commissioners [approved](#) extensions to tax filing and payment deadlines to July 15.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [lifted](#) restrictions that prevented retirees from public jobs reenter the workforce. This will allow certain public employees return to jobs that are deemed critical to the coronavirus response like first responders, healthcare and public health workers and those in financial services.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing state and local entities participating in the state Retirement Systems to extend work opportunities to recently retired persons to meet needs for critical government functions.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order suspending sections of the state statute to allow the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to tap into the Industrial Assistant Account to offer zero interest loans to small businesses.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, extending the closure of dine-in service at food establishments until April 15.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order instituting a moratorium on residential evictions for tenants directly impacted by COVID-19.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order requiring individuals entering Utah to complete a travel declaration form.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the Stay Safe Stay Home directive until May 1.
- April 13, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Utah’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Utah to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor and State Superintendent [announced](#) an extension on the “soft closure” of public schools until the end of the school year.
- April 15, 2020 – The Department of Workforce Services [announced](#) the Child Care Operations Grant, available to Utah childcare providers whose operations have been affected by decreased enrollment.
- April 15, 2020 – The state [launched](#) its Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits, available to those who were previously ineligible for traditional unemployment benefits.
- April 17, 2020 – ProjectProtect [announced](#) that it is seeking 10,000 volunteers to help produce five-million medical-grade face masks for frontline health care workers. The project is a collaboration between Intermountain Healthcare, University of Utah Health, Latter-day Saint Charities and several non-profits.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) beta testing for the Healthy Together mobile app to augment contact tracing efforts and slow the spread of COVID-19.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Utah Department of Health to update its public health order, allowing for the resumption of some elective procedures pursuant to established guidelines.
- April 23, 2020 – The Utah COVID-19 Community Task Force [announced](#) the creation of a new subcommittee to address language and cultural barriers to providing vulnerable and underserved communities important news and information.
- April 23, 2020 – The Utah Department of Workforce Services will [issue](#) additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits up to the maximum allotment for the months of April and May.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor’s Office of Economic Development [announced](#) the recipients of \$12 million in loan applications through the Utah Leads Together Small Business Bridge Loan.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

Vermont

- February 28, 2020 – The Vermont Agency of Education [issued](#) guidance to Vermont schools on materials, cleaning and disinfecting, travel guidance, school closure and absences.
- March 2, 2020 – Governor Scott [established a COVID-19 Task Force](#) to support the state’s ongoing public health response
- March 6, 2020 – The Vermont Department of Financial Regulation [issued](#) an Insurance Bulletin instructing all health insurers in Vermont to cover any medically necessary COVID-19 testing with no co-payment, coinsurance or deductible.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Scott [activated](#) the State Emergency Operations Center to expand the state’s capacity to coordinate and respond to COVID-19.
- March 10, 2020 – The Vermont Department of Health issued [guidance](#) to healthcare providers and workers regarding death certification and disposition of remains for patients with COVID-19.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Scott [declared](#) a state of emergency
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a Continuity of Education Plan for the orderly dismissal of all schools, and cancellation of all school related activities, no later than March 18.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new guidance and action taken in response to COVID-19:
 - Restricting the size of mass gatherings to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the occupancy of certain facilities.
 - The closure of all bars and restaurants statewide. Establishments can continue to offer food takeout and delivery service. This measure is effective beginning 2:00 PM on March 17 and is in effect until April 6; and
 - State government agencies and departments are working to transition the state employee workforce to remote work, while also implementing measures to limit person to person transactions in state offices.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance to childcare centers to close normal operations but continue essential operations as needed to provide childcare to workers essential to the COVID-19 response.
- March 17, 2020 – The Vermont Agencies of Education and Human Services issued official [guidance](#) regarding “Supporting the Childcare Needs of Essential Persons During a Novel Coronavirus Outbreak,” in line with the Governor’s [directive](#) for schools to provide childcare to essential persons in the state’s COVID-19 response.
- March 18, 2020 – Vermont [designated](#) grocery employees as emergency workers.
- March 19, 2020 – Vermont Governor Scott issued a [gubernatorial directive](#) to the Department of Liquor and Lottery amending regulations related to onsite alcoholic beverage consumption in support of small businesses affected by restaurant closures.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the availability of U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million for Vermont small businesses.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) additional mitigation measures prohibiting in-person operations at businesses unable to comply with social-distancing guidelines, including gyms, fitness centers, salons, spas, and tattoo parlors.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Vermont Department of Public Service has released an interactive Public Wi-Fi Hot Spot Map to help citizens connect to public internet.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a “Stay at Home Order” directing Vermonters to leave their homes only for critical reasons, and suspending in-person operations of all businesses and not-for-profit entities not expressly exempt.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) schools to remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.
- March 26, 2020 – The Division of Children and Families [released](#) Financial Incentives to Child Care Programs serving the COVID-19 Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) additional restrictions on travelers arriving in Vermont, including a 14-day self-quarantine for all travelers and request for those from areas identified as COVID-19 “hot spots” to not travel to the state.
- March 30, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Vermont’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Vermont to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the launch of a website allowing people to sign up to volunteer to support the state’s COVID-19 response. The website will direct Vermonters to the appropriate volunteer program based on their skills.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that public safety officials are monitoring vehicle traffic along the border to track the flow of out-of-state traffic into Vermont.
- April 1, 2020 – The Agency of Commerce and Community Development [launched](#) a new [website](#) to help affected businesses navigate new state and federal aid programs.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) coordination with the Vermont National Guard to prepare communities and hospitals to increase capacity for a medical surge. The National Guard is creating two additional capacity care sites in addition to regionally deployed sites.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an order clarifying that the expiration date of all previous orders and guidance must comply with the April 15 expiration date provided in the Stay Home, Stay Safe order.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [submitted](#) a request for a federal disaster declaration.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the approval of Vermont’s request for a federal disaster declaration.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Motor Vehicles [announced](#) the launch of an online system for license renewals.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the State of Emergency through May 15. The [Executive Order](#) also extends the expiration of all orders pertaining to the COVID-19 response.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Act 91 to grant expedited temporary licensure for health care professionals.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor and Agency of Commerce and Community Development [announced](#) the establishment of the Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force, charged with providing technical assistance and expertise to mitigate economic impacts and develop strategies for recovery.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Financial Regulation [announced](#) an emergency regulation requiring commercial insurers to waive cost-sharing requirements for diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an addendum to Executive Order 01-20, instituting new health and safety requirements under which certain businesses and operations and single-person low contact professional services may begin operations.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation [announced](#) a multi-state initiative to secure student loan relief options for Vermonters with privately held student loans.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor and the Department of Financial Regulation Commissioner [announced](#) that more than forty additional auto insurance companies have filed plans to return premiums or reduce rates for Vermont policyholders.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) additional openings as part of the phased restart of Vermont's economic, while the Stay Home, Stay Safe order remains in effect.
 - The Governor signed an [Executive Order](#) requiring operating businesses to: implement physical distancing, health, and sanitation measures; require employees to wear face coverings; and for employers to provide – and for employees to complete – training on health and safety requirements.

Virginia

- March 4, 2020 – Virginia's public health and safety experts [established an Incident Management Team](#) across state government to lead the Commonwealth's planning and response for COVID-19.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Northam issued a [statement](#) addressing plans to enable state employee teleworking. He also encouraged private businesses to explore telework and paid time-off options.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Northam declared a [State of Emergency](#) on 12 March to address COVID-19. Guidance included a ban on out-of-state travel, implementation of telework policies, cancelling specially scheduled state events for 30 days, and urging avoidance of large public gatherings.
- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [ordered all K-12](#) schools in Virginia to close for a minimum of two weeks.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a temporary ban on all public events of more than 100 people.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor joined the Governor of Maryland and the Mayor of the District of Columbia in [calling](#) on the President to add the National Capital Region to the list of priority locations for federal supported COVID-19 testing sites.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) additional steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including:
 - Recommending reduction of public gatherings of more than 10 people, in accordance with federal guidelines;
 - Encouraging those with chronic health conditions and those aged 65 or older to self-quarantine;
 - Mandating restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters reduce capacity to 10 people, or to close;
 - And closing Virginia's 75 DMV offices to the public.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [moved](#) to increase support to affected workers and employers by:
 - Directing the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to waive the one-week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Enhancing unemployment eligibility to include those directed to self-quarantine by a medical or public health official;
- Granting affected workers special considerations on deadlines for mandatory re-employment appointments and work search requirements;
- Activating regional workforce teams to support employers who have slowed or ceased operations;
- Waiving financial penalties for employers who experience an increase in workers requesting unemployment benefits;
- Authorizing funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for employers to remain open; and
- Directing employers to follow U.S. Department of Labor guidance on workplace safety.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor and the Health Commissioner [issued](#) a Public Health Emergency Order to enforce a prohibition on more than 10 patrons in restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the following actions.
 - Increased access to health care for Medicaid members and low-income residents including waived co-pays and expanded access to telehealth.
 - Modifications to Virginia’s Child Care Subsidy Program to expand eligibility and ensure continued support for essential personnel.
 - Approved Economic Injury Disaster Loan to support Virginia small businesses.
 - Suspension of in-person visitations to state correctional facilities.
 - Suspension of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections for 60 days.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order giving hospitals and nursing homes more flexibility to add beds.
- March 21, 2020 – The Virginia Department of Health [amended](#) testing criteria, giving additional priority to first responders and medical professionals who have had contact with confirmed cases.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor issued [Executive Order 53](#):
 - Orders the closure of non-essential businesses and permits carry-out food and alcohol services, and delineates essential businesses;
 - Bans gatherings of more than 10 people;
 - Closes all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic school year; and
 - Urges Virginians to stay home except for essential travel.
 - The order will remain in effect until April 23.
- March 23, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Virginia’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Virginia to lift prior authorization requirements and extend fair hearing and appeals timelines in its Medicaid program.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor and the State Health Commissioner [directed](#) all hospitals to stop performing elective surgeries or procedures for the preservation of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [encouraged](#) Virginians to complete the 2020 Census online.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a “Stay at Home” executive order, effective until June 10. Violation of the order will be considered a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state of Virginia’s request for a federal major disaster declaration was approved.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) \$2.5 million in emergency funding to provide housing options to Virginia’s homeless population.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the General Assembly to move the May general election and all special elections scheduled for May 5 to November 3. The Governor also moved the June 9 primary election to June 23.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [authorized](#) the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) to defer annual fees for licenses and permits that would be up for renewal through June. The Governor also directed the ABC to allow establishments with mixed beverage licenses to sell mixed beverages through takeout or delivery.
- April 8, 2020 — The Governor [announced](#) several changes to unemployment insurance rules and processes to help make it easier for people to receive benefits in a timely manner.
- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a number of laws to protect Virginian workers, including legislation to combat wage theft, ban workplace discrimination, and prohibit non-compete covenants for low-wage workers.
- April 12, 2020 – The Governor [proposed](#) an increase to minimum wage and the creation of a work-sharing program to support workers impacted by COVID-19.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the expansion of the Department of Education’s online learning system to enable all teachers to host virtual classes.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor, researchers from the University of Virginia, and RAND Corporation, [released](#) infectious disease modeling on the impact of COVID-19 mitigation in Virginia.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) March revenue results, and warned that future reports may reflect significant economic impacts of COVID-19.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) Executive Order 53, banning crowds of more than 10 people, closes certain businesses, and limits restaurants to takeout and delivery services until May 8.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an additional \$70 million in Child Care and Development Block Grant funding through the CARES Act, to support the provision of childcare for essential personnel.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor sent a [letter](#) to the Virginia congressional delegation outlining the following additional requests for federal support:
 - Additional flexible state funding;
 - Investments in public health infrastructure;
 - Support for Virginia families, including SNAP benefits;
 - Support for Virginia workers, including expanded unemployment benefits, health insurance, and hazard pay;
 - Small business relief, including federal recovery loans and expansion of the Paycheck Protection Program; and
 - Infrastructure investment including universal broadband.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order implementing new policies to bolster the healthcare workforce.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [appointed](#) former Health Commissioner Dr. Karen Remley and State Epidemiologist Dr. Lilian Peake to lead a COVID-19 testing working group.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor, alongside Maryland Governor Hogan and D.C. Mayor Bowser, [sent a letter](#) urging OPM to continue broad telework policies for federal agencies.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order Fifty-Eight to grant flexibility to the Department of Medical Assistance Services in the provision of critical services and to make it easier for Medicaid recipients to access medical care.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the state’s existing ban on elective surgeries to May 1 and the closure of Department of Motor Vehicles public offices to May 11.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) community leaders to participate in the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 Business Task Force, responsible for providing guidance to the Cabinet on strategy to ease restrictions.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor invoked his statutory authority to [postpone](#) the State’s May General and Special Elections from May 5 to May 19.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [presented](#) the “Forward Virginia” blueprint, guiding the easing of public health restrictions in the state. The blueprint includes the following priorities:
 - Testing and tracing;
 - Personal Protective Equipment;
 - Hospital Capacity and staff; and
 - Phase One of easing restrictions.

Washington

- February 29, 2020 – Governor Inslee [declared a state of emergency](#) and called for implementation of the [Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan](#). The Governor also mobilized the National Guard in state status to support efforts.
- March 4, 2020 – The state senate unanimously approved [\\$100 million funding package](#) to support state and local public health organizations respond to the coronavirus. An amendment was added that ensures individuals can access unemployment benefits without meeting the work search requirements if they are under isolation or quarantine.
- March 4, 2020 – According to news sources, King County [purchased a motel](#) to expand its ability to provide quarantine.
- March 5, 2020 – Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler issued an emergency order for all state-regulated health plans to [waive co-pays and deductibles](#) for testing, allow for a one-time early refill on prescription medications, and allow enrollees to be treated by another provider within a reasonable distance at no cost (if there is not enough providers testing in network).
- March 5, 2020 – The Department of Labor and Industries has changed its [workers compensation policies](#) to ensure that benefits are provided to health care workers and first responders who are quarantined.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Inslee [issued](#) rules guiding visitor rules, screening, and protective measures for nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- March 10, 2020 – Governor Inslee [announced](#) a ban on gatherings of 250 people or more in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties as part of a social distancing strategy.
- March 10, 2020 – The Governor’s office published a [resource list for business and workers](#) in the state who have been impacted by the virus. These resources are aimed at supporting economic retention and recovery efforts.
- March 10, 2020 – The Washington State Department of Health [developed](#) a suite of policy considerations and recommendations for school facilities, correctional facilities, and broader community-based organizations.
- March 11, 2020 – Governor Inslee issued an [emergency proclamation](#) prohibiting large public events with more the 250 people in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Inslee [announced](#) closures of all public and private K-12 schools in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties for the next six weeks.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 13, 2020 – The Governor [signed a proclamation](#) requiring that all public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship and similar programs are prohibited from conducting in-person classroom instruction and lectures.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed an emergency proclamation](#) temporarily shutting down restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an emergency proclamation that mandates the immediate two-week closure of all restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities, as well as additional limits on large gatherings.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a series of [bills](#) that permit the following actions to bolster the state response to COVID-19:
 - Provide \$200 million to state agencies, local government and tribal governments to respond to COVID-19 and move \$175 million from the Budget Stabilization Account to the Disaster Response Account for COVID-19 mitigation. Legislation will also permit \$25 million from the Budget Stabilization Account to be used to assist businesses with unemployment impacts.
 - Increase surge capacity in health care workforce by reducing credentialing delays for healthcare workers and allowing managed care organizations to fill positions with substitute health care providers.
 - Allow hourly school employees to maintain health care eligibility provided by the School Employees Benefits Board for the duration of school closures.
 - Allow state workers and school district employees forced to isolate or quarantine due to infection or exposure to use shared leave.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor issued proclamations [restricting](#) access to long-term care facilities and temporarily [suspending](#) vision tests for driver license applicants through April 15.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor’s Office [compiled](#) a list of resources for businesses offering extensions on tax filings and waiving penalties for late payments for impacted businesses.
- March 17, 2020 – The Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner posted [information on insurance for businesses](#) and [event cancellation insurance](#).
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) that President Donald Trump dispatch the U.S.S. Mercy to Puget Sound in order to support health care capacity.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) restrictions on non-urgent medical and dental procedures to free up health care workers and protective equipment. The restrictions will not apply to emergency and urgent needs.
- March 19, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Washington’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables the Washington to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to President Trump requesting the declaration of a federal major disaster in the state of Washington.
- March 21, 2020 – The Washington State Department of Health [published](#) guidelines on allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - First Tier Recipients: long-term care facilities, hospitals with the greatest number of confirmed cases, EMS and first responders asked to transport confirmed patients, and health-care workers supporting long-term care facilities with confirmed cases.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Second Tier Recipients: health care facilities with fewer confirmed cases, congregate locations with confirmed cases, other EMS services, and Department of Health-run isolation and quarantine facilities.
- Third Tier Recipients: quarantine and isolation facilities run by other jurisdictions, skilled nursing facilities, other health care facilities, and outpatient facilities.
- Fourth Tier Recipients: homeless shelters and other congregate locations, and family members of confirmed cases.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [named](#) Navy Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono as the Washington state director for COVID-19 Health System Response Management
- March 22, 2020 – The White House approved the Governor’s request, [declaring](#) a major disaster in Washington state.
- March 22, 2020 – President Trump [announced](#) the activation of the National guard in Washington state.
- March 22, 2020 – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [announced](#) the closure of all state campgrounds through April 30.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a statewide “Stay at Home” order, which will last for two weeks and could be extended. The order requires all Washingtonians to stay at home except for essential activities; bans all gatherings for social, spiritual, and recreational purposes; and closes all non-essential businesses.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) the Trump administration to expand unemployment benefits.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a series of administrative measures, including:
 - [Waiving](#) statutory requirements in the Open Public Meetings Act to prevent gatherings of people, and waiving the requirement in the Public Records Act to respond to or acknowledge requests within five days;
 - [Authorizing](#) electronic notary services by waiving the delayed effective date of [SB 5641](#); and
 - [Waiving](#) penalties for failure to remit timely tax payments to the Liquor and Cannabis Board until April 22.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a proclamation waiving work search requirements in order to receive unemployment insurance.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a proclamation increasing parity between health care providers who deliver in-person and telemedicine care. The measure prohibits insurance carriers from denying telemedicine claims.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor announced several proclamations, accomplishing the following:
 - [Waiving](#) requirements for in-person visitation by children in the custody of the state Department of Children, Youth and Family with family;
 - [Waiving](#) licensing requirements for healthcare workers to practice in the state, including ongoing education requirements;
 - [Waiving](#) licensing requirements for childcare workers; and
 - [Waiving](#) deadlines for local governments to file their required annual financial reports with the State Auditor’s Office.
- March 28, 2020 – The Governor sent additional guidance to [funeral homes and cemeteries](#), [tribal governments](#), and [real estate stakeholders](#) regarding the “Stay at Home” order.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) guidance to state and local law enforcement on his “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, including an [online form](#) to report businesses violating orders.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor and the director of the Department of Financial Institutions [announced](#) steps to assist homeowners who are unable to make mortgage payments, including [guidance](#) issued to companies servicing mortgages urging them to work with homeowners and grant payment forbearance for those who need it.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) updated guidance regarding the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, including guidance on essential employees and permissible recreational activities.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a proclamation waiving post-retirement statutory work limitations, allowing experienced employees to return to work for essential jobs.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) an extension of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, banning gatherings and closing non-essential businesses until May 4.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor used his veto authority to [trim](#) \$235 million from the 2020 supplemental operation budget to account for reduction in economic revenue.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation extending the renewal date of personal and commercial driver’s licenses.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation suspending the requirement to hold a DUI hearing within 30 days of when a driver contests his or her license suspension following a DUI arrest.
- April 5, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state will send more than 400 ventilators received from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), back to SNS inventory to redistribute to states facing higher COVID-19 case counts.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction [extended](#) school closures for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) a coordinated, statewide food relief fund in partnership with nonprofits and local philanthropies.
- April 7, 2020 – The Governor and the Washington State Department of Commerce [announced](#) the following actions to help small businesses:
 - The administration of the Working Washington Small Business Grant to small businesses with under 10 employees;
 - The provision of business resiliency assistance through partnerships with organizations that serve economically disadvantaged communities; and
 - The acceptance of applications for U.S. SBA forgivable loans.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Department of Defense field hospital stationed at the Century Link Field Event Center will be returned to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be redeployed to another state as needed.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) authorizing nursing homes to transfer or discharge residents to another long term care facility, enabling facilities to care for similarly situated residents.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) removing certain statutory hearing deadlines and service process requirements relating to protection, extreme risk, and similar orders to ensure justice for victims. The proclamation also encourages the use of electronic and remote hearings.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) removing restrictions on paying employees by mail, allowing for shared leave, and waiving requirements prohibiting accrued vacation time.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 13, 2020 – Washington Governor Jay Inslee, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, and California Governor Gavin Newsom [announced](#) an agreement on a shared vision for reopening their economies and controlling COVID-19 into the future. It will focus on four goals:
 - Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
 - Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.
 - Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.
 - Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The states will work together to share best practices.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a strategy to protect the health of incarcerated individuals, including early release of vulnerable populations and nonviolent individuals.
- April 13, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) providing high-risk workers the right to protect themselves without jeopardizing their employment status.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) suspending the statutes of limitations for all crimes and waives the 1-year limitation on raising post-conviction challenges in criminal convictions.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) waiving certain statutory barriers for renewing or extending commercial driver licenses and learner permits.
- April 14, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#) suspending statutes that permit the collection of consumer debt judgements, including bank account and wage garnishments and waiving the accrual of post-judgment interest on consumer debt judgments.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) a [proclamation](#) and a [commutation](#) order to protect the health of incarcerated individuals by focusing on early release of vulnerable and non-violent individuals.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor issued a [proclamation](#), expanding the existing moratorium on evictions through June 4.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation extending the suspension of restrictions on truck driver hours until May 15.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation extending the suspension of certain laws relating to the operation of utilities and providing relief to utility payers to May 4.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation eliminating barriers to host community association meetings remotely and suspending statutes that permits the imposition and collection of fees for late payment of community assessments.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor sent a [letter](#) to Vice President Pence requesting federal assistance to develop a national testing system.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) Washington’s Recovery Plan, building a framework to loosen restrictions as the spread of COVID-19 continues to decline.
 - The Governor said it is unlikely original restrictions under the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order will be modified before May 4.
- April 22, 2020 – The Employment Security Department [launched](#) an online system to accommodate the expansion of unemployment benefits enabled by the CARES Act.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) 20 existing proclamations until May 4, including proclamations regarding:
 - Long-term health care;
 - Department of Revenue relief from penalties;
 - Unemployment Insurance waivers;
 - Child care background checks;
 - Healthcare workers licensing requirements; and
 - Visitation and remedial services, among others.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor, in consultation with Washington’s construction industry, [announced](#) plans to permit the completion of current construction projects, previously postponed by COVID-19 health restrictions.

West Virginia

- March 4, 2020 – Governor Justice held a [meeting](#) to discuss coordination of precautionary measures and preparations for COVID-19. Following the meeting, Governor Justice announced that he had issued a [State Preparedness Plan for West Virginia](#).
- March 4, 2020 – Governor Justice [issued](#) a State of Preparedness Proclamation.
- March 9, 2020 – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) the creation of a hotline to answer questions of the public and medical providers concerning COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Justice [announced](#) a state employee travel ban on out-of-state and international travel and asked West Virginians to reconsider non-essential, personal travel.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Justice [issued guidance](#) to State government office to avoid hosting large meetings, authorized emergency exemptions for the acquisition of health supplies, and asked WVSSAC to suspend both the boys and girls WV High School State School Basketball Tournaments.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [announced the closure](#) of K-12 schools in the state and issued the following updates:
 - All schools will remain closed to students through at least March 27.
 - Essential staff, as determined by each county board of education, will report March 16 through March 18 to develop continuity plans for students.
 - All teachers, staff, and school service personnel will report March 19 and March 20.
 - County boards of education will determine staff requirements for March 23 and beyond.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [declared](#) a State of Emergency ordering the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, West Virginia Division of Homeland Security, and Emergency Management and the West Virginia National Guard to mobilize appropriate personnel and resources to respond to the emergency. The state of emergency orders that it is unlawful for any person, business, or other entity to sell any food items, essential consumer items, and emergency supplies in a manner that violates the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, which protects consumer from price gouging and unfair pricing practices during and shortly after a State of Emergency.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [highlighted](#) other steps the state is taking, including the West Virginia Department of Education’s successful opening of more than 500 sites around the state to ensure children who require school breakfasts and lunches will receive meals during the recently announced statewide school closure.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [confirmed](#) West Virginia’s first case of COVID-19. The Governor also [ordered](#) the immediate closure of all restaurants, bars, and casinos, permitting only drive-thru operations.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order closing fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, and similar recreation locations statewide.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order closing barbershops, hair salons, and nail salons, effective at midnight.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the West Virginia Department of Commerce and Workforce to provide unemployment benefits to those affected by COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible.
- March 19, 2020 – The West Virginia Department of Transportation [announced](#) that Welcome Centers and Rest Areas will remain open to travelers during the state of emergency.
- March 20, 2020 – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) its Vital Registration Office will close to the public until further notice.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an Executive Order mandating statewide closure of all West Virginia state park lodges and closure of the Hatfield McCoy Trail to the general public.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) West Virginians to stay home as much as possible, and businesses to allow employees to telework if possible.
- March 23, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a “Stay at Home” order, ordering all West Virginians to stay at home except for essential needs. The order will remain in place until terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the statewide school closure until April 20.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the extension of the state income tax filing and payment deadline until July 15 and waived interest and penalties on property tax filings until May 1.
- March 25, 2020 – The Cabinet Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency [declared](#) that all child care not serving essential personnel should close.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [appointed](#) Dr. Clay March as the State CCOVID-19 Czar.
- March 26, 2020 – The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and the State Public Health Officer [announced](#) that testing and treatment for all uninsured individuals will be covered by WV Medicaid during the national state of emergency.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring out-of-state citizens to self-quarantine for 14 days on arrival into West Virginia.
- March 30, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) West Virginia’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables West Virginia to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair hearing timelines, and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order suspending elective medical procedures.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing private campgrounds to prohibit new out-of-state campers.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order granting discretion to the Board of Nursing to waive requirements that may hinder delivery of necessary medical procedures.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order, delaying the state’s Primary Election to June 9 from May 12.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, directing:
 - Gatherings to be limited to a maximum of five (5) people;
 - All businesses to require telework to the extent possible;
 - Local health departments to establish maximum occupancy and social distancing standards in essential businesses;
 - The West Virginia National Guard to provide logistical support and services; and
 - The West Virginia State Police to assist in enforcement of local county orders.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) additional resources to Workforce WV to assist with the processing of unemployment claims.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the approval of a federal major disaster declaration for the state of West Virginia.
- April 4, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, expanding his April 3 executive order to include several more counties.
- April 8, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order, designating seven West Virginia counties as areas where local Health Department officials have broader powers to tighten restrictions to prevent further spread.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor issued an [Executive Order](#), which:
 - Mandates that all public and private golf courses follow proper cleaning protocols and take additional steps to ensure proper social distancing;
 - Allows municipalities to delay an election previously scheduled by municipal charter prior to June 1;
 - Allows a municipality to hold its election on the same date as the state primary election scheduled for June 9;
 - Suspends certain statutory regulations relating to the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling; and
 - Suspends certain statutory regulations relating to the deadlines for license renewals and fee payments to the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a hero pay grant in the amount of \$100,000 to each county to distribute at discretion to reward front line workers.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor added four counties (Cabell, Ohio, Wayne and Wood) to the [Emergency Order](#) enabling counties to further tighten social distancing measures and tighten rules surrounding essential services.
- April 13, 2020 – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Children and Families [announced](#) plans to issue a one-time \$500 payment to current recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), also known as WV WORKS, as part of the state’s ongoing response to COVID-19.
- April 13, 2020 – The West Virginia National Guard, in collaboration with researchers from West Virginia University, academia, and business and industry leaders, [announced](#) a coordinated effort to address personal protective equipment (PPE) shortages.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) discussions with medical experts and state officials regarding Phase 2 of the state’s response.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the receipt of \$625 million in federal funding to assist the state’s COVID-19 response.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the West Virginia National Guard to test all nursing home residents and staff members.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 21, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that all K-12 schools will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year.
- April 21, 2020 – The Governor and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources [announced](#) a free smartphone app to reduce isolation and offer support and resources to West Virginians with Substance Use Disorder, allowing providers to stay connected and engaged with their patients.
- April 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the two mobile testing laboratories established by the West Virginia National Guard are activated for use.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that staff from Workforce West Virginia, with assistance from the West Virginia National Guard, have cleared the backlog of unemployment claims that have been submitted consequent of COVID-19.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor sent a [letter](#) to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, urging him to reconsider the decision to transfer out-of-state inmates to West Virginia's Hazelton facility during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April 24, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) plans to begin testing staff members at West Virginia daycares so the facilities can begin reopening.

Wisconsin

- March 6, 2020 – The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance released a [bulletin](#) with insurance-related information regarding COVID-19.
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Evers [declared](#) a public health emergency
- March 12, 2020 – Governor Evers [declared](#) a public health emergency and restricted state employee travel.
- March 14, 2020 – The Governor [ordered](#) K-12 school (public and private) to close starting March 18 with an anticipated reopening date of April 6.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health Services secretary to issue an agency order prohibiting mass gatherings of 50 people or more statewide to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Restaurants and bars are required to operate at less than 50 percent capacity or have fewer than 50 people, whichever is less.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health Services to issue an emergency order prohibiting mass gatherings of more than 10 people.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an emergency order waiving work search requirements and modifying eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance benefits.
- March 18, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance for Wisconsin small businesses, private, and non-profit organizations to alleviate economic impacts.
- March 19, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) the public to follow CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidance by staying home and self-isolating.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) approval of Economic Injury Disaster Loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration to Wisconsin small businesses.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health Services to issue updates to a previous [order](#) regarding the prohibition of mass gatherings. The changes include:
 - Permitting bars and restaurants to have carryout sales of alcohol and food;
 - Allowing media and news organizations to remain open;
 - Allowing banks, credit unions, and financial institutions to remain open if they maintain social distancing;
 - Allowing all actors in the food delivery system to remain open;

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Clarifying that cafeterias in healthcare facilities may remain open;
- Exempting health professionals from mass gathering bans;
- Permitting facilities used for in-person absentee voting or polling locations to remain open, except for long-term care facilities and assisted care facilities; and
- Closing hair salons, spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the federal government to take steps to ensure access to personal protective equipment (PPE) from the National Strategic Stockpile (NSS).
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor [urged](#) residents to follow CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidance to stay home as much as possible.
- March 21, 2020 – The Governor [requested](#) the assistance of FEMA in obtaining PPE for law enforcement officers and firefighters at risk of direct exposure.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to suspend administrative rules to grant flexibility to school systems. The [order](#) will:
 - Streamline waivers regarding required hours of instruction in public schools;
 - Allow students in teacher preparation programs to graduate on time; and
 - Provide flexibility in upcoming due dates.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order #11, suspending utility-related administrative rules to allow the Public Service Commission to temporarily order consumer protection measures.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health Services Secretary-designee to [issue](#) a “Safer at Home” order, prohibiting non-essential travel, with certain exceptions. The order will remain in effect until April 24.
- March 26, 2020 – The Governor [launched](#) the COVID-19 PPE Program to more efficiently move personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and gloves, to healthcare workers and first responders. The program also allows Wisconsinites to donate or sell large quantities of PPE [here](#).
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to temporarily [order](#) the suspension of evictions and foreclosures.
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee [issued](#) an Executive Order to simplify healthcare license renewals and streamline workforce re-entry of retired healthcare practitioners, out-of-state practitioners, and practitioners holding expired licenses.
- March 30, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a public-private partnership among Wisconsin industry leaders to increase Wisconsin’s laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an emergency order, suspending administrative rules for the Department of Children and Families to grant flexibility for the provision of child care.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requesting a major disaster declaration for the state.
- March 31, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the Emergency Operations Center will open two state-run voluntary isolation facilities in Madison and Milwaukee.
- April 1, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a package of legislative proposals to respond to COVID 19. Proposed legislation would:
 - Provide investments in health services;
 - Establish a COVID-19 reinsurance program to reduce health insurance premiums;
 - Prohibit utility cooperatives from disconnecting customers;
 - Increase Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income families; and

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- Provide grants funding for small businesses and workers through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- April 2, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) a statement regarding absentee voting for the April 7 election. The decision by U.S. District Judge William Conley will:
 - Extend the deadline to request an absentee ballot until April 3;
 - Allow ballots to be counted that are received after the election until April 13; and
 - Ease requirements for a witness signature.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order calling a Special Legislative Session on Saturday, April 4, to address changes to the spring election.
- April 6, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order suspending in-person voting for the April 7 election until June 9, and calling the Legislature to a special session to address the election date.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Natural Resources to close several state parks beginning April 10.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Army Corps of Engineers has begun mobilizing at the Exposition Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park to begin developing an alternative care facility (ACF).
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [reiterated](#) options for religious gatherings and services while complying with the “Safer at Home” order.
- April 10, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state is seeking active and retired healthcare professionals to volunteer to support the healthcare system.
- April 11, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the state’s application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to begin development of a second alternative care facility in Wisconsin.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [signed](#) the coronavirus relief package passed unanimously by the state Senate.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [directed](#) the Department of Health Services to extend the existing Safer at Home order until May 26. The [new order](#) implements further public health measures, and guides businesses in ramping up operations.
- April 16, 2020 – The Governor [joined](#) a coalition of seven states in the region to coordinate restrictions and reopening. The coalition is made up of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The coalition released four criteria to examine before reopening:
 - Sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations.
 - Enhanced ability to test and trace.
 - Sufficient health care capacity to handle resurgence.
 - Best practices for social distancing in the workplace.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) new initiatives to increase testing in Wisconsin.
- April 20, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) a collaboration with the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network to increase testing capacity.
- April 20, 2020 – The Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee [issued](#) an Emergency Order establishing the official process for the Badger Bounce Back reopening plan.
- April 20, 2020 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Wisconsin’s request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Wisconsin to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, extend fair

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

hearing timelines and waive public comment and tribal consultation requirements for certain changes to the Medicaid state plan.

- April 27, 2020 – The Governor loosened some restrictions, allowing more businesses to reopen. Businesses must maintain no-contact operations. Businesses allowed to reopen include:
 - Dog groomers
 - Upholsterers
 - Lawnmower repair shops
 - Outdoor recreational rental businesses, such as boats, golf carts and kayaks
 - Self-service or automatic car washes

Wyoming

- March 9, 2020 – Governor Gordon [addressed](#) the Wyoming legislature regarding members who attended CPAC, advising members to monitor their health and follow recommendations of health care professionals.
- March 13, 2020 – Governor Gordon [declared](#) a state of emergency in Wyoming.
- March 15, 2020 – The Governor [recommended](#) that all schools remain closed until April 3. The recommendation must go to local superintendents and school boards who have final authority on the issue.
- March 16, 2020 – The Governor [created](#) five task forces each to be headed up by the state's top five elected officials in response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- March 16, 2020 – The Wyoming Department of Health [released](#) priority recommendations for Wyoming residents in response to COVID-19.
- March 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the creation of five coronavirus task forces – each led by one of the five top-elected officials – to coordinate COVID-19 response efforts.
- March 19, 2020 – The Wyoming Department of Health [issued](#) a public health order implementing emergency measures to close, restaurants, bars, theaters, gymnasiums, child care facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools, with certain exceptions.
- March 20, 2020 – The Governor and the Wyoming State Health Office [announced](#) a supplemental health order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people.
- March 22, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) the eligibility of Wyoming small businesses to apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration for Economic Injury Disaster Loans.
- March 24, 2020 – The Governor and State Health Officer [ordered](#) the state-wide closure of non-essential personal services, including salons; barber shops; cosmetology, electrology, and aesthetic services; massage parlors; and tattoo, piercing, and body art shops. The order will remain in effect until April 3.
- March 25, 2020 – The Governor [asked](#) citizens to stay home when possible and limit travel to only essential trips.
- March 27, 2020- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) Wyoming's request for a Section 1135 Medicaid waiver. The approved waiver enables Wyoming to provide flexibilities in Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, forgo certain pre-admission screening and annual resident review assessments, lift prior authorization requirements, allow for reimbursement facility services in alternative settings, and extend fair hearing timelines
- March 27, 2020 – The Governor and State Health Officer [extended](#) the three existing statewide health orders through April 17.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN, PLLC

- April 2, 2020 – The Wyoming Department of Health [announced](#) that, due to supply shortages, they will be limiting testing available through the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory.
- April 3, 2020 – The Governor [extended](#) the three existing statewide health orders through April 30.
- April 6, 2020 – The Wyoming Department of Health [recommended](#), in line with the CDC, wearing cloth face coverings.
- April 9, 2020 – The Governor [submitted](#) a request for a federal disaster declaration.
- April 14, 2020 – The Department of Health (WDH) [announced](#) the arrival of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) “Community Protection Initiative” team to supplement the work of the WDH.
- April 15, 2020 – The Governor [instructed](#) all state agency directors to identify opportunities to immediately reduce spending in anticipation of COVID-19 economic impacts.
- April 17, 2020 – The Governor [announced](#) that current Wyoming public health orders will remain in effect through April 30.
- April 23, 2020 – The Governor [unveiled](#) a new phase of the state’s COVID-19 response, creating a path to ease restrictions, recover businesses, and resume some activities. The approach will be driven by public health data and will provide flexibility to counties based on local conditions.