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From: Murry, Charles
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 8:21 AM
Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Monday, February 24, 2020



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Monday, February 24, 2020***

Yellowhammer News: [Shelby: Coronavirus-infected cruise ship passengers not coming to Alabama](#)

AL.com: [Plan to bring coronavirus evacuees to Alabama cancelled by Trump, lawmakers say](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Ivey on coronavirus patients: 'No decision has been made to send anyone to Anniston'](#)

Yellowhammer News: [ALFA urges Alabamians to vote 'Yes' on Amendment One](#)

AL.com: [Alabama GOP votes to oppose state's new math standards](#)

AL.com: [How do you speed up executions? Lawmakers want to cut out state Supreme Court](#)

Birmingham Watch: [Legislature to Get Bills Addressing Needs of Alabama's Troubled Prisons](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [McCutcheon says public opinion is driving gambling debate](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Exports of Alabama-made autos, aerospace parts rise in tough trade year](#)

Yellowhammer News : [Mobile's Austal USA launches first ship of 2020](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Roby: Celebrating career and technical education](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Weekly Legislative Session Report Week Three](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Bill unlocks the "revolving door" for public employees](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Bill unlocks the "revolving door" for public employees](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Hundreds of dams lack emergency plans in rain-soaked South](#)



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Tuesday, March 3, 2020***

AL.com: [Ivey orders flags to be flown at half-staff for Lee County tornado anniversary](#)

AL.com: [Strong storms possible today; tornado watch continues for part of Alabama](#)

AL.com: [Another rural Alabama hospital is closing](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Pickens hospital to close; 17th to shut down in 10 years](#)

WBRC: [The state of rural hospitals in Alabama](#)

AL.com: [Alabama's Amendment One: What you need to know](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Secretary of State's Office, ALDOT, Governor's office partner to encourage voter participation](#)

AL.com: [Voters in 2 Alabama counties to consider jail inmate food funds](#)

WHNT19: [Some Alabamians face difficulty restoring voting rights](#)

Yellowhammer News: [What to look for in Alabama's 2020 primary on Tuesday](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Prison reform package backed by Ivey promises better rehabilitation and oversight](#)

AL.com: [Health department: No cases of Covid-19 in Alabama, but situation 'changing rapidly'](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama saw second highest gun death rate in U.S. in 2018, says new report](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Tornado hits downtown Nashville, at least 8 die in Tennessee](#)



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From: Governor's Press Office
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Friday, March 6, 2020

Governor Ivey Establishes Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Friday 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. The task force held its initial discussion Friday morning.

“While there are no known cases in Alabama, I have gathered the experts in an effort to be as prepared as possible should the Coronavirus affect Alabama,” said Governor Kay Ivey. “The safety of Alabamians is paramount, and we will do everything we can to limit exposure to this illness. I appreciate the willingness of these individuals, from both the public and private sector, to serve as we do everything we can to mitigate risk for the people of Alabama and to keep the citizens of the state informed of our plans.”

The task force will discuss any developments and precautions on a routine basis and will make recommendations to the governor as necessary. Governor Ivey has designated Dr. Scott Harris to serve as chair of the task force and to lead any public announcements and directives.

The members are as follows:

- Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health (**Chair**)
- Governor Kay Ivey
- Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth
- President Pro Tempore Del Marsh
- Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon
- Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed
- House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter
- Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton

- House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels
- Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases, UAB School of Medicine
- Dr. John Vande Waa, Infectious Disease Specialist, University of South Alabama School of Medicine
- Dr. Don Williamson, President/ CEO, Alabama Hospital Association
- Brandon Farmer, President/ CEO, Alabama Nursing Home Association
- Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent, Alabama State Department of Education
- Brian Hastings, Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency
- Hal Taylor, Secretary, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
- Greg Canfield, Secretary, Alabama Department of Commerce
- Commissioner Nancy Buckner, Alabama Department of Human Resources

The Alabama Department of Public Health has issued guidance to hospitals and healthcare [centers](#) regarding testing for the virus and encourages Alabamians to take the standard protocol for cold and flu season.

"The risk of Coronavirus disease remains low in Alabama, and we have been working diligently to prepare for any cases that may occur," said Dr. Scott Harris. "I am very grateful to Governor Ivey for convening this distinguished group of state leaders to help guide us in coordinating our efforts to safeguard the health of all Alabamians."

For inquiries about the status of the Coronavirus or information regarding the Task Force, please contact Ryan Easterling, Health Media and Communications Division Director at the Alabama Department of Public Health at [REDACTED]

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Monday, March 9, 2020***

Yellowhammer News: [Ivey creates task force to deal with coronavirus](#)

CBS42: [Joshua Kaleb Watson added to Alabama's Fallen Heroes Wall](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: ['Chaos, confusion and corruption': Violence persists in Alabama's prisons despite federal investigation](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Bill would grant Poarch Creeks sole rights over all gaming, defying governor's call](#)

Dothan Eagle: [Bill strengthening foster parents' rights awaits action by governor](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Senate passed the Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [UAB preparing for possibility of coronavirus outbreak, vaccine at least a year away](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [State Senate passes 5G infrastructure bill](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Mental health bills advancing in the State House](#)

Yellowhammer News: [State Sen. Stutts: Medical marijuana commission ripe for corruption — Would be Scrushy, Siegelman CON board saga 'on steroids'](#)


Yellowhammer News: [State Rep. Sorrell: Concealed carry permit requirement not about public safety — 'Always have been' about money for sheriffs' departments](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Cruise ship passengers to be quarantined at Georgia base](#)



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Tuesday, March 10, 2020***

WAFF48: [Gov. Ivey visits Austin Middle School, Cook Museum](#)

WZDX: [Governor Ivey visits Decatur City Schools and meets with Boeing representatives](#)

WHNT19: [Governor Kay Ivey hopeful Coronavirus Task Force can prepare Alabama for possible cases](#)

AL.com: [Alabama tourism official blasts State Department over cruise ship warning](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [NASA deals with the coronavirus](#)

Anniston Star: [Alabama nursing homes screening visitors, stocking up on supplies as COVID-19 worries grow](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [They're back: After 2 years, Montgomery Public Schools system regains full accreditation](#)

Alabama Daily News: [After education vote, what now?](#)

AL.com: [Senator wants to rewrite 'toothless' Alabama public records law](#)

Alabama News Center: [Get ready: 2020 census is headed your way](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Families plea for lawmakers to pass medical marijuana bill](#)

Yellowhammer News: [SB 172 paving the way for continued growth and future success in Alabama](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [House carries over bill to allow law enforcement to impound vehicles of drivers without a license](#)

AL.com: [Propane school buses: The safest, most cost-effective choice for Alabama's children](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Legislators of the Year Award presented to Senator Gudger Jr. and Representative Shedd](#)



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WAAY31: [Gov. Ivey visits Austin Middle Schoolers as Statewide Stem Program is Announced](#)

AL.com: [Gov. Kay Ivey issues coronavirus guidelines to state agencies](#)

CBS42: [State health officials: Their plans to ease concerns about coronavirus](#)

Alabama Daily News: [State health officials urge coronavirus precautions](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [No Alabama hospitals can independently test for coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama Department of Correction's coronavirus plan not ready](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Lottery bill filed in Alabama House; Co-sponsored by speaker and majority, minority leaders](#)

WSFA12: [Education lottery bill filed in House with 70 co-sponsors](#)

Vestavia Voice: [Canfield touts Alabama economy at chamber luncheon](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [ADOL holds grand opening for Centre Career Center](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Education in Alabama is dead last. It's insanity not to make a change](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Public records law remains a controversial subject in Montgomery](#)

Alabama Daily News: [School calendar, literacy rollback bills stir debate in State House](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Inmate work release monitoring bill passes House](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Alabama House votes to lift ban on yoga in public schools](#)

CBS News: [Florida spring break tourism in question amid spread of coronavirus](#)



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WHNT19: [Governor Ivey leading official Census 2020 kick-off](#)

Yellowhammer News: [CDC awards Alabama \\$8.1M to help fight spread of coronavirus](#)

AL.com: [State Health Officer Scott Harris says coronavirus could require more funding](#)

WKRG5: [State health officials: Their plans to ease concerns about coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Opinion | Alabama is simply unprepared for the coronavirus crisis](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Opinion | Alabama Secretary of State issues response to Coronavirus preparation](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Lottery, gambling compact bills introduced in State House](#)

AL.com: [New bill would put lottery on the ballot in November](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Prison reform bills advance](#)

AL.com: [Aniah's Law on Alabama bail reform moves step closer to passing](#)

AL.com: [Little-known Alabama law says felons must carry special ID or go to jail](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama House committee approves anti-infanticide bill](#)

AL.com: [Doctors call new Alabama abortion bill 'medically implausible'](#)

AL.com: [Alabama facing \\$30 million in road repairs after floods](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Auto supplier Seoyon E-Hwa plans expansion, creating 60 jobs in Selma](#)



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Alabama News Network: [Governor Ivey Officially Launches Census 2020 in Alabama](#)

WSFA12: [‘You killed my brother’: Sister confronts Gov. Ivey about execution of Nathaniel Woods](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Scott Harris updates House Health Committee on coronavirus crisis](#)

AL.com: [Alabama schools remain open, state won’t charge teachers sick leave for coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Lack of coronavirus testing in Alabama, across U.S. concerning, says Doug Jones](#)

AL.com: [Jefferson, Mobile counties suspend jury trials because of coronavirus](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus in Alabama: \\$5 million in funding, more training, Auburn halts classes](#)

Yellowhammer News: [University of Alabama System moving classes online due to coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Huntsville man awaits coronavirus results, says doctor struggled to find lab to test](#)

Yellowhammer News: [What you need to know from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama on the coronavirus](#)

AL.com: [Who is getting tested for coronavirus in Alabama?](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Democrats drop four pieces of legislation to expand Medicaid in response to rural health care crisis, COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [House unanimously approves major initiative to expand, improve mental health services](#)

AL.com: [Alabama Senate approves medical marijuana bill](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Port of Mobile welcomes its largest bulk carrier ever — Ship exports 133,000 tons of Ala. met coal](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Southern Living ranks Gulf Shores/Orange Beach the South's best beach town](#)



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Friday, March 13, 2020

Governor Ivey Releases Statement on Alabama's First Confirmed Coronavirus Case

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Friday, upon learning of Alabama's first confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) case, released the following statement:

"Along with my fellow Alabamians, I have closely monitored the rapidly changing events regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a state, we have taken precautionary measures and made preparations in the case that the virus would eventually reach our state. As I have emphasized time and again, the safety and health of Alabamians is paramount.

"Alabamians are smart and savvy, and I know they will continue taking appropriate precautions to prevent the spread to themselves or others. We have taken a calm and collected approach in preparation for this first confirmed case, and we need to remember that calm and steady wins the race. Alabamians should not be fearful, but instead, use commonsense to watch out for themselves and others. We will remain engaged on the matter and continue prioritizing the health and wellbeing of all Alabamians.

"I am grateful to the work of State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, as well as the members of my Coronavirus Task Force and countless individuals who are also watching and working on this situation closely."

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris: "The Alabama Department of Public Health has worked hard to prepare and has anticipated receiving a report of the first case of COVID-19 in an Alabama resident. We continue to recommend that people be prudent and encourage them to use proper hygiene behaviors such as handwashing, not touching their faces with unwashed hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if they have fever. As a precaution, it is suggested that any gatherings of more than 500 people be postponed or canceled."

Dr. Scott Harris and the Alabama Department of Public Health will host a webcast press conference to give further details this morning at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Ryan Easterling with any questions: [REDACTED]

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Monday, March 16, 2020

WAAY31: [THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC:' GOV. KAY IVEY URGES CORONAVIRUS CALM FOR ALABAMIANS](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Ivey: State workers should stay home if possible](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Seven coronavirus cases confirmed in Alabama](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Merrill seeks to postpone runoff election; Sessions, Tuberville continue campaigning](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [You can vote absentee if you're concerned about contracting or spreading coronavirus](#)

Alabama Daily News: [State superintendent issues letter to school districts on closure protocol](#)

FOX10: [Public schools shutting their doors in Alabama next week because of Coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Congressman: USDA will allow Alabama schools to keep feeding students during COVID-19 closures](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabamians can now call this number for coronavirus testing questions](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Community College System discontinues on-campus instruction during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

AL.com: [Audit finds 'numerous instances' of premature paroles](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Weekly Legislative Session Report: Week Six](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [House committee passes bill to collect hospital data](#)

USA Today: [MLK III: Alabama execution shows we haven't come far since 'Bloody Sunday,' King march](#)



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Yellowhammer News: [Alabama unemployment rate remains at record low](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama coronavirus update: State officials urge citizens stay six feet apart, adopt new guidelines](#)

WSFA12: [Alabama announces support for workers impacted by COVID-19](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Ivey: State workers should stay home if possible](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Lawmakers looking for coronavirus' impact on budgets; precautions could alter rest of legislative session](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Merrill seeks to postpone runoff election; Sessions, Tuberville continue campaigning](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [ACLU urges state to plan for coronavirus in prisons](#)

Alabama Daily News: [State superintendent issues letter to school districts on closure protocol](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Congressman: USDA will allow Alabama schools to keep feeding students during COVID-19 closures](#)

Yellowhammer News: [First coronavirus screening facility opens in Montgomery; Drive-thru available with appointment](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Will Alabama have enough ICU beds and ventilators?](#)

AL.com: ['We're open 24-7': Alabama police, firefighters keep going despite coronavirus pandemic](#)

AL.com: [How are Alabama's largest cities handling coronavirus?](#)

AL.com: [Audit finds 'numerous instances' of premature paroles](#)

Washington Post: [Congressional leaders, administration push swift action on third coronavirus relief bill with major economic stimulus](#)

AL.com: [Jasper automotive supplier begins \\$7 million expansion](#)

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From: Governor's Press Office
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Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Updated Public Health Precautionary Guidelines

MONTGOMERY – Out of an abundance of caution, The Alabama Department of Public Health on Tuesday issued updated guidelines to aid in Alabama’s efforts to flatten the curve during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. For Jefferson and surrounding counties (Tuscaloosa, Walker, Blount, St. Clair and Shelby), ADPH recommends against gatherings of 25 persons or more where a six-foot distance cannot be maintained. Additionally, any restaurant, bar, brewery or Category 3 food service establishment shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink for one week. This order will be reevaluated at the end of one week. ADPH is also strongly encouraging other counties across the state to adhere to these same guidelines.

Governor Kay Ivey: “These measures taken by the Alabama Department of Public Health are out of an abundance of caution in order to contain the area where the most cases of the COVID-19 are present.

“Alabamians living in Jefferson County and its surrounding counties are currently the most vulnerable to contracting the Coronavirus. I ask that Alabamians who live in these counties adhere to these regulations and would urge the rest of our state to do so as well, in order to mitigate the impact of the virus.

“I am encouraged to see so many of our citizens voluntarily self-regulate by practicing social-distancing – choosing to be safe rather than sorry is always the smart move. We should not take precautionary measures for granted, but I encourage everyone to remember the old adage ‘this too shall pass.’ Adhering to smart protocol and practicing a little patience will pull us through this.”

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris: “We need to do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of Alabamians and stop the spread of Coronavirus. The measures that have been taken in Jefferson County are an important step.

We are taking similar actions in the surrounding counties and encouraging all counties throughout the state to follow suit.”

Dr. Scott Harris and the Alabama Department of Public Health will host a webcast press conference to give further details this morning at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Ryan Easterling with any questions: [REDACTED]

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To: AL Cabinet Members
Cc: AL Cabinet Deputy; Scott Harris; Mackey Eric; [REDACTED]
Subject: Urgent / INFO / NGA Letter on Federal Cost Share
Attachments: NGA Letter FEMA Cost Share 4.2.2020.pdf

Cabinet –

I want to thank Governor Ivey and all the members of NGA for their support of this letter from NGA to President Trump requesting 100% FEMA Cost share due to the size and duration of this global pandemic.

We are still at 75/25% but I hope that the President considers 100% FEMA Cost share to assist states in their response and recovery from this National Emergency.

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*Building resiliency for tomorrow, strength for today,
applying lessons from yesterday for a better Alabama.*

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Friday, April 3, 2020

Governor Ivey Issues Stay at Home Order

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Friday issued a Stay at Home order to be applied 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.

[Stay at Home Order](#)
[Sixth Supplemental State of Emergency](#)

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Subject: Gov. Kay Ivey: Census 2020 now more important than ever
Attachments: Transcript of Gov. Ivey's Census Video Message.pdf

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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Gov. Kay Ivey: Census 2020 now more important than ever

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey today stressed the ongoing importance of the 2020 Census, which is currently under way and available for immediate online, phone or mail response.

“It is an unprecedented time in Alabama; however, we must remain committed to Census participation,” said Gov. Ivey. “The COVID-19 pandemic shows the importance of state representation on a national level. If we lose a representative due to a low Census count, that would mean one less voice advocating for Alabama’s needs during critical times in the future.”

If Alabama’s count falls shy of the 72 percent participation rate recorded in the 2010 Census, the state would likely experience reduced representation in Congress, the loss of millions of dollars in Census-derived community funding, and reduced economic development opportunities.

“Though the hearts and minds of Alabamians rests on the unprecedented health emergency we are currently battling, we must remember that our Census results are vital to our collective future,” said Kenneth Boswell, Alabama Counts! chairman and director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. “Furthermore, responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send Census takers out into communities to follow up once restrictions are lifted.”

Additionally, the Governor stressed that participation in the 2020 Census will not impact whether you receive a stimulus check, as the Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

“The answers you provide are used for statistical purposes only and in no way will impact personal stimulus package allocation,” said Gov. Ivey.

Alabamians can participate in the 10-question Census online at www.my2020Census.gov, by phone at 1-844-330-2020 or by paper form — all without coming into contact with a Census taker. All participants’ information is protected by strict federal law.

Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has formally announced [adjustments](#) to its original Census 2020 timeline, and Gov. Ivey and Chairman Boswell are in close contact with representatives monitoring the situation daily.

“Census participation is not merely a count; it’s a roadmap for our future. Now more than ever, the urgency of an accurate count is vital to Alabama,” added Gov. Ivey. “Help us create a future for Alabama that is one with proper consideration in times like this. Please fill out your Census today — our future depends on it.”

Additional information on Census 2020, Alabama-specific statistics, local community resources and Alabama Counts! campaign assets can be found at census.Alabama.Gov.

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Attached is a transcript of Gov. Ivey's census video message.

Media can download the video here: <https://we.tl/t-4ZoLVX9tey> or view it here: <https://youtu.be/COo3wN0ZItQ>.

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Attachments: Governor Ivey_Small Business Letter.pdf; PPP Borrower Information Fact Sheet.pdf

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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Governor Ivey urges Alabama Small Business Owners To Prepare Now by Applying for Federal Financial Relief

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Wednesday urges Alabama Small Business Owners to respond to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic by taking steps to ensure their business will withstand the troubling economy.

Final guidelines for how the federal government will distribute financial relief to Alabama's small businesses will be released very soon. In the meantime, Small Business Owners need to contact their local banker, accountant, financial advisor or credit union today to get the latest details about who is eligible, what documents are needed and how best to apply for funding relief caused by the coronavirus.

"This coronavirus has disrupted life as we know it, including the critical economic role played by Alabama small businesses," said Governor Kay Ivey. "Only a few short weeks ago, our economy was the strongest it had been in the past 100 years due to the hard work and entrepreneurship of Alabama Small Business Owners. We need our businesses up and running and back at full employment as soon as possible. I urge business owners to act today and be prepared to apply for assistance designed specifically to get them in front of the line when relief checks are written."

Attached is information from the SBA that will provide more information.

The U.S. Treasury Department's [website](#) provides specific information regarding the resources being made available related to Coronavirus relief, including initial guidance.

Under the section entitled Assistance for Small Businesses, there are four links entitled:

- [Top-Line Overview of Program](#)

- [Lender Information](#)
- [Borrower Information](#)
- [Application for Borrowers](#)

This is preliminary information and additional guidance is expected.

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Subject: Re: Conference Call with Legislators

All,

Thank you for your willingness to participate on this conference call with the Governor.

The details for the conference call are provided below. The call will start promptly at 9:30 AM on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

William

AGENDA – Monday, March 30, 2020 at 9:30 AM

1. Governor Kay Ivey – Opening Remarks
2. Dr. Scott Harris – Public Health
3. Dr. Eric Mackey – Education
4. Gen. Sheryl Gordon – National Guard
5. Commissioner Lynn Beshear – Mental Health
6. Finance Director Kelly Butler – Financial Update
7. Governor Kay Ivey – Closing Remarks

Conference Call Details – (Please join the call between 9:20 AM and 9:25 AM)

Co-host information: You are considered a "co-host" because you will have speaking privileges on this conference call.

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All,

The Governor would like for you to participate in a conference call with her and all Legislators on **Monday morning, March 30, 2020 at 9:30AM**. Legislators will be in a "listen only" mode. Please let me know if this day and time will not work for your schedule.

Please see the Draft Agenda below. We would like for you to plan to talk for no more than three (3) minutes about what your agency has been doing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I will be following up with each of you to provide the call information and additional details.

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AL.com: [Gov. Kay Ivey awards \\$9.5 million in grants for broadband access](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus: Gov. Kay Ivey urged to expedite Alabama paroles of older inmates amid outbreak](#)

AL.com: [Success in coronavirus response must be defined and coordinated](#)

Yellowhammer News: [U.S. Rep. Aderholt: Alabama 'holding our own quite well' through coronavirus — Predicts state economy will 'hit the ground running' post-pandemic](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Amid prayers and protective gear, Legislature postpones session](#)

AL.com: [Marsh expects 'bare bones' budgets, no pay raises for teachers or state employees](#)

AL.com: ['Scared to death': Swamped Alabama hospitals are nightmare scenario](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama exploring empty hotels to bolster hospital bed capacity](#)

AL.com: [Alabama could see more than 1,700 coronavirus deaths by August, study estimates](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama Ag Commissioner Rick Pate: 'We've got a safe, abundant, sustainable food supply here in Alabama'](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Department of Labor closed Birmingham unemployment office as COVID-19 spread](#)

AL.com: [Alabama awaiting feds' guidance on how to process coronavirus unemployment claims](#)

AL.com: [Dow Jones posts worst 1st QTR ever; Alabama unemployment benefits come into focus](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Treasury Department issues guidance for small businesses seeking relief funds](#)

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COVID-19 Daily Update — Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

Thank you for participating in today's call and for your engagement on the most important issues impacting your states. We are going to continue our support in convening these discussions and bringing to focus your needs to

our federal leaders. It has never been more important to have your bipartisan leadership as governors in responding to this crisis.

A full and up-to-date list of state actions is available on [NGA's coronavirus website](#). This email is meant to provide you with state and federal resources, along with NGA activities, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, we welcome any feedback you have on this email, or NGA activities.

NGA Governors-Only Call

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Today's Highlights

- A highlight of hospital funding in CARES Act is included below.
- The American Red Cross is still in urgent need of blood donations, as the health care system copes with COVID-19 and other medical needs.

[Coronavirus Webpage](#)

Hospital Funding in CARES Act

The CARES Act, included in a number of health care provisions that impact hospitals.

Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund

The law makes available \$100 billion to reimburse eligible health care providers for health care-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19. Eligible providers are defined as public entities, Medicare- or Medicaid-enrolled suppliers and providers, and other for-profit and non-profit entities as specified by the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary.

- There is lack of clarity currently as to how and when this money will start reaching hospitals. There are no formulas, eligibility criteria or geographic distribution requirements that dictate how the money will be allocated.
- What many hospitals are doing is calculating the loss that they are experiencing because of declining elective surgeries or lower ER volume and tracking additional expenses from COVID-19 response and treatment. They should be ready with numbers, once a formula is developed.
- The American Hospital Association sent a letter to HHS, pointing out in previous similar situations, Medicare Administrative Contractors have been used to pay claims and distribute monies directly to providers for purposes other than Medicare payment.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will begin assisting some providers under the CARES Act, [with financial payments](#), of varying levels and for length of time, to doctors and hospitals, children's hospitals, and inpatient acute care hospitals.
- A list of key provisions in the CARES Act can be found [here](#).

NGA Activities

NGA Call with the U.S. Treasury

NGA and the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) held a joint call with the U.S. Treasury yesterday to discuss specifics of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. This is a continuing dialogue with the Department of Treasury as they work to stand up the program, write the guidance and disburse the funds.

On Saturday, March 28, NGA [sent a letter](#) to the U.S. Treasury, which is implementing the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund that was included in the third supplemental, P.L. 119-136 (the CARES Act). The letter cites speed and flexibility as the keys to making this fund work for states and territories.

Timing of Guidance: Monday, April 13, after which the Treasury will designate a point of contact for governors

Timing of Release of Funds: Friday, April 24

Key Issue: Despite the apparent understanding of the impacts to state revenue streams from COVID-19, consistent with what was shared with the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Department of Treasury is interpreting the statute to prohibit Coronavirus Relief Funds from covering lost revenue.

Follow-up for governors: The Department of Treasury asked NGA two specific questions:

1. How will governors work with smaller localities (population under 500,000) that are seeking funding?
2. To what state entity should direct funding be sent? In other words, what department should receive the Treasury funds?

A summary of the call from NASBO can be found [here](#).

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Actions Being Taken By Governors

Major Disaster Declarations

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At least one state, Wisconsin, and one territory, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, have made requests for approval for a Major Disaster Declaration.

National Guard Activations By State/Territory

At least 44 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY.

Stay-at-Home Orders

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1135 Waivers

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Spotlight: Governor Cuomo Establishes a Central Coordinating Team

Governor Cuomo [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.

Recent Steps Taken by the Federal Government and Congress

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- March 31 — The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) [released](#) guidance on the fiscal year 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program.
- March 31 — The Treasury Department and the Small Business Administration began [releasing](#) guidance for the "Paycheck Protection Program," established in the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136), which provides \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The initiative provides 100 percent federally guaranteed loans to small businesses through Dec. 31, 2020 for SBA 7(1) loans.

Nextdoor Partnership

As you know, we are partnering with Nextdoor to ensure important resources are available at the neighborhood level. Neighbors use Nextdoor to exchange useful information, coordinate volunteer activity, and keep in touch with each other during the COVID-19 outbreak. The platform can also be used to share information about grocery store hours set aside for elderly and at-risk individuals, and basic necessities needed during periods of home isolation.

For more information and examples of using Nextdoor, please visit:

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People Can Help By Giving Blood

[Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood](#). People who want to help fight coronavirus should consider supporting the medical system by giving blood.

If you are healthy, without any COVID-19 symptoms, and not at high risk for the disease, you can safely make a blood donation. Blood is urgently needed by the Red Cross nationwide.

Special precautions are being taken to keep blood donors safe. Even residents who are under lockdowns or stay-at-home orders may leave their homes in order to donate blood.

Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern would welcome an opportunity to speak with you directly on how you can help. Her cell is [REDACTED]



Charlie Baker ✓
@MassGovernor

Thanks to [@RedCrossMA](#) for welcoming First Lady Lauren Baker and I to the blood donation center in Dedham today.

Health care facilities across the Commonwealth have a need for blood donations, and these donation centers are taking steps to protect donors + workers.

[#COVID19MA](#)



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Social Media

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*Governor's Press Clips
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AP: [Governor's office: 'Shelter-in-place' order not needed yet](#)

WTVY: [Sources: Ivey will likely issue shelter in place order soon](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Ivey says small business owners should apply for financial relief right now](#)

FOX10: [Alabama governor's chief of staff: 'We don't have enough' hospital supplies](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [The behind-the-scenes efforts to combat COVID-19](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Ivey: Census participation still 'vital'](#)

Yellowhammer News: [A letter from U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to all Alabamians about 2020 Census](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Rural areas fear spread of virus as more hospitals close](#)

Alabama Daily News: [New COVID-19 symptom tracker aims to find hot spots in rural Alabama](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [State superintendent Mackey addresses concerns about plans for public schools](#)

AL.com: [Alabama high schools begin declaring seniors are now graduates](#)

AL.com: [Food stamp recipients in Alabama receiving extra money due to coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [More than 80,000 joined the unemployment rolls in Alabama last week](#)

Alabama Daily News: [A record 6.6 million seek US jobless aid as layoffs mount](#)

AL.com: [Getting stimulus checks gets more complicated; Alabama economic update](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama Legislature meets under heightened health concerns](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama's seaport expansion reaches another milestone](#)

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Subject: National Governors Association's COVID-19 Daily Update - 4/2/2020



COVID-19 Daily Update — Thursday, April 2, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

Thank you for your tireless efforts during this challenging time. We at NGA are proud to support governors as you lead the response to the pandemic in your states and territories, working with first responders, healthcare workers

and other public servants. The nation is more aware than ever of the bipartisan leadership governors provide in the search for solutions to COVID-19.

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Resources for States

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- An NGA resource on education funding in the CARES Act can be found [here](#).
- NGA launched a [webpage](#) with coronavirus resources to help match supplies with states' and territories' needs.
- The American Red Cross is still in urgent need of blood donations, as the health care system copes with COVID-19 and other medical needs.

Coronavirus Webpage

NGA Activities

NGA Letter to the President

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NGA Resource on Federal Governors' Education Relief Fund

The CARES Act provides more than \$30 billion to states to address K-12 and higher education needs during the COVID-19 crisis. From these funds, governors will directly receive \$3 billion in flexible funding as part of a Governors' Emergency Education Relief Fund. Governors may distribute to education areas of need at their discretion – in the early childhood, K-12 and higher education sectors.

Today, NGA released a [one-page resource](#) on the Governors' Emergency Education Relief Fund. The document will be updated once additional guidance is released by the federal government.

NGA Resources for States Webpage

During the worldwide coronavirus pandemic and public health crisis, many local, state and federal offices are working to fill supply gaps in health care resources, personal protective equipment, and other needs. Manufacturers across the United States are racing to fill those gaps and, in some cases, are re-engineering their processes to make items in short supply.

NGA and the nation's governors are working together to provide [an online hub](#) for businesses and other organizations with supplies or services to connect with states officials regarding critical needs.

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Spotlight: Governor Herbert Publishes Health and Economic Recovery Plan

Several states have established COVID-19 Task Forces to align and manage critical resources for COVID-19 response. Several of these, including [Georgia](#), [Utah](#), [Wyoming](#), and [Washington](#), have appointed unique membership to serve on an Economic Recovery Task Force to align and deploy resources, as well as establish a public health and economic recovery plan. This recovery plan offers leaders in the public and private sector, as well as residents, with clarity and specifics about the state's plan for a health and economic recovery from COVID-19. For example, Utah Governor Herbert recently published [Utah Leads Together: Utah's plan for a health and economic recovery](#).

Whenever possible, this plan should incorporate the use of data to assess the health impact and needs as well as industries, communities and workers that are at greatest risk as a result of this economic crisis. Once the health needs and economic impacts have been assessed, state leaders are encouraged to develop measurable goals for closing gaps in education, training and service-related programs to achieve the shared vision of economic success. In the development of these goals, states can promote equity by developing specific goals for populations which may be adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis, including people of color, New Americans, workers in the personal care and services industries, and those in certain geographic locations.

Recent Steps Taken by the Federal Government and Congress

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- April 2 — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi [announced](#) she was creating a bipartisan House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis to oversee both the implementation of the \$2 trillion economic stimulus package and the overall pandemic response. This committee will be chaired by Majority Whip James E. Clyburn.

Select Resources

Supply Chain and Health System Readiness

- [CDC Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick](#)

Communications

- [CDC COVID-19 PSA Webpage](#)

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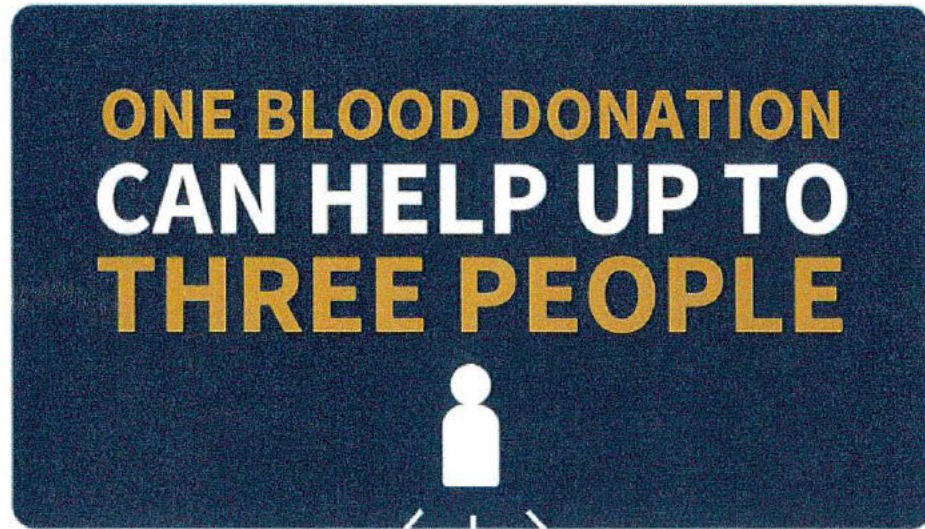
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Louisiana's blood banks are in desperate need of donations. If you are healthy with no COVID-19 symptoms, I encourage you to consider donating blood and giving the gift of life. #lagov #lalege

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Alabama Political Reporter: [Gov. Ivey OKs release of some parole violators in jails](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Ivey waives certain regulations for health care professionals, releases some probation and parole violators, makes other updates to State Health Order](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Governor's office: 'Shelter-in-place' order not needed yet](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Sen. Doug Jones calls on Alabama governor to order shelter-in-place](#)

AL.com: [Federal Bureau of Prisons declares 14-day lockdown; one worker in Alabama tests positive for coronavirus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama hospitals facing "dire" equipment shortages](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Montgomery received 5,000 rotted masks from national stockpile](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [ADPH investigating cases in Chambers as county emerges as state's worst hotspot](#)

AL.com: [Mackey: I believe the sun is going to rise again – so will Alabama public schools.](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama Dept. of Corrections has tested 17 inmates for COVID-19](#)

AL.com: [Alabama unemployment claims near 81,000 last week](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Alabama tax revenues up in first six months of year, coronavirus “drop” coming](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama municipalities may be left out of \\$2 trillion stimulus package](#)

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To: "McBride, Bill" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: NGA Governors Only Call - Wednesday April 1 at 1:00pm EST

Good Evening,

The National Governors Association will host a Governors only call to discuss the COVID-19 situation on **Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 P.M. EST**

You can find the agenda attached and the dial in information below. Additionally, please use the following links to RSVP or contact [Aimee Brennan](#):

[Yes, I plan to participate on the April 1, 2020 Governors Only Call](#)

[No, I do not plan to participate on the April 1, 2020 Governors Only Call](#)

Participant Dial-In Information

Conference Name: NGA Governors Only Call
Date: April 1, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern
Participant Dial in: [REDACTED]
Participant Access Code: [REDACTED]

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- Callers will be placed on music hold until the hosts start the call.

- Callers will be on mute until the open discussion
- To ask a question, please press 10 to be placed into queue (press 10 again to be removed from the queue).

Please direct questions to Aimee Brennan at [REDACTED]

Thank you,

Bill

Bill McBride | Executive Director

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COVID-19 Daily Update - March 27, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

We are continuing the National Governors Association daily email with our new format which now provides a concise overview of state actions and highlights rather than a rundown. A full and up-to-date list of state actions is available on our [resource website](#). This email is meant to provide you with

state and federal resources along with NGA activities to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response. Moving forward, the NGA COVID-19 Daily Update will come to you in this format and we welcome any feedback you may have.

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act

Earlier today, the House passed *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*, H.R. 748 by voice vote. President Trump signed the bill into law. This is the third emergency spending bill passed in the month of March to address COVID-19 and there is talk of more later this spring. A fourth supplemental may soon be considered. A driving impetus for another relief package is concern that states need additional assistance to deal with declining revenues and rising costs.

A helpful summary of state coronavirus funding to date from the Federal Funds Information for States can be found [here](#).

NGA compiled a folder of summaries and section by sections of the Act, they are available [here](#) and is available to answer questions about the Act. We are also working on follow up calls with agencies to discuss implementation of major program changes such as unemployment insurance and small business.

NGA Governors-Only Call

The next NGA governors-only call will be held **Wednesday, April 1, at 1 p.m. EDT**. More information will be shared with you and your schedulers shortly.

Nextdoor Partnership

Thank you to Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards for bringing the advantages of Nextdoor's social networking for neighborhoods to our attention. Twenty-five states already have a partnership with Nextdoor. Nextdoor is [partnering](#) with thousands of public agencies to provide no-cost solutions for local messaging.

Because of your state and local activity, we are excited to announce that we are partnering with Nextdoor to ensure important resources are available at

the neighborhood level. As the chief executive closest to the public, governors are uniquely able to speak to the fears and uncertainties in their respective states.

Neighbors use Nextdoor to exchange helpful information, coordinate volunteer activity, and keep in touch with each other during the COVID-19 outbreak. The platform can also be used to share information about grocery store hours set aside for elderly and at-risk individuals, and basic necessities needed during periods of home isolation.

For more information and examples of using Nextdoor, please visit:

[REDACTED]

If you would like to speak to someone at Nextdoor regarding how your state can use this tool for distributing information, please contact Dan Parham, head of public agency, at [REDACTED].

If any other governors have other ideas on how we can help amplify your response to COVID-19, please let us know.

American Red Cross: Blood Donors Urgently Needed

The cancellation of thousands of blood drives due to social distancing for COVID-19 has dramatically undercut the nation's blood supply. There is an urgent need to promote blood donations, as the healthcare system copes with COVID-19 and other medical needs.

The Red Cross is taking special precautions to make blood donation safe for those who are healthy. "Before donors even come in, we're taking their temperature. We're using sterile gloves, we have hand sanitizer before you go back to donate and after you're finished. We're wiping down the stations before and after donors," [said a Red Cross spokesman](#). As a reminder, even residents of states under a stay-at-home order or lockdown can still leave their home to give blood.

Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern would welcome an opportunity to speak with you directly on how you can help. Her cell is [REDACTED].

Actions Being Taken By Governors

State Emergency/Public Health Emergency Declarations

All 55 states and territories, as well as the District of Columbia, have issued state emergency/public health emergency declarations. Please see the NGA [website](#) for links to each governor's order.

Major Disaster Declarations

At least 11 states have been approved for a Major Disaster Declaration: CA, FL, IA, IL, LA, MD, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NY, TX and WA.

At least seven states and territories have made requests for approval for a Major Disaster Declaration: CNMI, CO, CT, GU, KY, MA and OR.

National Guard Activations By State/Territory

At least 43 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY.

Statewide Closure of Non-Essential Businesses

At least 55 states and territories have recommended, required or limited a statewide closure of nonessential businesses.

NGA Activities

State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) Call

NGA is hosting weekly State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) calls to facilitate cross-state learning, allow states to hear from subject matter experts, and communicate technical assistance needs to NGA staff.

Unemployment Insurance Programs: The next SCAN call will take place Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. EDT. With unemployment claims reaching historic highs this week due to COVID-19 social distancing measures, the federal government is expected to approve legislation dramatically expanding unemployment compensation and eligibility. This SCAN call will focus on a discussion of how governors can utilize federal unemployment insurance programs to address dislocated workers and how to address the capacity issues involved with the spike in claims. The call will also address strategies, funding, resources and best practices available for governors and state workforce officials to support people who are unemployed due to COVID-19. You can dial into the call at [REDACTED] and use this new Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Economic Mitigation and Recovery: The second SCAN call next week will take place Wednesday, April 1, at 4 p.m. EDT. This call will focus on

strategies for governor's economic policy advisors and economic development organizations in addressing the challenges being faced by the business communities in their states during the COVID-10 pandemic. State leaders will share their experiences on the following: accessing federal funding and identifying or repurposing state funding, prioritizing small businesses and impacted sectors, communicating with businesses and developing public-facing FAQs, and tackling comprehensive long-term planning. You can dial into the call at [REDACTED] and use the Meeting ID: [REDACTED].

Previous SCAN calls have addressed public health legal preparedness, crisis communications, mitigation strategies, health system capacity and testing. To listen to previous SCAN calls, click the links below:

- [Feb. 26 call on emergency powers](#)
- [March 10 call on crisis communications](#)
- [March 17 call on mitigation strategies](#)
- [March 24 call on health care capacity](#)
- [March 15 call on testing](#)

[here](#) for the March 10 call on crisis communications, [here](#) for the March 17 call on mitigation strategies, [here](#) for the March 24 call on health care capacity, and [here](#) for the March 25 call on testing.

Legal Counsel Call on Governmental Authorities Related to Health, Safety, and Welfare

NGA will hold a call on Tuesday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m. EDT on the interplay between federal and states' laws and/or rights with respect to the protection of citizens' health, safety and welfare.

In light of the President's comments about returning workers to the economy by early April, this call will feature a briefing by constitutional law expert Robert M. Chesney. Mr. Chesney is the James Baker Chair and also serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas School of Law. You can dial into the call at [REDACTED] and use the meeting ID: [REDACTED].

As part of NGA's continued support for governor's offices in responding to COVID-19, NGA is preparing a resource memorandum on this topic, which will be shared before the call.

Addressing Military Difficulties

As the military [addresses](#) difficulties for service members caused by the coronavirus through hardship pay for quarantined troops, it was brought to one governor's attention that soldiers and their families in rental housing may be caught in limbo through a freeze in change-of-duty orders and

transfers. As governors' message around foreclosures and evictions, please keep in mind that some of those caught in or out of rental agreements may be soldiers and their families.

NGA is researching this topic as part of both a broader Department of Defense partnership and our COVID-19 response work.

Social Media

We are using NGA's social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram) to expand the audience for your own social media posts and amplify remarks and information coming from governors' offices and official state health experts.

We are following governors closely on social media and are sharing posts in real time. Please follow [NGA's Official Twitter account](#) to stay up to date on recent state actions and announcements on social media. If you wish to share any information via NGA's social media accounts, please email Bradley Peck at [REDACTED]

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations), [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division) or [Melinda Becker](#) (Health Division).

Respectfully,

Bill

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Steps Taken by the Federal Government and Congress

For a full list of federal government actions, please visit [NGA's coronavirus webpage](#).

- March 27 - The U.S. House of Representatives passes the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*, H.R. 748 by voice vote.
- March 26 - [Presidential Letter to Governors](#)

Select Resources

Operational Coordination

- [NEMA Webinar on Non-Traditional Authorities in COVID-19 Response](#)

Health Insurance

- [Medicaid Disaster Response Tool Kit](#)

Health and Human Services

- [Coronavirus: What Child Welfare Systems Need to Think About](#)
- [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\) COVID-19 Resources for Social Workers](#)
- [Coronavirus Resources and Tips for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [A Message from the Children's Bureau on COVID-19](#)

Housing

- [HHS Administration for Community Living \(ACL\) Announces \\$250 million in Grants to States to Provide Meals for Older Adults](#)

Workforce and Labor

- [US DOL Guidance on Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave Under Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)

Additional Resources

[AIR](#)

Developed a [5-page Q&A](#) related to COVID-19 that are written in plain language for someone with only a middle school education so that this information can be understood by our most vulnerable populations.

Contact: Trish Brennan-Gac, [REDACTED]

[Apple](#)

Apple today released a new screening tool and set of resources to help people stay informed and take the proper steps to protect their health during the spread of COVID-19, based on the latest CDC guidance. The new [COVID-19 website](#), and [COVID-19 app](#) available on the App Store, were created in partnership with the CDC, the White House Coronavirus Task Force and FEMA to make it easy for people across the country to get trusted information and guidance at a time when the country is feeling the heavy burden of COVID-19.

Contact: Fred Zeytoonjian, [REDACTED]

[Lyft](#)

Created a [website](#) that provides local updates to their consumers and stakeholders that allows them to understand whether Lyft is operating in their state.

Contact: Heather Foster, [REDACTED]

[Facebook](#)

Shared resources with states and how they have [three new features](#) relevant to states and members.

Contact: Dan Sachs, [REDACTED]

[Google Civics](#)

Join the Google Civics Outreach team for a series of webinars on *Ways Google Can Help You with Remote Work*, which will outline the latest in their ongoing global COVID-19 response and resources for elected officials, campaigns and civic groups to pivot their efforts online.

Contact: Andrea Holtermann, [REDACTED]

[Palantir Technology](#)

Palantir is offering free services to help governors create a common operating picture to effectively make decisions regarding COVID-19 based on multiple streams of relevant data. They are able to use broad sets of

rapid data integration for quick response. They are currently serving under contract as a technical agent to the CDC on response efforts for COVID-19.

Contact: Wendy Anderson, [REDACTED]

[SAS](#)

Has a system to assist states with managing their data so they are better equipped to access and quickly understand, measure and react to the rapidly growing threat to their citizens and communities posed by COVID-19.

Contact: TJ Bolger, [REDACTED]

[Trestle-Aimbridge COVID-19 Housing Offer](#)

[Trestle Health and Housing LLC](#) has collaborated with [Aimbridge Hospitality](#) to deliver additional room capacity to blunt the anticipated COVID-19 surge over the next few weeks and months. They have vetted 700 hotels across the country and have access to over 103,000 hotel rooms in urban, as well as suburban and rural locations. They are providing states with discounted room rates, meal options, leveraging of in-place resources and access to key property management staff. [Here is the list of hotels available](#). If states are interested in securing a hotel and rooms, please contact Alice Walsh at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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Reply-To: [REDACTED]



COVID-19 Daily Update — Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

Thank you for your tireless efforts during this challenging time. We at NGA are proud to support governors as you lead the response to the pandemic in your states and territories, working with first responders, healthcare workers and other public servants. The nation is more aware than ever of the bipartisan leadership governors provide in the search for solutions to COVID-19.

A full and up-to-date list of state actions is available on [NGA's coronavirus website](#). This email is meant to provide you with state and federal resources, along with NGA activities, to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response.

As always, we welcome any feedback you have on this email, or NGA activities.

Today's Highlights

- The next NGA governors-only call is **tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1, at 1 p.m. EDT.**
- NGA and NASBO held a joint call with the U.S. Treasury today to discuss specifics of the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- The American Red Cross is still in urgent need of blood donations, as the health care system copes with COVID-19 and other medical needs.
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's joint op-ed "[What Governors Need From Washington During this Health Emergency](#)" was published in The Washington Post.

" The true spirit of America transcends partisanship. Our nation faces a new moment of grave challenge, but we remain confident that — by working together with renewed faith in one another — America can and will meet it." [@GovLarryHogan](#) & [@GovWhitmer](#)



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The coronavirus doesn't distinguish between red states and blue states, and neither can we.
[washingtonpost.com](#)

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NGA Call with the U.S. Treasury

NGA and the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) held a joint call with the U.S. Treasury today to discuss specifics of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. This is a continuing dialogue with the Department of Treasury as they work to stand up the program, write the guidance and disburse the funds.

On Saturday, March 28, NGA [sent a letter](#) to the U.S. Treasury, which is implementing the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund that was included in the third supplemental, P.L. 119-136 (the CARES Act). The letter cites speed and flexibility as the keys to making this fund work for states and territories.

Timing of Guidance: Monday, April 13 after which the Treasury will designate a point of contact for governors

Timing of Release of Funds: Friday, April 24

Key Issue: Consistent with what was shared with the National Conference of State Legislators, the Department of Treasury is interpreting the statute to prohibit Coronavirus Relief Funds to cover lost revenue. There appears to be an understanding of the impacts to state revenue streams from COVID-19.

Follow-up for Governors: The Department of Treasury asked NGA two specific questions:

1. How will governors work with localities under 500,000 in population that are seeking funding?
2. To what state entity should direct funding be sent to in a state? E.g., what department should receive the Treasury funds?

A summary of the call from NASBO can be found [here](#).

Spotlight: Governors' Regional Partnerships

Governors are forming regional partnerships to coordinate policies and messaging on social distancing, as well as on efforts to address the business impacts of COVID-19. The governors of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are [partnering](#) to develop and maintain consistent standards across the region.

Referencing the regional effort, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont said: "This is a fast moving and quickly evolving public health emergency, and making these kinds of important decisions as a region makes more sense than a patchwork approach. We will combat this virus by working together and remaining consistent across our borders and I'm proud to work with my fellow governors in this effort."

The governors of Maryland and Virginia and the mayor of D.C. have been [working closely](#) on testing in the region, a regional framework for supporting businesses, and ongoing coordinated messaging to encourage residents to be good neighbors by staying home. Yesterday, the two governors and mayor announced mandatory stay-at-home orders.

In a joint statement, the three leaders said: "The COVID-19 virus knows neither borders nor boundaries — it does not recognize state or city lines. We are working closely together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Together, we are promoting social distancing and encouraging all of our residents to stay at home and avoid crowds and gatherings. In each of our jurisdictions, we will be enforcing crowd control measures and social distancing standards."

NGA Governors-Only Call

The next NGA governors-only call will be held **tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1, at 1 p.m. EDT**. Please RSVP for the call by emailing NGA's Administration Director [Aimee Brennan](#).

Nextdoor Partnership

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If you would like to speak to someone at Nextdoor regarding how your state can use this tool for distributing information, please contact Dan Parham, head of public agency, at [REDACTED]

People Can Help By Giving Blood

Did you know that [one blood donation can help as many as three people](#)? People who want to help fight coronavirus should consider supporting the medical system by giving blood.

If you are healthy, without any COVID-19 symptoms, and not at high risk for the disease, you can safely make a blood donation. Blood is urgently needed by the Red Cross nationwide.

Special precautions are being taken to keep blood donation safe. Even residents who are under lockdowns or stay-at-home orders may leave their homes in order to donate blood.

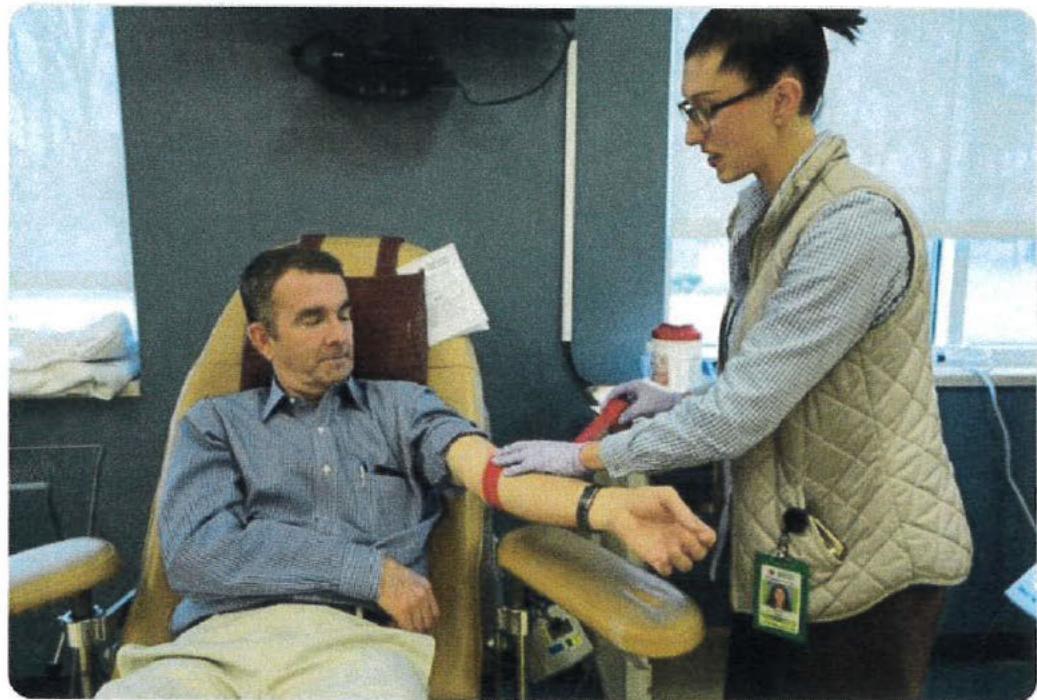
Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern would welcome an opportunity to speak with you directly on how you can help. Her cell is [REDACTED]



Ralph Northam ✓
@GovernorVA

The [#COVID19](#) outbreak has led to a critical blood shortage—this afternoon, I donated with [@VARedCross](#), and I urge Virginians who are healthy to do the same.

Go to rcblood.org/appt to make an appointment and learn more about the safety measures in place for donating.



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Actions Being Taken By Governors

Major Disaster Declarations

At least 22 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia have been approved for a Major Disaster Declaration: AL, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX and WA.

At least four states and Northern Mariana Islands have made requests for approval for a Major Disaster Declaration: MT, ND, OH and WI.

National Guard Activations By State/Territory

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Stay-at-Home Orders

At least 34 states and the Virgin Islands have implemented stay at home orders: AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, VA, VT, WA, WI and WV.

1135 Waivers

At least 40 states have been approved for a 1135 Waiver: AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV and WY.

NGA Activities

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Social Media

We are using NGA's social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram) to promote governors' own COVID-19 messaging by sharing your posts in real time, keeping our audiences informed on activities at the state level. We are monitoring users' interests and posting links to state resources for information regarding public health, safety, telework, and support services.

Please follow [NGA's Official Twitter account](#) to stay up to date on recent state actions and announcements on social media. If you have specific information you'd like NGA to share via our own social media accounts, please email Bradley Peck at [REDACTED]

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations), [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division) or [Melinda Becker](#) (Health Division).

Respectfully,

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Recent Steps Taken by the Federal Government and Congress

For a full list of federal government actions, please visit [NGA's coronavirus webpage](#).

- March 30 — President Trump [issued](#) a third memorandum providing federal support for governors' use of the National Guard to respond to COVID-19 for Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts and Michigan.

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*Governor's Press Clips
Monday, March 30, 2020*

Alabama Daily News: [Alabama virus cases rise as governor's shutdown order begins](#)

Alabama Daily News: [ADOC: List of inmates' employers unavailable](#)

AL.com: [Port of Mobile: 'Everything except containers is going up'](#)

AL.com: [Alabama Department of Public Health addresses COVID-19 as it relates to food safety](#)

AL.com: [Hospital officials say blood supply OK for now, but donations needed for weeks to come](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama nursing homes seeing increase in COVID-19 cases](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Death toll at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika increases to 6](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama health organizations join together to stop the spread of COVID-19](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama Legislature plans to return to work briefly March 31](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Montgomery orders "indefinite" curfew to slow spread of virus](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [UAH researchers and the world's fastest supercomputer join the fight against the COVID-19 virus](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama attorney general partners with Facebook to combat price gouging during coronavirus pandemic](#)

Yellowhammer News: [State Sen. Whatley: Coronavirus order favors big business over small business — Hints at legislation changing powers of 'dictator' state health officer](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama legislators believe latest Ivey order penalizes small business](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Trump extends virus guidelines, braces US for big death toll](#)

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Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Tuesday, March 31, 2020



*Governor's Press Clips
Tuesday, March 31, 2020*

AL.com: [Ivey urges Alabamians to stay at home but issues no new orders](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [State health department confirms 13 COVID-19 deaths](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [State ramping up for COVID-19 fight](#)

Yellowhammer News: [State Sen. Butler on Ivey and coronavirus: 'Right now, I think we need to get behind the governor'](#)

Alabama Daily News: [State virus cases near 1000; fight over abortion clinics in court](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Over the last week, COVID-19 cases in Alabama increased faster than 40 other states](#)

AL.com: [Citing 'flare up' of coronavirus cases, Trump pledges ventilators to Alabama](#)

AL.com: [Coronavirus relief bill includes \\$6.5 million for Alabama elections](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus in Alabama: Election money will go toward reimbursing polling station prep](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [More than 70,000 people filed unemployment claims in Alabama last week](#)

AL.com: [Alabama's one of the worst states for unemployment benefits, consequences may be devastating](#)

FOX10: [Depression-era hardship will result from coronavirus, economist says](#)

Yellowhammer News: [No need for Alabamians to worry about their drinking water during the COVID-19 crisis, ADEM director says](#)

AL.com: [UAB to study potential nasal spray vaccine for coronavirus](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Madison County and Baldwin County top charts for population growth in Alabama](#)

Chesnutt, Pam

From: HECKER, JAMES B Lt Gen USAF AETC AU/AU/CC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Itgov
Subject: Maxwell AFB COVID-19 Precautions

Gov Ivey,

This afternoon, we will be announcing that we are suspending public attendance to the Officer Training School award ceremony and graduation parade this Thursday and Friday. This decision was made to avoid hosting a large gathering of families and friends that had traveled here from across the country.

My staff continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19, and has been working with your public health officials to ensure our detection and response efforts are coordinated. We will take the actions necessary, in line with Department of Defense and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, to help minimize the spread of COVID-19.

As there are no cases in Alabama, we wanted to provide you forewarning of this announcement, and that this decision was made out of an abundance of caution.

V/r

JAMES B. HECKER
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Chesnutt, Pam

From: HECKER, JAMES B Lt Gen USAF AETC AU/AU/CC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ltgov
Subject: Maxwell AFB Mission Essential Operations During COVID-19 Crisis

Dear Gov Ivey,

As we continue to fight together to contain the COVID-19 virus, I wanted to reach out to remind you that we are continuing limited mission essential training on Maxwell-Gunter, executing our responsibility to maintain our Nation's military readiness to deliver Air and Space Power anytime, anywhere. One of those mission essential training programs is Officer Training School (OTS), which produces a significant amount of our officers for the Air Force.

Next Tuesday, the 31st of March we will welcome OTS Class 20-05. This class is comprised of approximately 300 trainees from around the world. I want you to know we have placed the health of our community at the top of our priority list while planning the reception of this class with a multi-layered approach. Those few traveling from overseas arrived early and have been in a 14-day self-quarantine before the class start date. All others have been prescreened over the phone and evaluated on their risk, based on their current location, known recent exposure, travel plans, and whether or not they are exhibiting symptoms. In addition, the class will be confined to the OTS area on Maxwell and will not leave the base until graduation.

Two days ago, I conducted a walkthrough of the OTS operation with our medical experts. I was extremely impressed with the attention to detail and plan of action the OTS cadre has developed for the incoming class.

I am confident that Air University faculty and staff members have taken every precaution to mitigate any risk to our trainees, the Maxwell-Gunter Community and the River Region as we jointly fight the spread of COVID-19. Pat Carley and his team will continue to work with your public health officials to ensure our response efforts are coordinated. We will continue to keep you abreast of major happenings at Maxwell-Gunter.

Jim

Chesnutt, Pam

From: OIT Security Operations Center <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Cybersecurity Advisory for State Employees
Attachments: Department of Health and Human Services - Alert - Fake Online Coronavirus Map Delivers Well Known Malware 03_12_2020.pdf

A malicious website that silently installs malware is circulating on the Internet pretending to be a live map of COVID-19 cases by John Hopkins University (threat advisory attached). There is a legitimate Johns Hopkins COVID-19 map site, and there is a fake one that resembles it.

Stop and ask a few questions before clicking on links to news stories or forwarding them to someone else.

- Can you place the mouse pointer on the link and see the complete website address? If so, check to ensure it is the correct web address.
- Is the website a reputable source of information? If not, you could be receiving or spreading misinformation.
- Do I know the person that forwarded me the news story? If so, call or text them to confirm they did in fact send it to you and ask how they received or found it.

These simple steps can help prevent your computer from being infected and used by cyber criminals to access your personal data. When searching for information on COVID-19, use only trusted state and federal government websites or check your local news media sources. Additional tips are below for spotting phishing emails and being vigilant while using social media.

Common signs that an email is a possible phishing message:

- The "To" field is blank, an obvious sign it could be a phishing email. A reputable company would usually include your email address.
- The sender email address does not match the naming convention (standard format) used by the company. For example, doe@mail.nu.visa.com as opposed to john.doe@visa.com.
- Bad grammar, spelling mistakes and incorrectly used phrases.
- The email contains an unexpected attachment which you did not request be sent.
- You are asked to click a link and confirm personal information (i.e., banking, medical, or login credentials).
- The email is attempting to create a sense of panic or fear and requires immediate response on your part.

Tips to remain safe while using social media:

- Set the account to private or invisible. This will shield the page and any post from public viewing.
- Do not accept a friend request from individuals or groups you have not initiated.
- Keep specific information about yourself and your family off social media. Posting a birthday gives cybercriminals one more piece of information they did not have before.
- Disable location services that allow anyone to see where you are at any given time.
- Do not click on ads on social media sites.
- Enable multi-factor authentication if the social media site or application supports it.

More information can be read at the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency site ([REDACTED]) on avoiding social engineering and phishing attacks ([ST04-014](#)), as well as staying safe on social networking

sites ([ST06-003](#)).

Bookmark the Alabama Cybersecurity site ([\[REDACTED\]](#)) to stay informed on the latest issues and useful tips to stay safe online.



Chesnutt, Pam

From: Taylor, Marilyn
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Critical Infrastructure Sectors and the COVID-19 Pandemic

FYI-

Sent from my iPhone
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Executive Assistant to the Governor
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[REDACTED] (c)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Tucker <[REDACTED]>
Date: March 25, 2020 at 5:23:08 PM CDT
To: "Taylor, Marilyn" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Battle, Tommy" <[REDACTED]>, Dale Strong <[REDACTED]>, "Bonner, Jo" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Critical Infrastructure Sectors and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Governor Ivey:

In light of the rapidly evolving situation related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and National Emergency, you may issue additional executive orders to protect the health and well-being of all Alabamians. Should you consider an executive order restricting Alabamians to shelter in place and/or remain at their place of residence, I request an exemption for individuals employed at Alabama's commercial service airports and ports, including inland ports.

The services that airports provide are a necessity in an emergency like this one. Airports are part of the critical infrastructure that allows for the movement of emergency supplies and personnel, as well as other cargo. These needs continue even while commercial passenger traffic decreases. Alabama airports have already taken steps to minimize on-airport staff as much as is practicable considering the nature of our operations. We have implemented rotating work schedules, shift segregation protocols, telework for eligible employees, enhanced cleaning practices and social distancing to reduce the potential for COVID-19 transfer. The inclusion of the requested exemption would allow airports to have the employees needed to support continued operations as critical components of the emergency transportation infrastructure.

The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority owns and operates the Port of Huntsville, which includes not only the Huntsville International Airport, but also the International Intermodal Center. The International Intermodal Center is an inland port served by Norfolk Southern with dedicated stack-train service to and from both east coast and west coast ports. Thus, the Port of Huntsville is a critical part of the nation's air transportation and rail cargo infrastructure.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ("CISA"), an operational component of the Department of Homeland Security, has identified airports as part of a critical infrastructure sector considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof (see also Presidential Policy Directive 21). Commercial service airports are subject to regulation by Federal Aviation Administration, which prohibits the shutdown of a commercial airport without its permission (Compliance Guidance Letter 2020-01). The inclusion of the requested exemption would eliminate any chance of a conflict between state law and federal preemption principles.

Thank you for your leadership in such a challenging and unprecedented time.

Rick Tucker

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From: Filmore, Liz
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Filmore, Liz
Subject: Governor Ivey Coronavirus Update
Attachments: COVID-19 Updated Guidelines 03-20-2020 Statement.pdf; Amended Statewide Social Distancing SHO Order (3.20.2020).pdf; Second Supplemental COVID - 19 SOE.pdf; ALNG Activation Release for COVID-19.pdf; Alabama National Guard assistance flowchart.pdf

Coronavirus Task Force:

Governor Ivey wanted you all to receive an update before the weekend on the state's efforts for COVID-19. As you are aware, the decisions are changing rapidly as this virus continues to infect our state. The Alabama Department of Health is now reporting that Alabama has 106 cases in 20 counties. Below are a few actions that Governor Ivey executed today. Thank you to Dr. Scott Harris as he continues to lead the coronavirus efforts in our state.

1. Updated the State Public Health Order to address all non-work related gathering of 25 persons or more. Also, the order expanded the availability of child care and clarified language for senior centers and schools.
2. Issued a second supplemental State of Emergency to address weight restrictions administered by the Alabama Department of Transportation in regards to emergency equipment, supplies and services.
3. Authorized Adjutant General Sheryl Gordon with the Alabama National Guard to activate up to 100 guardsmen, should the need arise. I have provided you all with the flow chart of how requests can be made of the Alabama National Guard.

As a reminder the next Coronavirus Task Force call is scheduled for **Monday, March 23 at 11:00 AM**. The call in information is below.



Please let us know if you need anything over the weekend.



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From: Maiola, Gina
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:24 PM
Subject: Video from Gov. Kay Ivey's Press Conference

Good Afternoon:

First and foremost, the Governor's Office wants to extend our deepest appreciation for the hard work and countless hours you all in the press are putting in to keep our citizens well informed on the evolving COVID-19. We also are grateful to you all for being flexible with us, and ultimately, being a resource to us as we provide updates to the public. I cannot emphasize how essential each of you are.

To echo the governor, COVID-19 is an extremely fluid situation, and we appreciate your patience with us as we navigate Alabama through this.

To that end, many of you have reached out regarding this morning's limited access press conference. Our office is modeling social distancing in an effort to practice what we preach in order to keep each of you in the press healthy, as well as all of us in this busy time. Again, we value each and every one of you.

Our office, with that press conference, sent a press release with full details. Additionally, we are providing downloadable links to the video content. Please see below.

Gov. Ivey's announcement: [REDACTED]

Attorney General Marshall & Sec. Merrill: [REDACTED]

Again, please let me know how we can continue to be helpful.



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From: Filmore, Liz
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Filmore, Liz
Subject: Governor Ivey's 4th Supplemental State of Emergency
Attachments: 4th Supplemental State of Emergency COVID-19.pdf

Coronavirus Task Force:

Governor Ivey joined task force members, Dr. Eric Mackey and Dr. Scott Harris, to announce that all public school students will not report to school on April 6, 2020. Local school districts will now develop plans to deliver alternative instruction. Attached below is the Governor's 4th supplemental State of Emergency that addresses the following items:

1. Alternative Methods of Instruction for the 2019-2020 School Year
2. Emergency-services licensure extension to allow for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to continue working even if their license were to expire during this emergency period
3. Notaries and witnesses are now allowed perform job certain task by video conference
4. State agencies to send and accept electronic records and signatures
5. Summonses in lieu of arrest to reduce movement of persons into and out of county and municipal jails

Thank you for your service to our state during this crisis. Please let us know if we can assist you.

Have a good evening and stay safe!



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From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:31 PM
Subject: Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Authorization of Alabama National Guard on As Needed Basis

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Friday, March 20, 2020

**Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Authorization of Alabama National Guard
on As Needed Basis**

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey announced today that she has given authorization to Adjutant General Sheryl Gordon with the Alabama National Guard to activate up to 100 guardsmen, should the need arise to combat COVID-19.

There is no determined need for formal assistance at this time, nor is there a plan for the Guard to operate as any type of enforcement of public health orders. This action strictly serves as a preparedness measure, should first responders or health care providers need additional support. As of Friday, Alabama has 106 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Governor Ivey released the following statement:

“While there is no immediate need for us to deploy our Guard, I have given authorization to Adjutant General Sheryl Gordon to be on standby, should our first responders and health care providers need additional support.

“I want to ensure Alabamians that our National Guard stands ready to be part of this team effort to combat this invisible enemy.

“My administration has been given clear instructions to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of government while being flexible and responsible to the needs of our state. I ask for the support of my fellow Alabamians as we work through these challenging days together.”

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Chesnutt, Pam

From: Governor's Press Office
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:01 PM
Subject: Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Updated Statewide Public Health Order
Attachments: Amended Statewide Social Distancing SHO Order (3.20.2020).pdf

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Friday, March 20, 2020

Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Updated Statewide Public Health Order

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Friday issued an update to the statewide health order to aid in Alabama’s efforts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Effective today, *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, are prohibited. Employers shall take all reasonable steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

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.

Governor Kay Ivey: “As our state works in overdrive to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are making decisions based on the best information we have in the moment. I have no doubt that as this situation rapidly unfolds, decisions will need to be evaluated and amended.

“Yesterday’s health order was issued to be as comprehensive as possible to combat the spread of the virus and to ensure the state was doing everything within its authority to protect the people of Alabama.

“In order to keep Alabama going, we must keep Alabama businesses going to the best of our abilities. I fully support the restrictions of social or recreational gatherings of 25 people or less and strongly encourage individuals to maintain a six-foot distance. However, this order was intended to apply to non-work-related gatherings. However, employers should take all necessary steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

“Let me be abundantly clear - I have no intention of slowing down our workforce through unnecessary, burdensome regulations. We will only be able to mitigate the risk of the virus through the efforts of our hardworking manufacturers that will produce life-sustaining supplies, our truckers who move these goods down the road, and our valued retailers that will make them available to our citizens.

“My administration has been given clear instructions to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of government while being flexible and responsible to the needs of our state. I ask for the support of my fellow Alabamians as we work through these challenging days together.”

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris: "Alabamians must cooperate, understand their actions affect other people, and take seriously the need to protect health and safety, because COVID-19 is a deadly virus."

The updated order is attached.

For Media Questions Only - Contact Arrol Sheehan with the Alabama Department of Public Health:
[REDACTED]

For General COVID-19 Questions from Members of the Public: [REDACTED]

For broadcasting and publishing purposes, please download and utilize the following video message from Governor Ivey: <https://we.tl/t-KZwULxpALF>

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From: Murry, Charles
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:32 AM
Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Friday, March 20, 2020



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Alabama Political Reporter: [Gov. Kay Ivey closes beaches, expands restaurant restrictions statewide](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Dine-in service and beaches closed; Could see a shortage of ventilators](#)

WSFA12: [Aggressive new restrictions in effect as Alabama's COVID-19 cases rise to 78](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Sewell, Jones urge Ivey to extend unemployment benefits for workers impacted by COVID-19](#)

AL.com: [More than 6,000 people applied for unemployment in Alabama this week](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Virus impact: State delays tax liabilities, lawmaker looks to protect business from COVID-19 lawsuits](#)

AL.com: [Unemployment doubles, factories idle: How hard will coronavirus hit Alabama's economy?](#)

AL.com: [Alabama Department of Corrections gets 1st worker COVID-19 diagnosis; no inmates confirmed positive](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama prisons suspend visitations, start screening staff for COVID-19](#)

AL.com: [Alabama judge orders jail inmates released, then leaves it up to sheriffs](#)

AL.com: [Jefferson County has suspended nonessential businesses. Here's what that means](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus and schools: Parents shouldn't worry, Alabama committed to graduation, superintendent says](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [U.S. government report predicts 18 months of COVID-19 outbreak in America](#)

Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries: [MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER RICK PATE ~ ALABAMA AGRICULTURE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN](#)

Outdoor Alabama: [Alabama's Outdoors Offers Solutions for Social Distancing](#)

Alabama Daily News: [White House, senators to negotiate \\$1T economic rescue deal](#)



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Chesnutt, Pam

From: Taylor, Marilyn
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: NGA Governors Only Call Readout - 3.19

FYI--



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From: McBride, Bill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:02 PM
To: McBride, Bill <[REDACTED]>
Subject: NGA Governors Only Call Readout - 3.19

Good afternoon Governors,

We are continuing the National Governors Association daily email with **recent updates on the state and federal COVID-19 response efforts that NGA staff have identified as occurring in the past 24 to 48 hours, and NGA activities to assist you in your response to COVID-19.** Please follow our [resource website](#) for the latest information.

Governors-Only Call

NGA is hosting weekly Governors-only calls to discuss the COVID-19 situation. **The next Governors-only call will be held Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. EST.**

Question for Governors

NGA has been asked by the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to provide an estimate on what the potential costs could be for states and territories for expanded bed capacity or temporary healthcare facilities depending on the length of the pandemic. This information will be helpful as Congress continues to work on a third stimulus package. Please provide an estimate to [Maribel Ramos](#) by COB, Friday, March 19, 2020.

Actions Being Taken By Governors

State Emergency/Public Health Emergency Declarations

All 55 states and territories, as well as the District of Columbia, have issued state emergency/public health emergency declarations. Please see the NGA [website](#) for links to each governor's order.

National Guard Activations By State/Territory

At least 27 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard: AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, MT, NJ, NM, NY, OK, PA, RI, TX, VT, WI and WA.

State Employee Restricted Travel/Restricted State Travel

At least 21 states have restricted state employee travel as a result of the coronavirus: AK, AR, CT, GA, FL, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, NJ, NM, OH, PA, RI, TN, VA, WA, WI and WV.

NGA Activities

Governor Larry Hogan Letter on Behalf of Governors

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that as chair of the National Governors Association, he will submit five requests to the president, vice president, and leaders in both houses of Congress on behalf of the nation's governors:

- Dedicate at least 50 percent of supplemental funding to the states, including direct funding, and act quickly on waiver requests,
- Increase access to PPE, masks, test kits, extraction kits, and accelerating the production of life-saving equipment, such as ventilators,
- Support Title 32 authorization to give governors maximum flexibility for use of the National Guard,
- Provide guidance on implementation of Defense Production Act to include what health and medical resources Secretary of Health and Human Services Azar is prioritizing under his new authority,
- Allow more time and flexibility for completion of both the Census and the transition to REAL ID.

Council of Governors Letter on Guard Mobilization for COVID-19

In [a letter](#) to the Secretary of Defense, the Council of Governors urged the administration to authorize the use of National Guard members under Title 32, United States Code, specifically 502(f).

March 18 – President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Act (H.R. 6201). Please find attached a summary of the health provisions in H.R. 6201. Congress and the Administration continue to negotiate on a third stimulus package.

SCAN Call

NGA is hosting weekly State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) calls to facilitate cross-state learning, allow states to hear from subject matter experts, and communicate technical assistance needs to NGA staff. The next SCAN call will take place on Tuesday, March 24 at 4:00 pm ET and focus on building health system capacity to address COVID-19, including strategies to expand the health care workforce, mitigate supply chain issues, and leverage telehealth. You can dial into the call at [REDACTED] and use the Meeting [REDACTED].

Previous SCAN calls have focused on public health legal preparedness, crisis communications, and mitigation strategies. To listen to previous SCAN calls, click [here](#) for the February 26 call on emergency powers, [here](#) for the March 10 call on crisis communications, and [here](#) for the March 17 call on mitigation strategies.

Social Media

We are using NGA's social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram) to expand the audience for your own social media posts and amplify remarks and information coming from governors' offices and official state health experts. Online searches for reliable information on the coronavirus and state activity has dramatically increased, even compared to a week ago, and digital traffic to NGA.org's resource page has increased significantly as well.

We are following governors closely on social media and are sharing posts in real time. Please follow [NGA's Official Twitter account](#) to stay up to date on recent state actions and announcements on social media. If you wish to share any information via NGA's social media accounts, please email Bradley Peck at [REDACTED].

NGA has a strong teleworking policy, and while some staff were regularly working remotely, we began mandatory telework for all staff this week, through at least Friday, March 27. We will provide any updates and changes to our status as appropriate.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations), [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division) or [Melinda Becker](#) (Health Division).

Respectfully,
Bill

Bill McBride | Executive Director



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Website Updates with Resource Materials

State/Territorial Actions

This section outlines the most recent actions taken by governors and state and territorial leaders. **Given the fast-moving nature of these events, if we are missing an action that you have taken that you would like to share with fellow governors, please send those along to be included on our website and in the next daily update.**

Alabama

- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) the primary runoff election will be delayed until July 14.

Alaska

- March 17 – 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.
- March 17 – 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 in 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.

Arizona

- March 16 – 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 15 – The Governor ordered a statewide closure of schools through at least March 27.

Arkansas

- March 18 – 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.

California

- March 18 – The Governor [authorized](#) \$150 million in funding to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19.
- March 18 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to suspend standardized testing for students.
- March 18 – 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 – 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.

Colorado

- March 16 – 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 18 – 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 – 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:
 - 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 – 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 – The Colorado Department of Public Health [issued](#) a public health order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people.
- March 18 – 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 more than six years of service.

Connecticut

- March 18 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to:
 - Close large indoor malls and places of amusement (but not parks and open space areas) effective 8 p.m. on March 19;
 - Allow Medicaid to cover audio-only telehealth services;
 - 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 – Connecticut's health insurance marketplace [announced](#) a new special enrollment period for residents who are uninsured.
- March 18 – 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.

Delaware

- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) the Hospitality Emergency Loan Program to provide financial relief for restaurants, bars and other hospitality industry businesses.
- March 18 – 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 – 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.

Georgia

- March 18 – 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.

Guam

- March 19 – The Governor [ordered](#) that all public spaces in which people come together for food and beverage, entertainment, recreation, and leisure will be closed until March 30. The order goes into effect March 20.

Idaho

- March 18 – 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 Small Business Administration.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) Idaho is adopting the latest guidance from the White House and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to slow the spread of coronavirus. This includes recommendations to avoid discretionary travel and social gatherings of 10 or more people.

Illinois

- March 18 – 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.

Indiana

- March 18 – The Governor and the Indiana State Department of Health [announced a new partnership](#) with Eli Lilly and Co., with support from the Food and Drug Administration, to accelerate testing in Indiana for COVID-19.
- March 18 – The Governor [requested](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration to support small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) that all Indiana public schools are now closed and are using alternative learning options like e-learning.

Iowa

- March 18 – 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 physician assistant by allowing for full prescriptive rights, legal protections similar to other health care professionals, the ability to be reimbursed by Medicaid, and a range of other changes.

Kansas

- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) Executive Order #20-06 to temporarily prohibit evictions and foreclosures across the state.

Kentucky

- March 18 – 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 --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 also will be covering copayments typically covered by families.

Louisiana

- March 18 – The Governor [requested](#) the Small Business Administration provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Orleans and Jefferson parishes.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) that shelter in place may be necessary for some Louisiana localities to stem the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18 – The Governor [suspended](#) foreclosures and evictions in the state.
- March 18 – 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 —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.

Maine

- March 18 – The Governor issued an executive order that [closed](#) restaurant dining rooms and bars and limited social gatherings to no greater than 10 people.

Massachusetts

- March 19 – The Governor announced that the Small Business Administration will offer low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Massachusetts small businesses suffering substantial economic injury.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) that all early education and childcare centers will close March 23.
- March 18 – 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.

Michigan

- March 18 – 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 – 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 – 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.

Minnesota

- March 18 – The Governor [signed](#) three new executive orders which:
 - Protect individuals in veterans’ homes by restricting visitors;
 - Provide emergency relief to motor carriers to support food supplies; and
 - Provide paid leave for state employees that are unable to work.

Montana

- March 18 – The Governor [expanded](#) access to telemedicine services to ensure Montana Medicaid patients receive quality healthcare in their homes to prevent unnecessary gatherings at health care facilities.

Nevada

- March 18 – 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 – 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.

New Hampshire

- March 18 – 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 grant school districts greater flexibility in developing remote learning software tools; and
 - Expand access to telehealth services.

- March 18 – The Department of Motor Vehicles [transitioned](#) to phone and online services.

New Jersey

- March 18 – 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 – 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 – 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.

New Mexico

- March 18 – The Governor [prohibited](#) all gatherings of 10 or more across the state, which also includes closures of non-essential businesses through April 10.
- March 18 – The Governor and the Department of Health [issued](#) guidelines for the public concerning travel and COVID-19 testing.

New York

- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) the United States Navy Ship Comfort, a 1000-bed hospital ship, will be deployed to New York harbor.
- March 18 – 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 – 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;
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Ohio

- March 18 – 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 17 – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services [implemented](#) emergency measures to ensure communities have access to childcare.
- **Oklahoma**
- March 18 – 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 – 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.

Oregon

- March 18 – 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 17 – 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.
- **Pennsylvania**
- March 18 – The Governor [requested](#) a disaster declaration for small businesses and non-profits in all 67 counties to provide assistance in the form of the Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

- March 18 – 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;
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Rhode Island

- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) that public schools should implement distance learning through April 3.
- March 18 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order that directs health insurers to cover telemedicine visits.
- March 18 – The Public Utilities Commission [issued](#) an emergency declaration that places a moratorium on public utilities terminating services.
- March 18 – The Department of Health [announced](#) that out-of-state healthcare providers can obtain a temporary 90-day license to practice in the state.

South Dakota

- March 18 – 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.

Texas

- March 18 – 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 – 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 – 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 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) immediate closure of all driver license offices across the state.

Vermont

- March 17 – 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.

West Virginia

- March 18 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order closing fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers and similar recreation locations statewide.

Wisconsin

- March 18 – The Governor [issued](#) an emergency order waiving work search requirements and modifying eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance benefits.
- March 18 – The Governor [requested](#) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance for Wisconsin small businesses, private and nonprofit organizations to alleviate economic impacts.

For a full list of state and territorial actions, please visit [NGA’s coronavirus webpage](#).

Steps Taken By the Federal Administration and Congress

Recent Steps the Federal Government and Congress Have Taken to Address Coronavirus

For a full list of federal government actions, please visit [NGA’s coronavirus webpage](#).

- March 19 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a [fact sheet](#) providing guidance on the type of emergency protective measures that may be eligible under FEMA’s Public Assistance Program for response to COVID-19. FEMA notes it will not duplicate assistance provided by HHS/CDC.
- March 19 – The President [signed](#) H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The bill passed the Senate yesterday 90-8. Congress and the administration will continue negotiations on a third stimulus package.
- March 18 – The President invoked the Defense Production Act via [Executive Order](#) on Prioritizing and Allocating Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, the President invoked the [Defense Production Act](#) (DPA) via an [Executive Order: Prioritizing and Allocating Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19](#), delegating authority to Health and Human Service Secretary Alex Azar. The DPA grants the President a broad set of authorities to influence domestic industry in the interest of national defense, which defined broadly, includes preparing for and responding to military conflicts, emergency preparedness activities under the Stafford Act, acts of terrorism or continuity of government operations. The DPA was invoked last year to increase the production of rare-earth magnets used in electronics due to concern of possible restrictions from China.
 - [NGA Detailed Memo](#)

Select Resources Available

The following are additional resources added to NGA’s website today. For a full list of select resources, please visit [NGA’s coronavirus webpage](#).

- Testing
 - [HHS: States Are Now in Charge of Testing](#)
- Workforce Development/Labor
 - [National Conference of State Legislatures overview of state licensing responses to COVID-19](#)
- Response and Mitigation

[NGA Memo on Medical Surge Capacity](#)

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Good Morning Governors,

Attached is a letter that was sent last evening, from Governors Hogan and Cuomo on behalf of the National Governors Association, to Congressional leadership requesting immediate consideration of the following:

- \$150 billion in immediate direct aid to the states with maximum flexibility for Governors COVID-19 efforts.
- An increase to at least 12 percent, which many states received under the 2009 Recovery and invest Act, to include Medicaid expansion states, and the elimination of the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule.

Since the pending supplemental legislation is moving quickly in the Senate and House of Representatives, your personal outreach today to your Senators and Representatives is extremely important.

Please contact me if you need additional information or follow up.

Best,
Bill

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Thursday, March 19, 2020

Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Statewide Public Health Order

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Thursday issued a statewide health order to aid in Alabama’s efforts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Statewide 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. This Order shall apply to all gatherings, events or activities that bring 25 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time.
- Any restaurant, bar, brewery or similar establishments shall not permit on-premise consumption of food or drink. Governor Ivey continues to encourage patrons to visit their local eateries for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols include maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons are followed.
- All beaches will be closed effective today at 5:00 p.m. For clarification, the term “beach” means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.
- Preschools and childcare centers will be closed effective at close of school or business today. This shall not apply to licensed childcare centers that provide services exclusively to employees with: State and Local Governments, First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services), Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies and grocery stores.

- Effective immediately, 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 non-essential 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, effective immediately.

Governor Kay Ivey: “Despite our best efforts, the threat of the Covid-19 virus continues to spread and, unfortunately, we have not yet reached peak impact. The decision to place regulations upon Alabamians living in Jefferson County and its surrounding counties was an effort to contain the area in which the virus has been prevalent in our state.

“As of this morning, 68 individuals have tested positive for the Coronavirus in Alabama. While I am pleased that many of our citizens are self-regulating and are practicing social distancing, we want to ensure that Alabama is doing our part to flatten the curve.

“Closing Alabama beaches is not a simple decision but one that I came to with the consultation of our elected officials along the coast and members of my administration. After many rounds of conversations with local leaders, in which we discussed several options, I have decided to close beach access in any form. Since we do not want to promote social gatherings, keeping the beaches open sends the wrong message to the public. At this moment, the safety and wellbeing of Alabamians is paramount.

“In addition, we rely heavily upon our first responders and critical healthcare workers to help those who are ill, as well as essential state government employees to keep the continuity of government, and many of them struggle with dependent childcare if daycares close. As a result, I have asked the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Alabama Department of Public Health to explore emergency rulemaking to make critical exemptions to allow for daycare to be provided for these areas of crucial personnel.

“My administration – and all the services of state government – are going to be as flexible as humanly possible to help make your government work for you during the coming days and weeks. I want to thank the people of our great state for their continued patience and for taking great care of themselves and each other during this pandemic.”

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris: “We understand that the health orders issued will be a hardship on Alabamians. We must, first and foremost, protect the health and safety of our citizens. This decision has not been made lightly and will help to prevent the spread of this virus.”

Dr. Scott Harris and the Alabama Department of Public Health will host a webcast press conference to give further details this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Contact Ryan Easterling with any questions: [REDACTED]

The statewide social distancing order is attached.

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Subject: State Priorities for COVID-19

Dear Governors,

Thank you for all the feedback NGA has received on your top five federal priorities and needs for the COVID-19 response. Based on your responses, NGA has put together the attached list that Chairman Hogan will present to Vice President Pence on today's Governors call. Although the list is not comprehensive of all state needs, Governor Hogan wants to focus on these five items as a starting point.

Please feel free to remain in contact with me as we work to ensure that Governor's needs are heard at the highest levels of the federal government.

Best,
Bill

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***Governor's Press Clips
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AL.com: [Gov. Kay Ivey postpones March 31 runoff because of coronavirus](#)

AL.com: [Closing Alabama beaches 'under consideration,' Gov. Kay Ivey says](#)

FOX10: [Baldwin County Commission to hold emergency meeting to consider asking Gov. Ivey to close beaches in unincorporated areas](#)

FOX10: [Dauphin Island closes beach parking lots to limit crowds](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Gulf Shores public beaches to close Friday morning](#)

AL.com: [Rural hospital in Alabama prepares for coronavirus: 'It's coming'](#)

AL.com: [Testing sites can't meet demand in Alabama as kits remain scarce](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Red Cross: COVID-19 concerns causing canceled blood drives, severe blood shortage](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [With the outbreak of a global pandemic, the 2020 Census is still underway](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Alabama unemployment claims surge amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)

AL.com: [66,000 workers in Jefferson County facing income loss from coronavirus](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Honda, Hyundai pause production at Alabama plants](#)

AL.com: [Huntsville airport bracing for \\$10 million loss](#)

Gadsden Times: [Department of Revenue offers tax relief to Alabama small businesses](#)

Alabama Daily News: [In public health emergency, agencies make plans for vulnerable populations](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus: County jail inmates ordered released in Autauga, Elmore, Chilton counties](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [University of Alabama goes online for rest of semester, commencement cancelled](#)

Washington Post: [Federal Reserve announces it will backstop the U.S. money market industry, its seventh major emergency action this week](#)



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Attachments: 2020-03-18 1st Supplemental COVID-19 SOE.pdf

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Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Governor Ivey Announces New Primary Runoff Election Date

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Wednesday announced the Primary Runoff Election would be held on July 14, 2020 due to the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

“Exercising my extraordinary powers under the Emergency Management Act, I am setting Alabama’s Primary Runoff Election for July 14, 2020,” said Governor Kay Ivey. “The ability to hold free and fair elections is an inherent right as citizens of the United States and the great state of Alabama, but the safety and wellbeing of Alabama citizens is paramount.

“Our State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris, is recommending that we should practice social distancing and refrain from public gatherings of more than 25 individuals. Maintaining a 6-foot distance between one another is paramount. This guidance alone would be making an election day a hotbed for spreading the virus.

“Persons who are 65 years or older as well as those with previous heart and lung diseases are more vulnerable to the Coronavirus. Knowing the average age of our faithful poll workers qualifies them to be most at-risk adds the necessity to extend the election runoff date.

“Delaying the election to July 14 is not a decision I came to lightly, but one of careful consideration. I appreciate the guidance of Attorney General Steve Marshall and Secretary of State John H. Merrill for their collaboration to ensure the continuity of our state government.”

On Tuesday, Attorney General Steve Marshall issued an emergency ruling declaring Governor Ivey had the authority to delay the runoff under the State of Emergency declaration.

“Governor Ivey has the legal authority under the Alabama Emergency Management Act to declare a state of emergency as a result of the current pandemic,” says Attorney General Steve Marshall. “Accordingly, she also has the lawful ability to postpone a primary runoff election to protect public health and safety during the state of emergency.”

Upon the governor’s issuance of the amended State of Emergency proclamation rescheduling the Primary Runoff Election to be held on July 14, 2020, the Secretary of State shall give notice and provide the amended Administrative Calendar, via certified mail and email, to all applicable election officials.

“I am grateful to Governor Ivey and General Marshall for their proactive leadership, sincere dedication, and spirit of teamwork displayed during these trying times,” said Secretary of State John H. Merrill. “It is critical that we provide a safe and secure environment for all 3,585,209 voters in the State of Alabama to participate in the electoral process.”

The Secretary of State is encouraging anyone who is concerned about contracting the virus or spreading the illness may vote by absentee. For information regarding voter registration, locating a polling place, or how to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Secretary of State’s [website](#).

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The supplemental State of Emergency is attached.

To practice social distancing, the Governor’s Office hosted a limited attendance press conference with the governor, attorney general and secretary of state. Video can be made available upon request. Please contact Governor Ivey’s Press Secretary Gina Maiola to request: [REDACTED]

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WVTM13: [Alabama AG says governor can postpone March 31 runoff election due to coronavirus](#)
Yellowhammer News: [Ivey expresses 'significant confidence in the underlying health of our financial services industry'](#)
AL.com: [Coronavirus adds uncertainty to Alabama state budget outlook](#)
Alabama Daily News: [Amid historically low unemployment, uptick expected from virus impact](#)
Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus and education: Mackey forms task force to ponder whether schools should stay closed past April 6](#)
Alabama Daily News: [Schools keep feeding students during closures](#)
AL.com: [Insurers expanding telemedicine coverage to aid social distancing](#)
Yellowhammer News: [Cavanaugh: Confident no Alabama Power, Spire customers will be disconnected due to coronavirus](#)
AL.com: [Coronavirus restrictions could last 3 to 4 months, Alabama health department says](#)
Alabama Daily News: [Trump's economic rescue package could approach \\$1 trillion](#)
Washington Post: [U.S. coronavirus death toll surpasses 100](#)
New York Times: [U.S. to Boost Tariffs on Airbus Planes Wednesday, Adding Pressure on Airlines](#)
USA Today: ['Please have mercy': Minutes before Nathaniel Woods' execution, murder victim's sister begged an Alabama official to spare him](#)

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From: Governor's Press Office
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Governor Ivey Proclaims Confidence in Alabama Financial Institution Precautionary Measures

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday in cooperation with the Superintendent of Banking Mike Hill, emphasized measures taken by financial regulators to protect the financial system within the state. The Alabama Banking Department, which oversees operations of our banks, has partnered with its regulated banks to ensure those financial institutions are as prepared as possible for situations such as the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The objective of financial regulators and the state and national banks has been to ensure that the financial needs of our citizens and their customers are met without interruption or added hardships.

“I am confident in the preparations and plans that our financial institutions have put in place,” said Governor Kay Ivey. “I also have significant confidence in the underlying health of our financial services industry to weather the economic storms that, while of limited duration, could arise from the impact of COVID-19. I am assured that our banking institutions have an ability to continue providing services including providing funds needed by their customers.”

Alabama banks are required to have business continuity plans in place to address emergency situations. In addition to state and federal bank regulators routinely reviewing banks’ plans for adequacy, the banks themselves routinely update and rehearse the implementation of these plans. In emphasizing this planning, our banks and their regulators are focused on ensuring continued, uninterrupted access to needed financial services.

“As to the overall health of our banks, strong aggregate earnings and capital have Alabama banks well positioned to respond to any adverse economic events or other contingencies,” said Superintendent Mike Hill.

“Along with maintaining strong financial performance, State-chartered banks are also prepared for issues arising from events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cybersecurity threats, or as we currently face, a pandemic.”

Alabama banks have successfully provided financial services to their communities during events such as Hurricane Katrina and tornado outbreaks. Our banking industry, through its formation of the Alabama Recovery Coalition for the Financial Sector (ARCFS) has been at the forefront of preparedness planning. ARCFS is managed by the Alabama Bankers Association and works closely with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency as well as the Banking Department and federal bank regulators. The ARCFS has been held up as a model for other states to create similar business continuity planning organizations. ARCFS encompasses the majority of Alabama banks, both small and large, across the state.

For further information, please refer to the following useful resources:

[Alabama State Banking Department](#)

[Office of the Comptroller of the Currency \(OCC\)](#)

[Alabama Recovery Coalition for the Financial Sector \(ARCFS\)](#)

[Alabama Bankers Association](#)

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From: Taylor, Marilyn
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Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Summary of health provisions in Coronavirus Bill_HR 6201.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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Partner Organization Assistance

Modular Building Institute can tap into their members to rapidly deploy an inventory of up to 3k units (across the country) that can be used for things like, temporary testing/doctors' offices, housing, hospitals (they are working on the same technology that was used in China for the 9 day hospital). These buildings are built to code and are removeable once the crisis is over.

Please contact: Jon Hannah, Government Affairs Director, [REDACTED]

Useful Resource

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Actions Being Taken By Governors

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National Guard Activations By State/Territory

At least 28 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard: AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MT, ND, NJ, NM, NY, OK, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT and WI.

State Employee Restricted Travel/Restricted State Travel

At least 25 states and Guam have restricted state employee travel: AK, AR, CT, FL, GA, HI, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, NH, NJ, NM, OH, PA, RI, TN, VA, VI, WA, WI and WV.

NGA Activities

NGA Letter on Third Congressional Supplemental Bill

In [a letter](#) to Congressional leadership on behalf of the nation's governors, NGA Chair and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and NGA Vice Chair and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo requested an additional \$150 billion in direct aid to states, an increase of the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for states to at least 12 percent, and to eliminate the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule (MFAR).

Negotiations are ongoing on the bill and the Senate is expected to stay in session through the weekend with final passage on Monday. The House would then return to Washington to take up the bill.

NGA Joins Big 7 Letter Requesting Pause in Comment Period for Federal Regulations

NGA joined other groups representing state and local governments to [request](#) a formal pause, beginning March 11, for all open public comment periods for active rulemakings. The letter requests an extension of agency comment periods for a reasonable period of time, which will allow state and local policymakers to focus on addressing the nation's immediate pandemic response needs and ensure their ability to devote proper consideration of agency regulations.

NGA Memo: Section 1135 and 1115 Waivers

In this [memorandum](#), please find a summary of what flexibilities states can attain through Section 1135 and 1115 waivers.

NGA Memo: Telehealth Strategies

Telehealth is a critical strategy to slow the spread of COVID-19 and increase capacity of health care systems. This [memorandum](#) addresses gubernatorial strategies on how to expand telehealth capacity in states.

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Respectfully,
Bill

Bill McBride | Executive Director

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Subject: Special Sunday Edition of the National Governors Association's COVID-19 Daily Update - 3/22/2020

Dear Governors,

We are sending out a special update to highlight three important issues as we address the COVID-19 threat. The importance of keeping critical highway rest stops open, donating blood, and continuing to support our places of worship.

As Governors look to curb the spread of COVID-19, there are growing questions around how businesses are designated essential in the midst of wide-spread closures. Businesses, like highway truck stops and critical infrastructure operators, play a key role

in ensuring that a nationwide response to COVID-19 continues. NGA is preparing resources for you and your staff on this issue.

In the face of COVID-19, the American Red Cross asks for your help communicating three vital messages to the public:

- Donating blood is a safe process and people should not be concerned about giving or receiving blood during this challenging time.
- Healthy donors are needed more than ever, as we are currently facing a severe blood shortage due to cancellations of employer-sponsored blood drives.
- As possible, keep scheduled blood drives, which will allow donors the opportunity to give blood.

As an emergency preparedness organization, the Red Cross has also taken additional steps to ensure the safety of staff and donors at each Red Cross blood drive. They have shared these steps so governors may communicate them in their own public outreach on COVID-19:

- The Red Cross only collects blood from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation – and who meet other eligibility requirements, available at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).
- We are now pre-screening all individuals by checking their temperature before they enter any Red Cross blood drive or donation center, including our own staff and volunteers.
- At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for every donation, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub.
- Additional spacing has been implemented within each blood drive set up to incorporate social distancing measures between donation beds and stations within the blood drive.
- The average blood drives are only 20-30 people and are not large gatherings.

We ask every governor to help communicate this critical need to the American public. Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern would welcome an opportunity to speak with you directly on how you can help. Her cell is [REDACTED]

Finally, please help communicate the importance of sending donations to our nation's places of worship. Many denominations are dependent on weekly collections to support their important community programs, which continue even as most services have been cancelled.

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NGA Activities

Designation of Essential Businesses

As governors look to curb the spread of COVID-19, we are seeing a growing number of questions about which businesses are designated essential under closure orders. These designations differ by state and we are linking to state resources on [our website](#). Businesses, like highway truck stops and critical infrastructure operators, play a key role in supporting the nationwide response to COVID-19.

NGA will hold a call tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24 at 3 p.m. EDT, on limitations on businesses and designation of essential business sectors. This call will feature a briefing by state experts on building a comprehensive approach and engaging stakeholders and addressing local essential orders. As part of NGA's continued support of governor's offices in responding to COVID-19, NGA is preparing a memorandum on this topic, which will be shared tonight. For more information and call in details, please contact Jeff Locke at [REDACTED]

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Third Coronavirus Congressional Supplemental Bill

On Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell released a \$2 trillion rescue package, Supplemental 3. On Sunday and earlier today, the measure failed to garner the 60 votes needed to advance the legislation. Negotiations between Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin continue.

One of the sticking points has and continues to be the issue of direct aid to states, which was not included in the text filed by Leader McConnell.

Earlier today, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi introduced her version of Supplemental 3, which includes a \$200 billion State Stabilization Fund to provide states, territories and tribes with funding to cover revenue lost because of coronavirus.

NGA sent a letter to the Hill on March 20 requesting \$150 billion for direct aid to states. Governors have called their Congressional delegations and are actively working to keep direct aid to states in the negotiations.

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In response to your feedback, we are shifting the NGA COVID-19 daily email to provide a concise overview of state actions and highlights rather than a rundown of state actions. A full and up-to-date list of state actions will be available on our [resource website](#). This email is meant to provide you with state and federal resources along with NGA activities to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response. To best fulfill this purpose, the daily email update will focus on the most important information. If you have any questions, contact NGA's Communications Director Eric Wohlschlegel at [REDACTED]

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Website Updates with Resource Materials

State/Territorial Actions

This section outlines the most recent actions taken by governors and state and territorial leaders. **Given the fast-moving nature of these events, if we are missing an action that you have taken that you would like to share with fellow governors, please send those along to be included on our website and in the next daily update.**

Alabama

- March 21 – The Governor [announced](#) small businesses are eligible for assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.
- March 20 – 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 – 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 – The Governor [issued](#) authorization to the adjutant general of the Alabama National Guard to activate up to 100 guardsmen.

Alaska

- March 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [unveiled](#) the COVID-19 Economic Stabilization Plan, a statewide approach to provide urgent relief and protect the state's economy.

American Samoa

- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) the State of Emergency Orders suspending the following activities:
 - international travel in specific cases;
 - public gatherings of more than five people at any public space;
 - the operation of public transport such as buses and vans that carry more than five people;
 - public access to flea markets or any market to which the public has access within set hours;
 - sales by street vendors adjacent to roads, streets, culverts and footpaths; and
 - instruction and activities at all schools until further notice.

- March 21 – The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) has been [activated](#) per the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) under the National Disaster and Emergency Act 2007.

Arizona

- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) a two-week extension of school closures through April 10.
- March 20 – 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 he or she can apply for unemployment benefits;
 - Waives work-search requirements for those receiving unemployment benefits;
 - Makes eligible for unemployment insurance people who work at a business that has been temporarily closed or has reduced hours because of COVID-19, who must quarantine because of COVID-19, or who have to care for a family member with COVID-19; and
 - Waives any increase in employer payments to the unemployment insurance fund for businesses whose employees receive benefits under this provision.
- March 20 – The Governor [issued](#) an administrative action extending the deadline for filing and paying state income taxes from April 15 to July 15.
- March 19 – The Governor [announced](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Arizona that will help small businesses.

Arkansas

- March 20 – The Governor [authorized](#) the release of \$30 million to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare professionals and first responders.
- March 20 – 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 healthcare 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 19 – The Governor [suspended](#) the renewal process for child-care vouchers for 30 days and will expedite the process once it resumes.
- March 19 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will suspend the work requirement through the end of April.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state would allocate \$12 million in block grants and up to \$4 million from the quick-action fund to provide bridge loans to help mid-size companies and nonprofits remain open.
- March 17 – 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 – 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 13 – The Governor [issued](#) executive order 20-05, permitting health care professionals to consult with patients remotely, rather than in person.
- March 12 – 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 borne by the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management.
- March 11 – The Governor [announced](#) that members of his cabinet must approve state employees' out-of-state business travel for the next 60 days.

California

- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) President Trump has approved California’s Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
- March 21 – 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 – The Governor [directed](#) more than \$42 million in emergency funding to expand California’s healthcare infrastructure and secure equipment and services.
- March 20– The Governor [announced](#) the deployment of California National Guard members to provide short-term food security to isolated and vulnerable residents.
- March 20 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order allowing vote-by-mail in three upcoming special elections and extending deadlines for the presidential primary canvass.

Colorado

- March 22 – 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 directs all employers to implement telework options to the greatest extent possible.
- March 22 – The Governor [launched](#) the state’s Innovation Response Team (IRT) to bring together public- and private-sector resources and innovations.
- March 20 – 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 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) an executive order extending the income tax payment deadline for all Colorado taxpayers by 90 days until July 15, 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.
 - 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 – The Governor [announced](#) the Governor’s Economic Stabilization and Growth Council.
- March 20 – 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.

Connecticut

- March 22 – The Governor [delivered](#) a recorded voice message to more than 4 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 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [launched](#) a framework for the donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

- March 20 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order directing all nonessential businesses and not-for-profit entities in Connecticut to prohibit all in-person functions if they are able to, effective March 23 at 8 p.m.
- March 20 – The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services announced it is [extending](#) filing and payment deadlines for personal income tax returns to July 15.
- March 20 – 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.

Delaware

- March 22 – The Governor [issued](#) the fourth and fifth modifications to his emergency declaration, ordering Delawareans to stay at home whenever possible and closing all nonessential businesses in Delaware to help fight the spread of COVID-19.
- March 21 – 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 20 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) the state and Dogfish Head Craft Brewery are partnering to make more, much-needed hand sanitizer available to the state government.

Georgia

- March 20 – 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
 - Homeless and Displaced
- March 20 – The Governor [issued](#) two executive orders. One executive order authorized the transfer of more than \$19 million to the Governor’s Emergency Fund to purchase medical supplies and equipment. The other executive order was intended to reduce regulations surrounding COVID-19 response.
- March 19 – 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 tests for the most vulnerable populations.
- March 19 – The Governor [received](#) an official statewide disaster declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Guam

- March 22 – The Governor’s Homeland Security Office of Civil Defense [announced](#) that the U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses in Guam.
- March 22 – The Guam Department of Revenue and Taxes [announced](#) it would be aligning its income tax filing date with the federal government and pushing back its filling date to July 15.
- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Department of Revenue and Taxes has issued nine Notices of Violation (NOV) as part of its efforts to enforce compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 2020-05 (nonessential business remaining in operation).
- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) that Guam will be seeking a major disaster declaration from the federal government.

Hawaii

- March 22 – 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 and commissary for inmates.

- The Hawaii Paroling Authority is suspending all parole hearings for two weeks.
- March 21– The Governor [issued](#) a second supplemental emergency declaration ordering all individuals arriving or returning to Hawaii to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. The order states that any individual violating the quarantine may be fined up to \$5,000 or imprisoned up to one year, or both.
- March 20 – 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 and 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 Hawaii’s businesses that can help reduce job losses and dampen the economic slide.
- March 20– 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.
 - The U.S. 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 Hawaii’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 on account of COVID-19.

Idaho

- March 16 – The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare [will provide](#) child care providers payment for eligible children if they remain open through COVID-19.

Illinois

- March 22 – 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 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order requiring all individuals currently living in Illinois to stay at home.

Indiana

- March 23 – The Governor [announced](#) four executive orders related to COVID-19 response, including a statewide stay at home order.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) that Indiana will move its primary election from May 5 to June 2.

Iowa

- March 22 – 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 21 – The Governor [announced](#) the U.S. Small Business Administration will issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Iowa.

- March 20 – The Governor [signed](#) an additional state public health emergency declaration. Its provisions include:
 - Temporarily suspending penalties and interest related to collection of property taxes until the end of this proclamation.
 - Temporarily suspending 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.
 - Extending the expiration deadline for a permit to carry and a permit to acquire a firearm, and additional measures.
 - Permitting the sale of carry-out, delivery and drive-thru alcohol for unopened bottles of alcohol for bars and restaurants and suspending some fees.
 - Permitting public meetings or hearings by electronic means to improve the functions of government while maintaining social distancing practices.
 - Suspending 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.

Kansas

- March 22 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order temporarily expanding telemedicine and addressing certain licensing requirements.
- March 22 – The Governor [signed](#) an executive order for conditional and temporary relief from certain motor carrier rules and regulations.
- March 20 – 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 – 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.

Kentucky

- March 22 – The Governor [ordered](#) all nonessential retailers to close within 24 hours and mandated all elective medical procedures to end.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) Kentucky unemployment insurance is implementing new procedures to manage the influx of claims including new phone lines and video conference services.
- March 20 – 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.

Louisiana

- March 22 – The Governor [issued](#) a statewide stay-at-home order.
- March 20 – The Governor [signed and updated](#) the Public Health Emergency.
- March 19 – The Governor [signed and updated](#) his Public Health Emergency declaration, which waives some educational requirements in the law and suspends some laboratory requirements to speed the process of coronavirus testing.

Maine

- March 21 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to the President requesting that the Administration consider direct financial assistance, subsidies and operating loans or loan deferment, among other possible measures, to help the seafood industry.
- March 20 – 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 30.

Maryland

- March 20 – The Governor [requested](#) that all returning spring break travelers quarantine for the next 14 days and avoid people over the age of 60.
- March 18 – The Maryland Office of Child Care [released](#) guidance so child care providers can begin to evaluate their programs and make decisions on how best to support children of emergency personnel.

Michigan

- March 23 – 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 21 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-20, which makes clear that all facilities that provide nonessential personal care services must temporarily close.
- March 20 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-17, which imposes temporary restrictions on nonessential medical and dental procedures.
- March 20 – 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 – 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 20 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order 2020-16, which expands child care access during the public health emergency.

Minnesota

- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) that the state will partner with the YMCA to care for the school-age children of emergency workers.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) a 30-day special enrollment period for qualified individuals who are currently without insurance during this public health emergency.
- March 20 – 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.

Mississippi

- March 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [activated](#) the National Guard.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) that the Small Business Administration approved the state's request for an Economic Disaster Declaration.
- March 16 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Orders 1457, 1458 and 1459, which include provisions related to school closures, administrative leave and the Mississippi National Guard.

Missouri

- March 21 – The Governor [directed](#) the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services to issue an order on all residents to practice social distancing.
- March 21 – The Governor [granted](#) flexibility for the Missouri Department of Social Services to provide reassurance and clarity regarding services for the state's most vulnerable populations.

Montana

- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) measures to close dine-in food services, alcoholic beverage businesses, health clubs and other facilities across the state.
- March 20 – The Governor [extended](#) the payment and filing deadlines for 2019 individual income taxpayers to July 15 in accordance with the new federal filing deadline.

Nebraska

- March 20 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) that the U.S. Small Business Administration approved the state's request for an Economic Injury Disaster loan.

New Hampshire

- March 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [sent](#) a letter to Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker Nancy Pelosi regarding the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program.
- March 20 – 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.

New Jersey

- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) the opening of a community-based testing site at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.
- March 22 – 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 21 – The Governor [signed](#) Executive Order No. 107, directing all residents to stay at home until further notice.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) the waiving of fees for COVID-19 testing for the uninsured.
- March 20 – The Governor [urged](#) the federal government to consider a fiscal stimulus in the form of a direct cash assistance program.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) a new private-sector partnership to increase the availability of testing.
- March 20 – 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 – 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 – 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 for the adoption of county or municipal budgets, and urging the Federal Communications Commission to take temporary measures to secure broadband access.
- March 18 – The Governor [announced](#) new amendments and resources for New Jersey's Child Care Subsidy Program.

New Mexico

- March 20 – The Governor [extended](#) the deadline to July 15 for New Mexicans file and pay their 2019 personal income taxes.
- March 20 – 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 18 – The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Secretary [announced](#) that the state is providing free 30-day accounts for all parents of New Mexico’s young children to Parentivity, a web-based system providing customized educational resources for new parents.

New York

- March 22 – 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 drug trials and acquiring hydroxychloroquine, Zithromax, and chloroquine as treatment candidates;
 - Announcing that all hospitals will be required to develop plans to expand capacity; and,
 - Suspending all elective, non-critical surgeries to help expand hospital capacity.
- March 21 – The Governor [issued](#) Executive Order 202.9 which continues the temporary suspension and modification of laws relating to the disaster emergency.
- March 20 – The Governor, together with the Governors of New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, [directed](#) the temporary closure of barber shops, nail and hair salons, and related personal care services.
- March 20 – The Governor [issued](#) guidance on essential services under the New York State on PAUSE executive order, a 10-point policy to assured uniform safety for everyone [signed](#) on Friday, March 20.

North Carolina

- March 21 – 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 20 – 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 – 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 – 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.

North Dakota

- March 21 – 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 20 – 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

- Include medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals to the list of health professionals who can work in the state if they are appropriately licensed in another state.

Ohio

- March 22 – 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 nonessential business and operations, prohibits public and private gatherings, and prohibits some travel, among other things.
- March 22 – The Ohio Board of Pharmacy [passed](#) a rule relating to prescribing chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 treatment.
- March 21 – 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 – 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 – The Ohio Department of Health [issued](#) a Director's Order closing all internet cafes.
- March 20 – The Governor [ordered](#) all senior living centers to stop providing adult day care services in congregate care settings.
- March 20 – The Ohio Department of Insurance [issued](#) an order for insurers to allow employers to offer employees a grace period of up to 60 calendar days from original premium due date for insurance premiums.
- March 20 – 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.

Puerto Rico

- March 17 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order to address the needs of the population of homeless people to provide additional medical and social services.
- March 16 – The Governor [issued](#) an executive order easing procurement regulations to make viable the acquisition of goods and essential services.

Rhode Island

- March 20 – 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 – The Governor [extended](#) the 2019 tax filing and payment deadlines to July 15, consistent with changes in federal law.

South Carolina

- March 21 – 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 order extends the state's income tax deadline to July 15, in line with the new federal income tax deadline.
- March 20 – 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.

Tennessee

- March 22 – 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.

Texas

- March 22 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order postponing non-immediate surgeries and procedures to expand hospital bed capacity.
- March 21 – The Governor [waived](#) regulations to expand the Texas nursing workforce by:

- Allowing temporary permit extensions to practice for graduate nurses and vocational nurses who haven't yet taken the licensing exam;
 - Allowing students in their final year of nursing school to meet clinical objectives by exceeding the 50 percent limit on stimulated experiences; and
 - Allowing nurses with inactive licenses or retired nurses to reactivate their licenses.
- March 20 – The Governor [directed](#) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to temporarily suspend inmate fees for healthcare services related to COVID-19.
- March 20 – The Texas Supreme Court [issued](#) an emergency order suspending residential eviction proceedings through April 19, 2020.
- March 20 – 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 – The Governor [announced](#) the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to allow for refunds of application fees to businesses that applied for temporary event permits for events that were later cancelled.
- March 20 – 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 – The Governor [issued](#) a proclamation, postponing the runoff primary election to July 14.
- March 19 – The Governor [issued](#) a series of Executive Orders to accomplish the following:
 - Order No. 1: Prohibiting public gatherings of 10 or more people.
 - Order No. 2: Discouraging dine-in at restaurants and bars, or visitation of gyms and massage parlors.
 - Order No. 3: Prohibiting visitation to nursing homes, retirement homes or long-term care facilities.
 - Order No. 4: Closing schools.
- March 19 – The Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services [declared](#) a state of public health disaster for the state of Texas.

Utah

- March 21 – The Utah Department of Health [amended](#) a recent [order](#), removing a potential criminal penalty association with gathering in groups of 10 or more.

Vermont

- March 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [announced](#) the availability of U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million for Vermont small businesses.

Virginia

- March 21 – 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 20 – The Governor [signed](#) an Executive Order giving hospitals and nursing homes more flexibility to add beds.

Washington

- March 22 – The Governor [named](#) Navy Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono as the Washington state director for COVID-19 Health System Response Management.
- March 22 – The White House approved the Governor's request, [declaring](#) a major disaster in Washington state.
- March 22 – President Trump [announced](#) the activation of the National Guard in Washington state.
- March 22 – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [announced](#) the closure of all state campgrounds through April 30.

- March 21 – 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 healthcare workers supporting long-term care facilities with confirmed cases.
 - 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.

West Virginia

- March 21 – The Governor [urged](#) West Virginians to stay home as much as possible, and businesses to allow employees to telework if possible.
- March 20 – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) its Vital Registration Office will close to the public until further notice.
- March 20 – 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.

Wisconsin

- March 22 – 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 – The Governor [issued](#) Emergency Order #11, suspending utility-related administrative rules to allow the Public Service Commission to temporarily order consumer protection measures.
- March 21 – The Governor [requested](#) the assistance of FEMA in obtaining PPE for law enforcement officers and firefighters at risk of direct exposure.
- March 20 – The Governor [announced](#) approval of Economic Injury Disaster Loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration to Wisconsin small businesses.
- March 20 – 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 participants in the food delivery system to remain open;
 - 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 – 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 – The Governor [urged](#) residents to follow CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidance to stay home as much as possible.

Wyoming

- March 22 – The Governor [announced](#) the eligibility of Wyoming small businesses to apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration for Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

- March 20 – The Governor and the Wyoming State Health Office [announced](#) a supplemental health order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people.

For a full list of state and territorial actions, please visit [NGA's coronavirus webpage](#).

Steps Taken By the Federal Administration and Congress

Recent Steps the Federal Government and Congress Have Taken to Address Coronavirus

For a full list of federal government actions, please visit [NGA's coronavirus webpage](#).

- March 23 – The U.S. Department of Education [has released](#) an interpretation of federal law stating that federal law, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), does not prevent schools from offering distance learning opportunities to all students, including students with disabilities. The interpretation was issued by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) and explains that as a school district takes necessary steps to address the health, safety and well-being of all its students and staff, educators can use distance-learning opportunities to serve all students.
- March 22 – President Trump authorized the use of National Guard under [Title 32, 502\(f\)](#) for California, New York and Washington.
- March 22 – President Trump approved Major Disaster Declarations for [Washington](#) and [California](#).
- March 20 – President Trump approved Major Disaster Declaration for [New York](#).

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Governor Ivey Delays State Tax Filings

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Revenue announced today that the state income tax filing due date is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.

Taxpayers can also defer state income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers.

“This morning, I signed a supplemental State of Emergency order to allow the Alabama Department of Revenue to extend state filings until July 15, 2020,” said Governor Ivey. “It is imperative we reduce the burden upon Alabamians and get folks back on their feet financially. The safety and wellbeing of Alabamians is the paramount priority as we do everything within our power to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus.”

Other taxes included in the deadline extension are corporate income tax, the Financial Institution Excise Tax (FIET), and the Business Privilege Tax (BPT).

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the Alabama Department of Revenue to qualify for this automatic state tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline can request a filing extension through the usual methods.

“Even considering the extended filing deadline, we urge taxpayers who are owed refunds to file as soon as possible and file electronically,” said Revenue Commissioner Vernon Barnett. “Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds. Although the Department is practicing prudent working conditions with our staff during this period, we will continue with mission-critical operations to support Alabama’s citizens. We ask for your support, understanding and patience.”

The Department will continue to monitor issues related to the COVID-19 virus, and updated information will be posted on the Department's website Coronavirus page.

Supplemental COVID-19 State of Emergency Proclamation

[Commissioner's Executive Order pertaining to deadline extensions](#)

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Yellowhammer News: [Ivey orders up to 100 guardsmen be readied for action](#)

WAAY31: [Number of Alabama Coronavirus Cases Increases to 157](#)

OANOW: [COVID-19 latest: EAMC provides update, offers advice; Lee, Chambers counties confirmed cases rise, more than 150 confirmed in state](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama small businesses can now access SBA assistance for COVID-19 losses](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Montgomery's Jackson Hospital near breaking point with COVID-19 patients, ER staff say](#)

AL.com: [North Alabama hospital 'urgently appealing' for supplies](#)

AL.com: [Violating health orders can be \\$500 fine in Alabama](#)

Yellowhammer News: [State Health Officer warns coronavirus '20-30 times deadlier' for seniors than the flu](#)

Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus and education: What's happened since Alabama's first confirmed case of COVID-19?](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Crisis highlights digital divide in Alabama](#)

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AL.com: [Eleven coronavirus stories you need to read today](#)

WAFF48: [Sign company donating 'food to go' signs to south Huntsville restaurants](#)

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Yellowhammer News: [ADPH head gives coronavirus update, stresses only people with symptoms need testing](#)

AL.com: ['A matter of life and death:' Jefferson County police to enforce Alabama's strictest coronavirus orders](#)

WAFF48: [Department of Corrections coronavirus order expected to cost county taxpayers](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Alabama virus cases at nearly 200; testing capacity a concern](#)

AL.com: [Alabama coronavirus patients range from ages 2-97; 7% hospitalized; 53% male](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama state health officer: "Some hospitals are already nearing capacity"](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Anonymous donor gives 100,000 pieces of protective medical equipment to Alabama's health care workers](#)

AL.com: [Volunteers across Alabama sew medical masks the state health officer says won't work](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama board creates emergency medical licensing procedure for professionals with out-of-state certifications](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Lawmakers: Coronavirus could 'doom' much of legislative session](#)

NBC: ['This week, it's going to get bad': Surgeon General says people need to take coronavirus seriously](#)

Clanton Advertiser: [Restaurants offer outlet for grocery items](#)

AL.com: ['Wash, Wash, Baby:' See how some HS coaches are making most of unexpected free time](#)

Alabama Daily News: [At a glance: Nearly \\$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package](#)

Chesnutt, Pam

From: Taylor, Marilyn
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: NGA GOVERNORS ONLY CALL - WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 1:00 p.m. EST
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Governors Only Call Participant Agenda 3.25.20.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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Date: March 24, 2020 at 8:56:09 AM CDT
To: "McBride, Bill" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: NGA GOVERNORS ONLY CALL - WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 1:00 p.m. EST

Good Morning,

The National Governors Association will host a Governors only call to discuss the COVID-19 situation on **Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 P.M. EST**

You can find the agenda attached and the dial in information below. Additionally, please use the following links to RSVP:

[Yes, I plan to participate on the March 25, 2020 Governors Only Call](#)

[No, I do not plan to participate on the March 25, 2020 call](#)

Participant Dial-In Information

Conference Name: NGA Governors Only Call
Date: March 25, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern
Participant Dial in: [REDACTED]
Participant Access Code: [REDACTED]

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- Callers will be on mute until the open discussion

- To ask a question, please press 10 to be placed into queue (press 10 again to be removed from the queue).

Please direct questions to Aimee Brennan at [REDACTED]

Thank you,

Bill

Bill McBride | Executive Director

Chesnutt, Pam

From: Murry, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:33 AM
Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Attachments: Conservative Principles in an Emergency - WSJ.pdf



***Governor's Press Clips
Wednesday, March 25, 2020***

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Montgomery Advertiser: [Gov. Kay Ivey: Help us help you. It's time to show our 'Alabama Resolve'](#)
Yellowhammer News: [Ivey in COVID-19 update: No statewide shelter-in-place order is planned — 'We are not California, we are not New York'](#)
Montgomery Advertiser: [Coronavirus and law enforcement: Gov. Ivey's emergency orders aren't suggestions, they're the law](#)
AL.com: [Coronavirus live updates: 242 COVID-19 cases now in Alabama](#)
WSFA12: [State's system overwhelmed as number of unemployment claims surge](#)
ABC3340: ['We are working on it day and night.': unemployment filing seeing high traffic](#)
AL.com: [Shelter-in-place order enacted in Birmingham to stop coronavirus spread](#)
AL.com: [Here's what a Birmingham clinic CEO learned from 2,200 COVID-19 tests](#)
Alabama Political Reporter: [45 COVID-19 cases hospitalized at UAB, 18 on ventilators](#)
AL.com: ['Last resort': Alabama's plan for deciding which coronavirus patients get ventilators](#)
AL.com: [A parent's nightmare: Coronavirus in an Alabama NICU](#)
Alabama Daily News: [The White House and Senate reach deal on a stimulus](#)
The Wallstreet Journal: Conservative Principles in an Emergency (See Attached)

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From: Taylor, Marilyn
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Subject: AL Patient & Consumer Coalition COVID-19 Letter

Please find a letter attached to this email from 25 organizations representing patients and consumers from across Alabama. We are grateful for your attention to our concerns during this difficult time.

Thank you,

Heather Breeden
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Reply-To: [REDACTED]



COVID-19 Daily Update - March 25, 2020

Good afternoon Governors,

We are continuing the National Governors Association daily email with our new format which now provides a concise overview of state actions and highlights rather than a rundown. A full and up-to-date list of state actions is available on our [resource website](#). This email is meant to provide you with state and federal resources along with NGA activities to assist you with your state's COVID-19 response. Moving forward, the NGA COVID-19 Daily Update will come to you in this format and we welcome any feedback you may have.

Governors Only Call

Again this week, I wanted to send around a short summary of this afternoon's governors-only conference call on the continuing coronavirus and COVID-19 crisis. Today was our second governors-only call.

Thank you to all who participated, and we are doing our best to make efficient use of precious time.

Governor Hogan reported back to governors on the success of last week's initiative to convey governors' priority requests to the Trump Administration and to our leaders in Congress. Governor Hogan reported success with this approach: we completed several items on the NGA list and made progress on all of them.

Everyone on the call was encouraged, but we need to continue to exert maximum effort, gathering the collective strength of all governors working together.

As NGA Chair, Governor Hogan again expects to convey to the President and the Vice President governors' priority needs on tomorrow's regular conference call.

If you have additional priorities to submit or would like to discuss, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be finalizing these very quickly for submission to the Administration.

The next Governors-only call will be held Wednesday, April 1 at 1 p.m. EDT. More information will be shared with you and your schedulers shortly.

American Red Cross: Blood Donors Urgently Needed

The cancellation of thousands of blood drives due to social distancing for COVID-19 has dramatically undercut the nation's blood supply. "The Red Cross, which supplies blood to 2,500 hospitals and clinics in the U.S., does not keep a stockpile as donated blood only has a 42-day shelf life," [said a Red Cross spokeswoman](#).

There is an urgent need to promote blood donations, as the healthcare system copes with COVID-19 and other medical needs. The Red Cross is taking special precautions to make blood donation safe for those who are healthy.

Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern would welcome an opportunity to speak with you directly on how you can help. Her cell is [REDACTED]

Actions Being Taken By Governors

State Emergency/Public Health Emergency Declarations

All 55 states and territories, as well as the District of Columbia, have issued state emergency/public health emergency declarations. Please see the NGA [website](#) for links to each governor's order.

Major Disaster Declarations

At least seven states have been approved for a Major Disaster Declaration: CA, FL, IA, LA, NY, TX and WA.

At least seven states/territories have made requests for approval for a Major Disaster Declaration: CNMI, GU, MD, MO, NC, NJ and OR.

National Guard Activations By State/Territory

At least 39 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV and WY.

Statewide Closure of Non-Essential Businesses

At least 35 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia have recommended, required or limited a statewide closure of non-essential businesses: AL, AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY.

NGA Activities

State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) Call

NGA is hosting weekly State Coronavirus Action Network (SCAN) calls to facilitate cross-state learning, allow states to hear from subject matter experts, and communicate technical assistance needs to NGA staff.

Testing: Our most recent SCAN call took place today at 4:30 p.m. EDT which focused on strategies for rapidly scaling testing for COVID-19, including community-based testing sites, partnerships with private labs and procuring personal protective equipment, as well as the state's role in

determining how to prioritize testing resources and communicate with the public. A recording of the call will be shared in tomorrow's daily update. NGA is working on a resource on testing that we will also share tomorrow.

The next scan call will take place next Tuesday, March 31 at 4 p.m. EDT. This call will focus on strategies for governor's economic policy advisors and economic development organizations in addressing the challenges being faced by the business communities in their states during the COVID-10 pandemic. Call-in information will be provided in tomorrow's daily update.

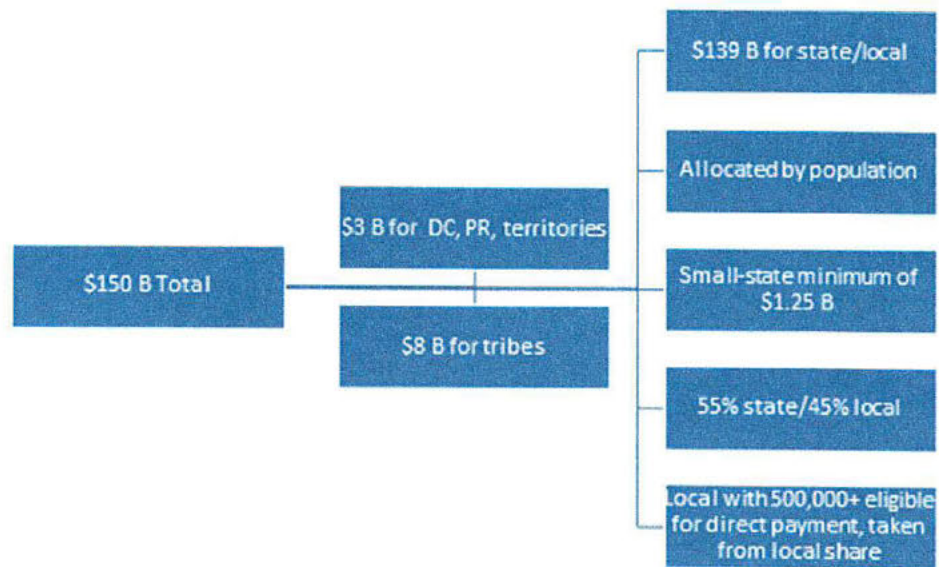
Previous SCAN calls have focused on public health legal preparedness, crisis communications, and mitigation strategies. To listen to previous SCAN calls, click [here](#) for the Feb. 26 call on emergency powers, [here](#) for the March 10 call on crisis communications, [here](#) for the March 17 call on mitigation strategies, and [here](#) for the March 24 call on health care workforce and facility capacity.

Status of Supplemental Bill 3/Coronavirus

A deal was reached early this morning between Congress and the White House on the \$2 trillion stimulus package. This amount equates to half a year of total spending by the federal government. This bill would send a \$1,200 check to many Americans, create a \$657 billion loan program for small businesses and establish a \$500 billion lending fund for industries, cities and states. We are still totaling the \$340 billion in emergency funding in Supplemental 3 for exactly what share flows down to states.

Last week NGA requested direct aid to states, separate and apart from well-established programs, allowing for maximum flexibility for the use of federal funds. There is precedent for this in both 2003 and 2009. When the Senate introduced its proposal, there was zero funding for direct aid to states. Summaries and draft language confirm that supplemental 3 does contain \$150 billion for states and localities- with some restrictions- in a Coronavirus Relief Fund that is described in this graphic below. This approach is not what NGA requested and we will work with governors and their staff to build a request for future supplemental spending bills.

The next step is a vote in the Senate. The House could attempt to pass the bill by voice vote tomorrow if no member objects. There is already talk about a fourth supplemental.



Social Media

We are using NGA's social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram) to expand the audience for your own social media posts and amplify remarks and information coming from governors' offices and official state health experts.

We are following governors closely on social media and are sharing posts in real time. Please follow [NGA's Official Twitter account](#) to stay up to date on recent state actions and announcements on social media. If you wish to share any information via NGA's social media accounts, please email Bradley Peck at [REDACTED].

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Additionally, if you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Maribel Ramos](#) (NGA Government Relations), [Lauren Stienstra](#) (Homeland Security and Public Safety Division) or [Melinda Becker](#) (Health Division).

Respectfully,

Bill



Coronavirus Webpage

Steps Taken by the Federal Government and Congress

For a full list of federal government actions, please visit [NGA's coronavirus webpage](#).

- March 25 - The FDA issued the following guidance titled [Enforcement Policy for Ventilators and Accessories and Other Respiratory Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#) to provide a policy to help expand the availability of ventilators as well as other respiratory devices and their accessories during this pandemic. This policy is intended to remain in effect only for the duration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19 declared by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including any renewals made by the Secretary in accordance with section 319(a)(2) of the PHS Act. FDA's guidance on ventilators can be found [here](#).

Select Resources

Supply Chain and Health System Readiness

- [Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency](#)

Human Services

- [HHS ACF Office of Family Assistance Guidance to TANF Flexibility Under COVID-19 Emergency](#)
- [HHS ACF COVID-19 Resources](#)

Housing

- [HUD Dear Lender Letter On Evictions and Foreclosures](#)

Workforce and Labor

- [US Department of Labor Self-Employment Assistance Program Information](#)

Schools/Childcare and Universities

- ACF Guidance on [Temporarily Repurposing Head Start and Early Head Start Centers](#)
- US Department of Education [Fact Sheet](#) on Distance Learning for Students with Disabilities

Additional Resources

Trestle-Aimbridge COVID-19 Housing Offer

[Trestle Health and Housing LLC](#) has created a strategic partnership with [Aimbridge Hospitality](#), the largest hotel management company in North America, to deliver additional room capacity to blunt the anticipated COVID - 19 surge over the next few weeks and months.

Briefly, this solution includes:

- Immediate opportunity for the states to secure 103,000+ hotel rooms in urban, as well as suburban and rural locations around the country with the ability to target “hotspots” and add more hotels as necessary (and subject to availability)
- In-place capabilities including three meals per day prepared and delivered to each room (**optional; several options**)
- Already negotiated, discounted fair market room rates to avoid price gouging
- A technology platform that will provide a centralized, uniform system to coordinate activities with health sector for tracking open rooms and moving people in and out of rooms as necessary
- Turnkey, large facility options to stadiums, parking garages, convention centers, etc.

Trestle and Aimbridge Hospitality are here to help the states address the immediate need for healthcare facilities as a result of the current epidemic. Aimbridge has over **700 hotels across the country that have already been fully vetted**, with availability that are ready to support individual state current needs to extend your healthcare facility room capacity.

[**Here is a full list of hotels**](#)

About Aimbridge Hospitality

Aimbridge Hospitality is the leading, global, third-party hotel management company operating branded (Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, IHG, Best Western, etc.) full service, select service, luxury hotels, destination resorts, convention centers and lifestyle hotels. Aimbridge merged with Interstate Hotels & Resorts in 2019, and now represents a premium portfolio of more than 1,400 branded and independent properties in 49 states and 20 countries.

How Aimbridge Can Help

Aimbridge has confirmed with our ownership groups over 700 hotels and 103,000 hotel rooms across the country and in every state. As a hotel, the infrastructure for a hygienic, quality facility necessary to provide appropriate healthcare is in place. By turning the hotel over to appropriate authorities and health care system expertise, all citizens will be able to receive the necessary care. In collaboration with Trestle Health and Housing LLC, Aimbridge has fully vetted the terms and has developed a contract/term sheet to help streamline the process so the necessary resources can be deployed and scaled quickly to ensure a healthy environment for our citizens.

Trestle will provide daily updates on room availability, occupancy, etc., that can be reported to local and state authorities. Regional coordinators will act as liaisons between medical professionals, individual hotel properties and governmental entities as necessary. Educational webinars will be offered to residents, family members, and medical staff involved in the COVID treatment process to provide psychosocial support and local mental health resources.

Room Availability

Here is [a list of over 700 hotels](#) that currently have availability, ***however swift action is necessary.*** Availability is not guaranteed. Local hospitals and municipalities are showing signs of desperation and are working to secure the hotels individually, which we feel prohibits the opportunity to take advantage of the economies of scale, ease of contracting while at the same time taking advantage of the processes that have already anticipated and addressed. ***If additional capacity is needed in a particular “hot spot”, Aimbridge and Trestle are committed to making every effort to meet those needs with other hospitality partners and industry relationships.***

Process to Confirm a Hotel and Secure Rooms

Execution to prepare for the anticipated surge is critical at this moment. Steps are as follows:

- Review the attached listing of [Aimbridge hotels by state](#) and choose how many you want to reserve then;

- Simply email **Alice Walsh of Aimbridge** at [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED] and;
- A fully vetted [Term Sheet and Contract](#) will be forwarded back to you within 24 hours.
- An **Implementation Plan** document will be provided to the appropriate parties to help facilitate hotel COVID-19 protocols

It is anticipated that a full hotel “turnover” will take between 7-14 days, depending on the city and the hotel size. We thank NGA for the opportunity to present, what we think, is the most viable, immediate, humane and cost-effective solution to meeting the COVID-19 threat. We are here to help!

[Homeowner's HOPE Hotline](#) [REDACTED]

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation has made available the Homeowner's HOPE Hotline, which is a toll-free resource offering free financial assistance to residents dealing with economic distress. If states have any questions, please reach out to Rick Bialobrzewski, EVP, [REDACTED]

[QualTek](#)

QualTek, one of the largest providers of turnkey services, can help with feeding and housing in times of crises. They can set up basecamps, transport logistics, fueling, network maintenance, power restoration, generator installation and maintenance.

[AP Testing Update](#)

The Advanced Placement Program has shared updates regarding access to free, optional remote learning and at-home AP testing.

[Foundation](#)

Foundation Group LLC is a credit solutions provider focused on serving small business customers through partnerships. Foundation can help create a streamlined digital lending process so states can deploy loans or grants using a program that the state would create to help ensure Small businesses have the funding they need quickly. Foundation can provide a platform solution to help manage the process for the state. Either with the state using Foundation's data and platform or Foundation possibly performing the entire process. Foundation could administer the program according to state criteria, possibly help create a public-private-partnership with risk sharing. For more information, please visit [Foundation's website](#) or contact Catherine Kraus, Director of Partnerships, [REDACTED]

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From: Maiola, Gina
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:44 PM
Subject: UPDATED STATEMENT

From Governor Kay Ivey: "It is with profound sadness that I confirm that one of our citizens has passed away from the COVID-19 virus. I extend my prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones during these extraordinary circumstances. I continue to urge everyone that this virus is real, it is deadly, and we should continue to maintain social-distancing as much as possible. Together, we will overcome these challenges and difficult days.

"I appreciate the diligence of the Alabama Department of Public Health for thoroughly investigating this case, which unfortunately was indeed a Coronavirus-related death."

Chesnutt, Pam

From: Maiola, Gina
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:34 PM
Subject: Statement from Gov. Kay Ivey on Alabama's First COVID-19 Death

Good Evening:

Please see below for a statement from Governor Ivey. The Alabama Department of Public Health is also sending an official release.

From Governor Kay Ivey:

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Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Gina // [REDACTED]

Chesnutt, Pam

From: Murry, Charles
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:55 AM
Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Thursday, March 26, 2020



*Governor's Press Clips
Thursday, March 26, 2020*

WAAY31: [NORTH ALABAMA MAYORS SUPPORT GOVERNOR IVEY'S DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Alabama reports first coronavirus death as cases near 400](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Alabama hospitals begin to see significant spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations](#)

Alabama Daily News: [As COVID-19 cases increase, medical staffing shortages a concern](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Groups file complaint against Alabama's emergency plan for use of ventilators](#)

Alabama Political Reporter: [Lieutenant governor criticizes state's lack of preparation, response to COVID-19](#)

AL.com: [Revenue plummets, planes grounded at Alabama airports](#)

AL.com: [17,000 file for unemployment in Alabama in just two days](#)

AL.com: [Tuscaloosa orders city-wide curfew to stop spread of coronavirus](#)

Alabama Daily News: [Some businesses struggle with when to restart commerce](#)

Yellowhammer News: [Alabama's ULA preps to launch first national security mission for U.S. Space Force](#)

Chesnutt, Pam

From: Taylor, Marilyn
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Today's Federal Priorities for Governors
Attachments: NGA Memo Top Five State Priorities 3.26.2020 (002).pdf

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From: McBride, Bill <[REDACTED]>
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To: McBride, Bill <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Today's Federal Priorities for Governors

Dear Governors,

Thank you for all the feedback NGA has received on your top federal priorities and needs for the continued COVID-19 response. Based on your responses, NGA has put together the attached list that Chairman Hogan will present to Vice President Pence on today's Governors call. Although the list is not comprehensive of all state needs, Governor Hogan wants to focus on these five items to continue the push for federal action.

Please feel free to remain in contact with me as we work to ensure that Governor's needs are heard at the highest levels of the federal government.

Best,
Bill

Bill McBride | Executive Director



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From: Maiola, Gina
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:07 PM
Subject: Update from Gov. Kay Ivey
Attachments: 4th Supplemental State of Emergency COVID-19.pdf

Good Evening:

Attached you will find the 4th supplemental State of Emergency. The SOEs can also be found on Governor Ivey's website:
<https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/category/state-of-emergency/>

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.



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From: Governor's Press Office
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Subject: ADVISORY: Governor Ivey to Hold Joint Press Conference with Superintendent of Education and State Health Officer

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MEDIA ADVISORY FOR EVENT ON: Thursday, March 26, 2020

Governor Ivey to Hold Joint Press Conference with Superintendent of Education and State Health Officer

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Thursday will hold a joint press conference to provide further updates on Alabama's efforts to combat COVID-19. Joining the governor will be State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey and State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris.

In a continued effort to practice social distancing, the press conference will be available only through a video pool and webcast link. The live press conference will also be streamed on Governor Ivey's official Facebook page.

The press conference is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

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(Additionally, the below webcast link will be available closer to 4:00 p.m.)

[03-26-2020 Press Conference Webcast Link](#)

WHO: Governor Kay Ivey, Dr. Eric Mackey & Dr. Scott Harris

WHAT: Press Conference to Provide Update on Alabama's Efforts to Combat COVID-19

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, visit: <http://governor.alabama.gov/>

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Chesnutt, Pam

From: Maiola, Gina
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:13 PM
Subject: Update from Gov. Kay Ivey on State's Efforts to Combat COVID-19
Attachments: Amended Statewide Social Distancing SHO Order (3.27.2020).pdf

Good afternoon:

Attached is the amended statewide "Safer at Home" Public Health Order. Let me know if we can be of further assistance.

If it's not on the list, it's not closed.



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(Additionally, the below webcast link will be available closer to 11:00 a.m.)

[03-27-2020 Press Conference Webstream](#)

WHO: Governor Kay Ivey & Dr. Scott Harris

WHAT: Press Conference to Provide Update on Alabama's Efforts to Combat COVID-19

WHEN: Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, visit: <http://governor.alabama.gov/>

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:22 AM
Subject: Governor's Press Clips for Friday, March 27, 2020



***Governor's Press Clips
Friday, March 27, 2020***

Yellowhammer News: [Ivey: Public schools closed rest of school year, students will use 'alternate methods of instruction' at home](#)

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March 24, 2020

To Mr. Mac McCutcheon

Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives of the United States

Your Excellency Mr. Mac McCutcheon,

We've known from the news that COVID-19 is now raging through the US and Alabama is one of the afflicted states. Hubei is a sister province of Alabama and we would like to express our empathy and sympathy for the struggle people from Alabama are in.

The epidemic prevention and control is high on the agenda of the Chinese government. With the leadership and personal commitment of President Xi Jinping, China has taken the most comprehensive, strict and thorough measures with determination. The whole nation has united as one in this tough battle where people from Wuhan and the rest of Hubei have made enormous efforts to fight against the disease and safeguard the lives and health of the human race. Initial success has now been achieved in Hubei.

Virus knows no borders and the pandemic is a common enemy of human beings. In this war with invisible army of coronavirus, people from Hubei will stand by the side of people from Alabama. We are ready to share experience with Alabama in the prevention and control as well as

diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 and offer assistance to the best of our ability.

We hope that our friendship will be further strengthened through fighting against the pandemic together.

Sincerely,

Wang Jianming

Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of Hubei Provincial People's Congress

REMARKS

Press Conference: Alabama Declares State of Emergency Amid
COVID-19

Friday, March 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

REMARKS:

- Good Afternoon. Thank you all for being here and for staying tuned.
- Along with my fellow Alabamians, I have closely monitored the rapidly changing events regarding the Coronavirus.
- As a state, we have taken precautionary measures and made preparations in the case that the virus would eventually reach our state, as was announced earlier today.
- As I have emphasized time and again, the safety and health of Alabamians is paramount.
- A short time ago, we heard from President Trump who officially declared a national emergency, amidst this outbreak. This declaration will certainly help states around the country continue working to mitigate the virus.
- In Alabama, we want to work in conjunction with these efforts, and to that end, I am issuing a State of Emergency.

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- The State of Emergency will strengthen our efforts and plans already in place, helping to alleviate our health care facilities and providers, our schools, and in turn, citizens across the state.
- Additionally, *effective Monday*, all K-12 schools across the state of Alabama will have a three week break period in order to reduce the risk of students, teachers and others from potentially being exposed to the virus.
- Folks, let's continue taking a commonsense approach and remember that calm and steady wins the race.
- Alabamians should not be fearful, but instead, use commonsense to watch out for themselves and others.
- We will remain engaged and continue to closely monitor the situation to help keep Alabamians informed on all of the facts.
- The safety and wellbeing of our citizens is of the utmost importance.
- Again, I appreciate the hard work of State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, state Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama EMA Director Brian Hastings, members of my Task Force and countless others. We will handle this together.
- Now, I will turn it over to Dr. Harris.

• ***END***

The governor will stand behind the lectern during the other remarks and media Q&A portion.

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Governor Ivey

Dr. Scott Harris

Dr. Eric Mackey

Dr. Harris Moderates Media Q&A – the governor may be asked for a question. She can step up to the lectern and then immediately step after answering the question.

As we maintain our social distancing in dealing with the coronavirus. I cannot over emphasize how important it is that you heed the advice of our President and healthcare officials to avoid social interactions – especially with someone who is not feeling well.

And since many of us are spending more time at home, let me remind you the 2020 Census is more important than ever to Alabama.

The Census impacts Alabama in three key ways:

- It helps us secure \$13 billion in funding for education, health care and communities
- It continues economic development opportunities
- And it will help us maintain our current Congressional Representation

By now, every household should have received a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions on taking your census. While spending more time at home over the next several days, let me encourage you to complete your 2020 Census.

It is simple and will only take about six minutes to answer 10 questions. You can take it one of three ways:

Online at [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)

By telephone toll-free 1-844-330-2020

Or the paper form

My fellow Alabamians, Can I count on you?



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April 2, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the nation's governors, we write in support of the numerous requests for you to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to waive all cost-share requirements for assistance, where authorized, under your Emergency Declaration and any superseding Major Disaster Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEMA is authorized to increase the federal cost-share to 100 percent for emergency work, including Direct Federal Assistance "if warranted by the needs of a disaster" (44 CFR § 206.47(d)). We believe that the unprecedented size, scale and duration of the COVID-19 impacts far exceed the response capabilities of the states and territories and warrants the full force and support of the federal government. Waiving the cost-share requirements will ensure that states and territories are able to adequately and rapidly respond to and support the American people.

This is also a crisis unlike any other. FEMA's reimbursement process for disaster recovery is designed around rebuilding after widespread physical damage from a natural disaster, such as a hurricane. In this case, states are responding to an ongoing and evolving public health crisis. We need federal funding that is immediately accessible and flexible enough to address emerging needs for critical materials.

We appreciate the continued partnership of the administration and FEMA in ensuring that our response is locally-executed, state-managed and federally-supported.

Sincerely,

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Governor Larry Hogan
Chair
National Governors Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Governor Andrew Cuomo
Vice Chair
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

**Governor Ivey urges Alabama Small Business Owners
To Prepare Now by Applying for Federal Financial Relief**

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Wednesday urges Alabama Small Business Owners to respond to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic by taking steps to ensure their business will withstand the troubling economy.

Final guidelines for how the federal government will distribute financial relief to Alabama's small businesses will be released very soon. In the meantime, Small Business Owners need to contact their local banker, accountant, financial advisor or credit union today to get the latest details about who is eligible, what documents are needed and how best to apply for funding relief caused by the coronavirus.

"This coronavirus has disrupted life as we know it, including the critical economic role played by Alabama small businesses," said Governor Kay Ivey. "Only a few short weeks ago, our economy was the strongest it had been in the past 100 years due to the hard work and entrepreneurship of Alabama Small Business Owners. We need our businesses up and running and back at full employment as soon as possible. I urge business owners to act today and be prepared to apply for assistance designed specifically to get them in front of the line when relief checks are written."

Attached is information from the SBA that will provide more information.

The U.S. Treasury Department's [website](#) provides specific information regarding the resources being made available related to Coronavirus relief, including initial guidance.

Under the section entitled Assistance for Small Businesses, there are four links entitled:

- [Top-Line Overview of Program](#)
- [Lender Information](#)
- [Borrower Information](#)
- [Application for Borrowers](#)

This is preliminary information and additional guidance is expected.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

April 1, 2020

Dear Fellow Alabamian:

As we all know, Alabama's *small business community is critical* to our economy and essential to our future. As such, I want to provide important information to all of our small business owners as, together, we battle through these turbulent and unprecedented times.

Final guidance from Washington on how the federal stimulus dollars will be distributed is being written at this very moment. And here is one thing you can take to the bank... *you can't afford to wait to prepare.*

Today, you need to contact your local banker, accountant, financial advisor or credit union to get the latest details about who is eligible, what documents are needed and how best to apply for funding relief caused by COVID-19. *It is absolutely imperative that you act now; time is of the essence.*

Preparing in advance will put you one BIG step ahead of other businesses around the nation who will be competing with you for the limited amount of funds that are available.

Friends, your elected leaders in state government are pulling together unlike any time in recent memory.

The Alabama Legislature, led by House Speaker Mac McCutcheon and Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh, are working in a bipartisan way with their colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, including House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels and Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton, to consider legislative relief that the State of Alabama can provide to our small businesses. And my own administration has already relaxed several requirements to help soften the blow of this economic tsunami caused by this health care crisis.

Moreover, Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth, who I asked to chair the Small Business Commission in 2018, has activated the commission to assist small businesses to adopt best practices even as many are struggling to stay open. And Attorney General Steve Marshall has been vigilant in making certain that scam artists and counterfeiters – who falsely promise essential medical supplies that our hospitals and health care providers need – are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

These are just a few examples of some of the many efforts of your state leaders.

Fellow Alabamian

April 1, 2020

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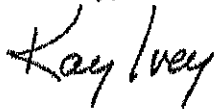
Make no mistake, COVID-19 has disrupted life as we know it, including the critical economic role played by Alabama small businesses. And because of your hard work and entrepreneurship, our economy in Alabama – prior to the outbreak – was the strongest ever reported in Alabama's 200-plus years of statehood.

To be prepared for when "life returns to normal," *Alabama needs you – and your business – to be up and running and back at full employment as soon as possible.* That's why I want to urge you to act today and get prepared to apply for assistance that is designed to help our small businesses. *Being prepared is the best way – the only way – to give you the opportunity to get in front of the line when relief checks are written.* Attached is important information from the Small Business Administration that will provide more information.

Please don't waste another minute. Contact your financial advisors right now and begin gathering payroll and financial documents as you get ready to take action.

Please do not hesitate to call on my administration if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Ivey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kay" and last name "Ivey" clearly distinguishable.

Kay Ivey
Governor

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) INFORMATION SHEET:

BORROWERS

The Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) authorizes up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. *All loan terms will be the same for everyone.*

The loan amounts will be forgiven as long as:

- The loan proceeds are used to cover payroll costs, and most mortgage interest, rent, and utility costs over the 8 week period after the loan is made; and
- Employee and compensation levels are maintained.

Payroll costs are capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee. Due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs.

Loan payments will be deferred for 6 months.

When can I apply?

- Starting April 3, 2020, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.
- Starting April 10, 2020, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.
- Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans as soon as they are approved and enrolled in the program.

Where can I apply? You can apply through any existing SBA lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating. Visit www.sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.

Who can apply? All businesses – including nonprofits, veterans organizations, Tribal business concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors – with 500 or fewer employees can apply. Businesses in certain industries can have more than 500 employees if they meet applicable SBA employee-based size standards for those industries (click [HERE](#) for additional detail).

For this program, the SBA’s affiliation standards are waived for small businesses (1) in the hotel and food services industries (click [HERE](#) for NAICS code 72 to confirm); or (2) that are franchises in the SBA’s Franchise Directory (click [HERE](#) to check); or (3) that receive financial assistance from small business investment companies licensed by the SBA. Additional guidance may be released as appropriate.

What do I need to apply? You will need to complete the Paycheck Protection Program loan application and submit the application with the required documentation to an approved lender that is available to process your application by June 30, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for the application.

What other documents will I need to include in my application? You will need to provide your lender with payroll documentation.

Do I need to first look for other funds before applying to this program? No. We are waiving the usual SBA requirement that you try to obtain some or all of the loan funds from other sources (i.e., we are waiving the Credit Elsewhere requirement).

How long will this program last? Although the program is open until June 30, 2020, we encourage you to apply as quickly as you can because there is a funding cap and lenders need time to process your loan.

How many loans can I take out under this program? Only one.

What can I use these loans for? You should use the proceeds from these loans on your:

- Payroll costs, including benefits;
- Interest on mortgage obligations, incurred before February 15, 2020;
- Rent, under lease agreements in force before February 15, 2020; and
- Utilities, for which service began before February 15, 2020.

What counts as payroll costs? Payroll costs include:

- Salary, wages, commissions, or tips (capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee);
- Employee benefits including costs for vacation, parental, family, medical, or sick leave; allowance for separation or dismissal; payments required for the provisions of group health care benefits including insurance premiums; and payment of any retirement benefit;
- State and local taxes assessed on compensation; and
- For a sole proprietor or independent contractor: wages, commissions, income, or net earnings from self-employment, capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee.

How large can my loan be? Loans can be for up to two months of your average monthly payroll costs from the last year plus an additional 25% of that amount. That amount is subject to a \$10 million cap. If you are a seasonal or new business, you will use different applicable time periods for your calculation. Payroll costs will be capped at \$100,000 annualized for each employee.

How much of my loan will be forgiven? You will owe money when your loan is due if you use the loan amount for anything other than payroll costs, mortgage interest, rent, and utilities payments over the 8 weeks after getting the loan. Due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs.

You will also owe money if you do not maintain your staff and payroll.

- **Number of Staff:** Your loan forgiveness will be reduced if you decrease your full-time employee headcount.
- **Level of Payroll:** Your loan forgiveness will also be reduced if you decrease salaries and wages by more than 25% for any employee that made less than \$100,000 annualized in 2019.
- **Re-Hiring:** You have until June 30, 2020 to restore your full-time employment and salary levels for any changes made between February 15, 2020 and April 26, 2020.

How can I request loan forgiveness? You can submit a request to the lender that is servicing the loan. The request will include documents that verify the number of full-time equivalent employees and pay rates, as well as the payments on eligible mortgage, lease, and utility obligations. You must certify that the documents are true and that you used the forgiveness amount to keep employees and make eligible mortgage interest, rent, and utility payments. The lender must make a decision on the forgiveness within 60 days.

What is my interest rate? 0.50% fixed rate.

When do I need to start paying interest on my loan? All payments are deferred for 6 months; however, interest will continue to accrue over this period.

When is my loan due? In 2 years.

Can I pay my loan earlier than 2 years? Yes. There are no prepayment penalties or fees.

Do I need to pledge any collateral for these loans? No. No collateral is required.

Do I need to personally guarantee this loan? No. There is no personal guarantee requirement. ***However, if the proceeds are used for fraudulent purposes, the U.S. government will pursue criminal charges against you.***

What do I need to certify? As part of your application, you need to certify in good faith that:

- Current economic uncertainty makes the loan necessary to support your ongoing operations.
- The funds will be used to retain workers and maintain payroll or to make mortgage, lease, and utility payments.
- You have not and will not receive another loan under this program.
- You will provide to the lender documentation that verifies the number of full-time equivalent employees on payroll and the dollar amounts of payroll costs, covered mortgage interest payments, covered rent payments, and covered utilities for the eight weeks after getting this loan.
- Loan forgiveness will be provided for the sum of documented payroll costs, covered mortgage interest payments, covered rent payments, and covered utilities. Due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs.
- All the information you provided in your application and in all supporting documents and forms is true and accurate. Knowingly making a false statement to get a loan under this program is punishable by law.

- You acknowledge that the lender will calculate the eligible loan amount using the tax documents you submitted. You affirm that the tax documents are identical to those you submitted to the IRS. And you also understand, acknowledge, and agree that the lender can share the tax information with the SBA's authorized representatives, including authorized representatives of the SBA Office of Inspector General, for the purpose of compliance with SBA Loan Program Requirements and all SBA reviews.



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- All Governors on Call

**ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER
SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS
DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19**

(APPLICABLE STATEWIDE)

AMENDED MARCH 27, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of COVID-19 in the State poses the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a state public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Jefferson County Health Officer, in response to a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 being detected in Jefferson County, issued an order suspending certain public gatherings in that county; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a similar order for counties surrounding Jefferson, including Blount, St. Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer issued an order, and on March 20, 2020, an amended order, of statewide application suspending certain public gatherings;

WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code § 22-2-2(4), authorizes the State Health Officer, on behalf of the State Board of Health, to direct that conditions prejudicial to health in public places within the State be abated;

NOW THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered that the following be implemented statewide:

1. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., 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, are prohibited. Employers shall take all reasonable steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

2. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., the following “non-essential” businesses, venues, and activities shall be closed to non-employees or not take place:

- a. Entertainment venues as follows:
 - (1) Night clubs
 - (2) Bowling alleys
 - (3) Arcades
 - (4) Concert venues
 - (5) Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers
 - (6) Tourist attractions (including museums and planetariums)
 - (7) Racetracks
 - (8) Indoor children’s play areas
 - (9) Adult entertainment venues
 - (10) Casinos
 - (11) Bingo halls
 - (12) Venues operated by social clubs
- b. Athletic facilities and activities as follows:
 - (1) Fitness centers and commercial gyms
 - (2) Spas and public or commercial swimming pools
 - (3) Yoga, barre, and spin facilities
 - (4) Spectator sports
 - (5) Sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than 6 feet
 - (6) Activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment
 - (7) Activities on commercial or public playground equipment
- c. Close-contact service providers as follows:
 - (1) Barber shops
 - (2) Hair salons
 - (3) Waxing salons
 - (4) Threading salons
 - (5) Nail salons and spas
 - (6) Body-art facilities and tattoo services
 - (7) Tanning salons
 - (8) Massage-therapy establishments and massage services
- d. Retail stores as follows:
 - (1) Furniture and home-furnishings stores
 - (2) Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
 - (3) Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
 - (4) Department stores
 - (5) Sporting goods stores
 - (6) Book, craft, and music stores

3. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all beaches shall be closed. For purposes of this section, the term “beach” means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

4. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

5. Effective today, the following shall be closed:

a. In-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities.

(1) This order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing (by maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons) and follow public health guidelines.

(2) This order shall not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children, ages 6 through 12 as of March 13, 2020, of First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services) and Licensed Healthcare Providers, and their essential employees, and essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies, and Grocery Stores. In these special activities programs, 12 or more children shall not be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

b. Facilities providing child day care, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2, at which 12 or more children are in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time. Center employees are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation and social-distancing practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health. This Order does not change the Minimum Standards for Day Care promulgated by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, except that 12 or more children shall not be allowed in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time.

6. Effective immediately, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors, as defined by the facility, and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

7. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., all dental, medical, or surgical procedures shall be postponed until further notice, subject to the following exceptions:

a. Dental, medical, or surgical procedures necessary to treat an emergency medical condition. For purposes of this order, “emergency medical condition” is defined as a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain, psychiatric disturbances, and/or symptoms of substance abuse) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a person’s licensed medical provider to result in placing the health of the person in serious jeopardy or causing serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of bodily organs.

b. Dental, medical, or surgical procedures necessary to avoid serious harm from an underlying condition or disease, or necessary as part of a patient’s ongoing and active treatment.

8. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all restaurants, bars, breweries, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink.

a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols, including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are followed.

b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.

c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

9. If organizers or sponsors of otherwise suspended events desire, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order. While the State Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:

a. Effective measures have been taken to identify those attending the event who may potentially be affected with COVID-19, including but not limited to personal testing for the disease or submission of current medical clearances to the organizer.

b. Effective measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection even by those that are infected while not symptomatic, including the provision of anti-infection measures such as proper face masks, personal sanitation measures, and other measures that may be considered proper.

The State Health Officer’s discretion under this section includes the discretion to refer exemption requests from Jefferson and Mobile Counties to the respective County Health Officer for those counties for evaluation as described above.

10. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020. Prior to 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to relax this Order.

11. This Order supersedes and preempts all orders previously issued by the State Health Officer and Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures. After the date this amended order is issued, the Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

Done on this 27th day of March, 2020.

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Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer



STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 20, and 23 of 2020, I issued supplemental proclamations to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1, *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state public health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Alternative Methods of Instruction for the 2019-2020 School Year

Beginning at the start of school on April 6, 2020, all public K-12 schools shall implement a plan to complete the 2019-2020 school year using alternate methods of instruction as established by the State Superintendent of Education. Local school districts shall make staffing decisions and determinations related to access to school buildings in accordance with all applicable public health orders and the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

II. Emergency-services licensure extension

The licensure period applicable to emergency medical services personnel and provider services is hereby extended for the duration of the current state of emergency. *See* Ala. Code § 22-18-4(a). For purposes of this section, the terms "emergency medical services personnel" and "provider service" shall have the same definitions as provided in Alabama Code section 22-18-1.

III. Notaries and witnesses

Because person-to-person contact increases the risk of transmitting COVID-19, I find that it would promote the safety and protection of the civilian population to adopt measures that reduce the necessity of in-person meetings. To that end:

- A. Notaries in Alabama who are licensed attorneys or operating under the supervision of licensed attorneys may notarize signatures through videoconferencing programs and confirm the signatures of witnesses who

participate virtually through videoconferencing as though they were physically present at the signing.

- B. Any person who witnesses a document through videoconference technology may be considered an "in person" witness, provided that the presence and identity of such witnesses are validated by the notary at the time of the signing by the same identifications required under current law.
- C. The official date and time of the notarization shall be the date and time when the notary witnesses the signature via the videoconference technology. All documents must be returned to the notary for certification and execution.

IV. Electronic transactions for state agencies

Notwithstanding any provision of state law, including Alabama Code sections 8-1A-17 and 8-1A-18, any governmental agency of this state with rulemaking authority reviewable under section 41-22-23 may determine, without promulgating a rule, (A) the extent to which it will create and retain electronic records and (B) the extent to which it will send and accept electronic records and electronic signatures to and from other persons. To the maximum extent possible, the terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in section 8-1A-2 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

V. Summonses in lieu of arrest

Because the conditions of jails inherently heighten the possibility of COVID-19 transmission, I find that it would promote the safety and protection of the civilian population to adopt measures that reduce the movement of persons into and out of county and municipal jails in a way that does not jeopardize public safety. To that end:

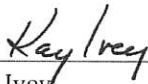
- A. A county or municipality may authorize law enforcement officers to issue a summons and complaint in lieu of custodial arrest for any violation or misdemeanor except as provided below.
- B. A county or municipality may not authorize a law enforcement officer to issue a summons and complaint in lieu of arrest in any of the following circumstances:
 - 1. The person is charged with committing a crime involving violence, threat of violence, or domestic violence, as defined under Article 7 (commencing with Section 13A-6-130) 17 of Chapter 6, Title 13A;
 - 2. The person is charged with the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance and, in the opinion of the law enforcement officer, poses a risk to public safety;
 - 3. A victim of the crime is a minor;
 - 4. The person is charged with driving under the influence as codified in section 32-5A-191; or
 - 5. The person is charged with a crime that would require restitution to the victim.
- C. If a county or municipality elects to authorize law enforcement officers to issue a summons and complaint in lieu of custodial arrest, the county or municipality shall set a fee schedule for the summons and complaint that is concurrent with the bail fee and court costs currently associated with a custodial arrest for the same crime.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.

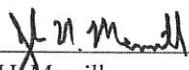


IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 26th day of March, 2020.



Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

March 26, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

To: President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence
From: National Governors Association
Re: Top State Priorities in Response to COVID-19

Yesterday, National Governors Association Chair, Governor Larry Hogan convened a call with his fellow governors to outline their shared experiences in responding to COVID-19.

During the call, Governor Hogan worked with his fellow Governors to develop a list of the state's top needs and priorities to be shared with President Trump and Vice President Pence in today's call.

The list below represents Governors immediate priorities:

1. Allow maximum flexibility in using the Coronavirus relief funds being administered by the US Treasury.
2. Improve coordination from the federal government to enable states to obtain vital medical equipment and supplies without causing inter-state competition.
3. Grant Title 32 authorization for all National Guard COVID-19 response missions.
4. Implement the Defense Production Act to ensure nationwide medical equipment availability, specifically clarifying how it is being used, where resources are being allocated and how the DPA can survey the marketplace.
5. Ensure that federal unemployment insurance systems are prepared for significant increases in applications.

The nation's Governors look forward to continuing to partner with the Administration and other federal partners to provide an effective response to the COVID-19 crisis.

湖北省人民代表大会常务委员会

致：美利坚合众国亚拉巴马州众议院议长麦克·麦卡琴先生

尊敬的麦卡琴众议长阁下：

见信如晤。我们从媒体获悉，新型冠状病毒肺炎疫情正在美国迅速蔓延，亚拉巴马州也受到了疫情侵袭。湖北作为友好省州，我们对亚拉巴马州人民面临的困难感同身受，诚挚慰问。

中国政府高度重视疫情防控工作，在习近平主席亲自指挥、亲自部署下，采取了最全面、最严格、最彻底的防控措施，坚决打好疫情阻击战。全国上下众志成城，团结一致，展开了艰苦卓绝的斗争，武汉和湖北人民为抗击疫情、维护人类健康和安全作出了巨大牺牲。目前，湖北省疫情防控已取得阶段性重要成果。

病毒无国界，疫情是人类共同的敌人。在这场没有硝烟的战斗中，湖北人民和亚拉巴马州人民以一种特殊的方式并肩作战、共同抗疫。我们愿意与亚拉巴马州分享疫情防控、诊疗救治等方面的经验，在力所能及的范围内为贵州防疫工作提供帮助。希望这种共同抗疫的经历，让我们的友谊更加牢固。

顺致敬意！

湖北省人大常委会副主任



2020年3月24日



March 25, 2020

The Honorable Kay Ivey
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Ivey,

The undersigned organizations, representing thousands of patients and consumers across Alabama who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions, urge lawmakers to act decisively to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, particularly among vulnerable populations, and begin to prepare for the future. People with pre-existing conditions are at increased risk of infection and adverse health outcomes from COVID-19.

Specifically, we ask Alabama to continue to take swift action to remove barriers to COVID-19 testing and treatment, promote continuity of care for Americans with serious health conditions, and waive rules

that require in-person interactions that promote community spread of COVID-19. We also urge the executive branch to enact emergency measures that allow for increased funding for Medicaid and public health services to immediately respond to the current crisis, including taking advantage of newly available federal funding, and consider additional critical measures that will help protect people with pre-existing conditions, given their greater risk of adverse health outcomes during this pandemic. We are grateful that you and the Alabama Department of Public Health issued a statewide health order to aid in Alabama's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Also, we are pleased that the legislature recently appropriated \$5 million to help diagnose and fight COVID-19.

Medicaid

Medicaid's coverage for low-income individuals and families is more important now than ever. We call on both the executive and legislative branch to take action to ensure Medicaid is available and affordable to all state residents, including those who are currently uninsured. Due to the enactment of H.R. 6201¹, the federal matching assistance percentage (FMAP) has been increased, which will reduce the state's share of its Medicaid expenditures by 6.2%. In light of this action, our organizations urge Alabama to take the following steps.

Promote access to coverage

Streamlining and removing barriers to Medicaid eligibility is an immediate step states can take to expand access to health insurance coverage that includes testing and treatment. We strongly encourage Alabama to quickly utilize regulatory flexibilities allowed under section 1135 waivers, Appendix K of the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers, and state plan amendments (SPA) to expand access to eligible individuals. This includes: adopting additional eligibility groups; increasing effective income standards; expanding hospital presumptive eligibility groups; removal of cost-sharing; and waiving prior authorization requirements.

Remove barriers to coverage

Given the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, programmatic efforts that would create barriers to gaining and maintaining Medicaid eligibility should be immediately halted, including waivers establishing work requirements, eliminating retroactive eligibility, and charging premiums for emergency room visits. Suspension of work requirements in Medicaid – like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements suspended in H.R. 6201 passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump – would both aid those who may be unable to work given economic conditions from losing access to their Medicaid coverage or other essential benefits and remove an incentive for workers to go to work while sick.

Additionally, we urge you not to pursue the risky, capped funding structure detailed in the Administration's Healthy Adult Opportunity, or block grant, policy guidance issued in January. This guidance describes how states can apply for an 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver to change their federal funding arrangement from an FMAP structure to a capped funding structure, through either a block grant or an aggregate or per person cap. Under a capped funding arrangement, federal funding will be fixed and the amount of funding would remain the same, even when facing a public health crisis or pandemic like COVID-19. The human and fiscal impact of this virus is unknown, but if unemployment in Alabama increases, particularly among low-wage workers, then the need for Medicaid coverage will grow and Medicaid spending is likely to dramatically increase. As the gap between the block grant amount and actual costs of patient care increases, the state will be forced to limit enrollment, reduce benefits, lower provider payments or increase cost-sharing – causing harm to Medicaid enrollees, providers, Alabama's hospital and health care system and the state's budget – all of which would cause significant harm to the patients we represent.

Free testing regardless of diagnosis

It is critical that anyone who needs diagnostic testing related to COVID-19 is able to receive testing at no cost. In this emergency, we cannot allow affordability of testing and associated care to become a barrier that prevents people from taking appropriate action if they show symptoms. We urge you to immediately begin working on a SPA to extend free coverage of COVID-19 diagnosis and testing to newly eligible uninsured individuals. As authorized in H.R. 6201, this option is now available to states and can be covered 100% with federal funding.

Access to COVID-19 treatment and vaccine with no cost-sharing

Further, we recognize that after diagnosis, patients may be liable for substantial costs related to their quarantine and treatment. Recent media reports indicate that consumers diagnosed with COVID-19 may face extreme costs because of the nature of their treatment and quarantine.ⁱⁱ Fear of encountering high costs could keep those who have been exposed or infected with the COVID-19 virus from seeking the care they need – potentially perpetuating the spread of this deadly virus.

The increased FMAP in H.R. 6201 includes that states must offer treatment, including vaccine and specialized care, with no cost sharing. We urge you to quickly accept the increased funds and implement this provision. Additionally, when a vaccine is approved, all Medicaid enrollees should have access to it with no cost-sharing, not just those required by federal law.

Maximize the ability of patients to access care via telemedicine

Telemedicine has the potential to offer individuals and families access to health care services from the safety of their own home. The state should expand access to and availability of, telemedicine services during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that patients with pre-existing conditions can easily access health care expertise while simultaneously practicing safe social distancing—allowing patients to avoid being exposed to COVID-19 in provider waiting rooms, exam rooms, and during associated travel. Alabama should ensure that telemedicine services are covered at no higher cost-sharing than in-person visits, and that bureaucratic hurdles do not prevent a sufficient number of health care providers from participating. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released standards for Medicareⁱⁱⁱ coverage of telemedicine during this emergency, which waives telehealth reimbursement restrictions so that providers can more easily communicate with patients via easily accessible technology in more situations and settings. Additionally, CMS released guidance^{iv} on how states can use existing authorities and flexibilities of the Medicaid program to make services via telemedicine available without federal approval. We encourage the state to utilize these flexibilities – including, at a minimum, the coverage now available through Medicare – to offer robust coverage to all Medicaid enrollees.

Ensure access to sufficient supplies of essential medications and medical products

Insurance plan restrictions on how often a patient can refill prescription or purchase essential medical supplies may put a person at risk. Limitations on refills can require frequent trips to a physical pharmacy location, needlessly putting patients at risk of COVID-19 exposure while attempting to pick up their supplies. Medicaid should immediately remove any restrictions, including cost-sharing, that prevent patients from following the recommendations of the CDC to secure an appropriate amount of backup supplies of essential medications and medical products.

State-regulated commercial coverage

As Congress continues to work to address federally-regulated insurance coverage, we urge all states to take swift action to ensure those who purchase coverage through a state-regulated plan are protected.

Free testing regardless of diagnosis

Just as in Medicaid, access to testing without cost barriers is critical in the commercial market. Many Americans understand that cost-sharing associated with emergency department (ED) visits, urgent care visits, and lab testing is often quite costly which can create barriers to timely care. Although the federal government has attempted to address cost barriers across several populations, we are concerned that this approach has led to confusion about how cost-sharing will vary across various insurance types, and urge the state to step in to ensure all state-regulated plans offer free testing. We ask that you take steps to require all plans to cover testing before the deductible is met, with no cost-sharing. This should include testing when deemed necessary by a medical professional, whether the patient is later diagnosed with COVID-19 or not. Due to the lack of consistently available testing to date, this must also include coverage of out-of-network laboratory testing.

Accessible and affordable COVID-19 treatment and vaccine

We have serious concerns about the financial risk consumers may face if they are diagnosed. Recent analysis shows the cost of an inpatient admission could be over \$20,000.⁹ We call on the state to require plans provide affordable coverage for these necessary treatments, including:

- First dollar coverage of treatment before the deductible is met, including off formulary medications and out-of-network providers when necessary. As treatment protocols for COVID-19 patients evolve, formularies may not evolve as fast, it is critical that patients be held harmless in this process.
- Coverage of telemedicine services with in-network cost sharing to ensure patients can access treatment without being exposed to COVID-19 in an in-person setting.
- When a vaccine becomes available, coverage must be provided with no cost-sharing.

Ensure access to sufficient supplies of essential medications and medical products

As with Medicaid, we urge the state to ensure that plan restrictions on when a patient can obtain a prescription refill or purchase essential medical supplies be suspended at this time. It is critically important that patients be able to access life-sustaining medications and products without putting themselves at risk with frequent trips to the pharmacy. Plans must allow patients to follow CDC recommendation to secure an appropriate amount of backup supplies of essential medications and medical products.

Protect patients from surprise bills

Lastly, as we look to a future of economic uncertainty, protecting consumers from medical debt is of critical importance. We urge you to prohibit surprise bills from out-of-network providers for treatment for COVID-19. This financial protection should include all providers, settings, and insurance types to ensure that everyone who needs testing and treatment is able to receive timely and affordable care. Fear of surprise bills should not keep patients and consumers away from care during this critical time.

We thank you for your efforts thus far to protect vulnerable patients and stand at the ready to work with you going forward. If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Heather Breeden of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at heather.breeden@nmss.org or 404-213-6052.

Sincerely,

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ALS Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Diabetes Association
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation

American Lung Association
Arthritis Foundation
Central Alabama
COPD Foundation
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
Hemophilia Federation of America
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Mended Hearts & Mended Little Hearts

Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Marrow Donor Program
National Eczema Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Susan G. Komen

Cc: Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health
Commissioner Jim Ridling, Department of Insurance
Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth
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Speaker Mac McCutcheon, House of Representatives
Speaker Pro Tempore Victor Gaston, House of Representatives
Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter, House of Representatives
Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, House of Representatives

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ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet>

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OPINION | COMMENTARY

Conservative Principles in an Emergency

Republican lawmakers shouldn't let liberals use the crisis to impose unwise permanent policies.

By Bobby Jindal

March 23, 2020 7:10 pm ET



The U.S. Capitol Building is closed for tourists, March 20.

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Democrats on Capitol Hill are seizing on the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to force through their own longstanding and unrelated legislative priorities. Conservatives shouldn't be afraid to stand up for our principles. To us, this crisis demonstrates that government is too big and unfocused. We want it to function well at its core responsibilities.

The pandemic has already prompted Washington to spend billions outside the normal appropriations process and to restrict travel from affected countries. State and local governments have invoked their police powers to shut down businesses and impose curfews and quarantines. The federal government is cutting through regulatory obstacles to speed the

development of effective vaccines and treatments. It also may use the military to ramp up production of medical supplies and is deploying naval hospital ships to affected cities.

Ideally, Washington would offset the trillions in new spending with a commitment to reducing the growth of entitlement spending through gradual reforms. Absent bipartisan support for such a step, conservatives can still insist the government response be governed by conservative principles to maximize its effectiveness and avoid unintended consequences:

- *Ensure emergency actions appropriate for these unique times don't create permanent precedents.* It makes sense to help small businesses provide paid sick leave for those who must isolate themselves, so that hourly employees don't feel compelled to work while they may be contagious. It similarly makes sense to cover the cost of testing for the uninsured. Yet conservatives were right to insist these provisions were targeted and temporary in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Liberal Democrats want to use the virus as an opportunity to create permanent mandates on small businesses. Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and others have called for measures including a \$15-an-hour federal minimum wage, corporate board seats for worker representatives, and personal liability for CEOs if their companies break laws. Sen. Bernie Sanders has proposed "temporarily" expanding Medicare—a poorly targeted remedy that would likely become permanent. There will be time to debate such matters under normal procedure after the virus is contained, ensuring greater transparency and accountability and a better understanding of the tradeoffs involved.

- *Deliver assistance to those directly affected without creating complicated new programs.* To the extent government wants to help compensate workers and small businesses that have been harmed by forced closures, it should do so via easy direct payments or existing programs like unemployment assistance. There is growing bipartisan support for enacting something like Andrew Yang's universal basic income proposal—albeit on a temporary basis—and sending the money directly to workers. The payments should be uniform and means-tested, with a simple income cutoff.

Politicians in both parties will be tempted to add reasonable-sounding safeguards to ensure only "deserving" beneficiaries receive money, or that they spend it "appropriately." The incremental savings are not worth the costs and delays of creating a new federal bureaucracy to oversee the payments. There will no doubt be well-documented examples of individuals spending the money frivolously, as there were after Hurricane Katrina, but the media won't pay much attention to people who use the money to pay for rent or groceries.

- *Don't use the pandemic as an excuse to pursue unrelated political priorities.* In 2009, Democrats, who controlled both Congress and the White House, made the American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act a wish list. That wasted taxpayer dollars, delayed the recovery, and gave rise to the Solyndra scandal. “Shovel-ready projects” became a shorthand for the administration’s incompetence.

Liberals seem determined to repeat their mistakes. Some Democrats are insisting airline assistance be accompanied by carbon offsets and other actions to address climate change. Pursuing unrelated political goals will both delay and weaken necessary interventions and dissipate the public’s trust that the government takes the pandemic seriously.

Extraordinary threats like wars and pandemics require extraordinary responses from the public and private sectors. They don’t require conservatives to abandon their principles. The crisis will pass, and the nation will have to live with the long-lasting consequences of the actions lawmakers take.

Mr. Jindal served as governor of Louisiana, 2008-16, and was a candidate for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, and March 20, 2020, I issued supplemental proclamations to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS the federal government has issued Internal Revenue Notice 2020-18, in which the Secretary of the Treasury declared that the due date for federal income tax payments and federal estimated tax payments due April 15, 2020 has been postponed until July 15, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1, *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Postponement of certain state tax obligations

I find that, in light of the rapidly evolving public health guidance concerning social-distancing and sanitation practices, the citizens of Alabama have had insufficient time to safely comply with the tax obligations referenced below. I further find that the rapidly evolving public health guidance caused and continues to cause economic hardship, and that relief from certain state tax obligations is necessary to secure the economic safety and protection of the civilian population. To that end:

A. I hereby delegate to the Commissioner of Revenue the authority to postpone the April 15, 2020, due date for the payment of the following state taxes until July 15, 2020 for any "person," as that term is defined in Ala. Code § 40-1-1(8):

1. individual income tax;
2. corporate income tax;
3. financial institutions excise tax; and
4. business privilege tax.

B. I hereby delegate to the Commissioner of Revenue the authority to waive interest through July 15, 2020 for any tax payment due in connection with a tax

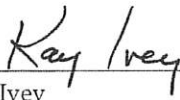
return with a due date on or after March 15, 2020. The Commissioner of Revenue is authorized to take any action necessary to provide the relief to taxpayers expressed in this order.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.



IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 23rd day of March, 2020.



Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State



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March 19, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Governor's Offices
From: National Governors Association
Re: Summary of Health Provisions in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201)

Summary of Health-Related Provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

On March 18, the President signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201), which had been passed by the Senate earlier that day. The U.S. House of Representatives initially passed an earlier version of the bill on Saturday, March 14 before passing a revised version on Monday, March 16, that aligns with the bill passed by the Senate and signed by the President.

Below is a summary of the health care provisions which largely address coverage of testing for COVID-19 and enhanced Medicaid funding. In addition to the healthcare provisions described below, which focus largely on ensuring access to free testing as well as Medicaid fiscal relief, H.R. 6201 includes emergency supplemental appropriations to agencies on the front lines of the response to the pandemic, \$1 billion in food aid, the establishment of an emergency paid leave benefits program, and the extension of sick leave benefits.

Impact on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Coverage and Elimination of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Related Testing: Under Section 6004 of the Act, during the public health and national emergency period, states must cover tests to detect or diagnose, respectively, COVID-19 under Medicaid and CHIP, and will be prohibited from charging cost sharing for the administration of such tests or any testing-related services. (The CHIP changes apply to children as well as targeted low-income pregnant women in states that opt to cover them.) Because this provision covers only cost sharing related to COVID-19 testing, individuals who visit providers, but who do not meet the testing criteria for COVID-19 testing may still be subject to copayments.

Expansion of Medicaid Coverage to the Uninsured: Under Section 6004 of the Act, states now have the option to extend Medicaid eligibility to uninsured individuals, solely for the coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and testing-related services during the duration of the public health emergency. States that elect this option would get their related medical and administrative costs fully matched by the federal government. The Act also provides Medicaid matching funds for outstationed eligibility workers and the use of streamlined applications for uninsured individuals covered by this new provision. States will need to apply to extend this coverage and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will need to provide guidance on what immediate steps states need to take.

Temporary Increase in Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP): Under Section 6008 of the Act, states and territories receive a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase in the regular (e.g., non-expansion) Medicaid matching rate for both states and territories, retroactive to March 13, 2020, and extending through the last day of the calendar quarter in which the emergency ends. To qualify for the increased matching rate, states have to satisfy a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, which requires states to: (i) provide Medicaid coverage without cost sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19 (including vaccines,

equipment, and therapies); (ii) not impose more restrictive eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures, or to charge higher premiums than those in effect on January 1, 2020; and (iii) continue to provide benefits to those enrolled as of March 18, 2020 until the last day of the month when the emergency period ends (with the exception of when the individual voluntarily disenrolls or moves out of state). In addition, in order to qualify for the increased FMAP, states cannot increase local contributions for the nonfederal share as of March 11, 2020.

The technical amendment to the original House-passed bill removed two conditions on enhanced funding that were included in the original House bill: (1) a prohibition on conducting automated income checks or eligibility redeterminations more frequently than once every 12 months and (2) a restriction on states from terminating or denying enrollment for reasons other than a failure to satisfy financial, categorical, and residency requirements. These provisions were removed due to operational challenges they posed and as an alternative, state systems can continue to do these checks, but states cannot disenroll individuals during the emergency period.

Increase in Medicaid Allotments for the Territories: Under Section 6009 of the Act, in addition to the 6.2 percentage point increase in the FMAP, the Act also increases funding for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY 2021.

Impact on Group and Individual Health Insurance:

Coverage and Elimination of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Related Testing: Under Section 6001 of the Act, group health plans (including self-insured ERISA plans) and health insurance issuers in the individual and group markets (including grandfathered plans) must cover COVID-19 testing and items and services related to testing and screening without cost sharing (including copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles) and without prior authorization or other medical management requirements. Testing-related services are only covered if furnished during provider office visits, urgent care center visits, and emergency room visits that result in testing for COVID-19. The testing services covered under the provision include in vitro diagnostic products and tests that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) agreement. Because this provision covers only cost sharing related to COVID-19 testing, individuals who visit providers, but who do not meet the testing criteria for COVID-19 testing may still be subject to copayments. The provision is effective on or after the date of implementation of the Act and is applicable for the duration of the public health and national emergency period. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Treasury will need to implement guidance in order to implement this provision.

The technical amendments to the original House-passed bill included changes to clarify that private insurance must cover, without cost sharing, COVID-19 testing and screening provided during a telehealth office visit.

Impact on Indian Health Service

Coverage and Elimination of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Related Testing: Section 6007 requires coverage and prevents cost sharing for testing and testing-related visits for COVID-19 for American Indians and Alaskan Natives who receive services through the Indian Health Service (IHS), including through contracted health services providers. The provision is effective on or after the date of enactment of the Act and is applicable for the duration of the public health and national emergency period.



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Impact on the Medicare Program

Coverage and Elimination of Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Related Testing Covering: Sections 6002 and 6003 of the Act confirms coverage and zero cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and certain related evaluation and management services under Medicare and Medicare Advantage. These provisions are effective upon enactment and are applicable for the duration of the public health and national emergency period.

The technical amendments to the original House-passed bill provides that zero cost sharing is available under Medicare for online digital evaluation and management services related to COVID-19 testing or evaluation.

Coverage of Telehealth: Section 6010 of the Act includes a technical correction to the Medicare telehealth waiver provisions of the recently passed Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020. The new language permits coverage of telehealth services for a beneficiary who had been seen by a provider (or a member of the provider's practice) within the past three years and had received a service that could have been paid for by Medicare if the person had been enrolled in Medicare; the Act does not require an actual Medicare claim for the service.

Impact on Military, Veterans and Federal Employees

Section 6006 of the Act, in keeping with the provisions described above, prohibits TRICARE and the Department of Veterans Affairs from charging cost sharing for COVID-19 testing. Similarly, such cost sharing may not be imposed on federal civil servants, including but not limited to those enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The provision is effective on or after the date of enactment and is applicable for the duration of the public health and national emergency period.

Personal Respiratory Protective Devices

Under Section 6005 of the Act, N95 respirators for which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had issued an emergency use authorization, will now qualify for liability protections for their manufacture and use in certain circumstances under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, in accordance with the Secretary of HHS's PREP Act declaration on March 10, 2020. The provision applies to covered devices that are used from January 27, 2020, through October 1, 2024, and in response to the coronavirus public health emergency.

Reporting of Testing Data

The Act requires that any state that receives funds as authorized under this Act (which would include the enhanced Medicaid FMAP) must ensure that the respective State Emergency Operations Center receives regular and real time reporting of aggregated data on testing and results from state and local public health departments, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Funding Provisions:

Medicaid, CHIP, and Uninsured Provisions

Division A, Title V. Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, Department of Health and Human Services. The Act includes \$1 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, specifically for the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). Under the



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authority of HHS, the funding is directed to be used to pay claims for providers for reimbursement of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits for uninsured individuals. This appears to cover uninsured individuals in states that do not elect the Medicaid option to cover uninsured populations, authorized in Section 6004 of the Act. Additional guidance from HHS is needed, however, it is possible that reimbursement could occur through the NDMS Definitive Care Reimbursement Program. That program is activated during a public health emergency, and participating institutions and practitioners are reimbursed for care to patients referred by a Federal Coordinating Center. The funding is available until September 30, 2020.

Other Agency Funding

In addition to the funding appropriated in the March 6 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, H.R. 6201 appropriates a second round of funding to several agencies and offices within HHS, including: (i) \$64 million for the IHS for health services related to COVID-19 (available until September 30, 2022); and (ii) \$250 million for Aging and Disability Services Programs provided by the HHS Administration for Community Living, including Home-Delivered Nutrition Services, Congregate Nutrition Services, and Nutrition Services for Native Americans (available until September 30, 2021).

For more information, please contact Maribel Ramos, Legislative Director, HHS Committee, NGA Office of Government Relations [REDACTED], Hemi Tewarson, Director, NGA Health [REDACTED], or Caroline Picher, Policy Analyst, NGA Health ([REDACTED] or [REDACTED]).

**ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER
SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS
DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19**

(APPLICABLE STATEWIDE)

AMENDED MARCH 20, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a state public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code § 22-2-2(4), authorizes the State Health Officer, on behalf of the State Board of Health, to direct that conditions prejudicial to health in public places within the State be abated;

NOW THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered that the following be implemented statewide:

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3. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

4. Effective today, the following shall be closed:

a. In-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities.

(1) This order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing, maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons, for the duration of this order and follow public health guidelines.

(2) This order shall not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children, ages 6 through 12 as of March 13, 2020, of First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services) and Licensed Healthcare Providers, and their essential employees, and essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies, and Grocery Stores. In these special activities programs, 12 or more children shall not be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

b. Facilities providing child day care, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2, at which 12 or more children are in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time. Center employees are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation and social-distancing practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health. This Order does not change the Minimum Standards for Day Care promulgated by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, except that 12 or more children shall not be allowed in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time.

5. Effective immediately, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors, as defined by the facility, and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

6. Effective immediately, all elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed.

7. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all restaurants, bars, breweries, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink.

a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols, including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are followed.

b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.

c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

8. If organizers or sponsors of otherwise suspended events desire, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order, at the discretion of the State Health Officer. While the State Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:


a. Effective measures have been taken to identify those attending the event who may potentially be affected with COVID-19, including but not limited to personal testing for the disease or submission of current medical clearances to the organizer.

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9. Prior to April 6, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order.

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Done on this 20th day of March, 2020.



Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer

March 19, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

To: President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence
From: National Governors Association
Re: Top State Priorities in Response to COVID-19

Yesterday, National Governors Association Chair, Governor Larry Hogan and Vice Chairman Andrew Cuomo convened a call with their fellow governors to outline their shared experiences in responding to COVID-19.

During the call, Governor Hogan worked with his fellow Governors to develop a list of the state's top needs and priorities to be shared on an upcoming call with Vice President Pence and the Administration's response team.

The list below represents concerns expressed governors:

1. Dedicate at least 50 percent of supplemental funding to the states, including direct funding and act quickly on waiver requests
2. Increase access to PPE's, masks, test kits, extraction kits, and accelerating the production of life-saving equipment, such as ventilators
3. Support Title 32 authorization to give governors maximum flexibility for use of the National Guard
4. Provide guidance on implementation of Defense Production Act to include what health and medical resources Secretary of Health and Human Services Azar is prioritizing under his new authority
5. Allow more time and flexibility for completion of both the Census and the transition to REAL ID

The nation's Governors look forward to continuing to partner with the Administration and other federal partners to provide an effective response to the COVID-19 crisis.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Agency Heads

FROM: Governor Kay Ivey

DATE: March 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus (COVID-19) State Government Operations

On Friday, March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the pandemic influenza outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Due to the impending threat on our state, I have declared a State of Emergency to deploy all state resources and lessen the impact of this virus on our state and its citizens. These actions are not out of fear, but out of an abundance of caution and preparation for the public health crisis in our state and nation.

Effective on Monday, March 16, 2020, Departments providing public safety, direct care and other essential services must plan and schedule their activities accordingly, with the directors of those departments determining staffing needs and work requirements to ensure the continued operation of essential and emergency services.

Because the safety of state employees is of utmost concern, each department director is authorized to advise employees to work from home if possible. Directors should consider implementing telework, flexible work schedules, and other techniques for accomplishing necessary functions while minimizing employee exposure to COVID-19. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should remain away from the workplace and practice social distancing, as appropriate, for the next several weeks. Employees should plan to return to regular work schedules on Monday, April 6. These employees will be on paid emergency leave and will not be required to utilize their personal leave.

The determination as to which employee is considered essential and non-essential should be exercised judiciously and not necessarily in blanket fashion. No employee is entitled to emergency leave merely because another co-worker, with different circumstances, is granted leave.

I am also directing all agencies to postpone all non-essential travel until further notice.

Please continue to urge all of your employees:

1. To social distance and limit attendance at gathering with groups of 500 or more
2. The importance of staying home if any symptoms of illness, like fever or cough are present
3. Wash hands with soap and hot water often
4. Avoid touching nose, mouth and eyes
5. Avoid close contact with coworkers (**maintain separation of at least 6 feet**)
6. Be diligent about workplace sanitation and pay close attention to cleaning surfaces
7. Keep surfaces, especially telephone and computer equipment frequently sanitized

As Governor, it is vitally important that the essential services of state government are readily available to the taxpayers of our state. The safety and well-being of all Alabamians continues to be our paramount concern. Updates will be provided as necessary.

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WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, *Code of Ala. 1975*, § 22-2-2(4), authorizes the State Health Officer, on behalf of the State Board of Health, to direct that conditions prejudicial to health in public places within the State be abated;

NOW THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered that the following be implemented statewide:

1. Effective today, March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all gatherings of 25 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited. This Order shall apply to all gatherings, events or activities that bring 25 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time.

2. Effective today, March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all beaches shall be closed. For purposes of this section, the term "beach" means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

3. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all Senior Citizen Center gatherings shall be closed. Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

4. Effective at the close of school or business today, March 19, 2020, the following shall be closed:

a. All schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities. This school closure order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing, maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons, for the duration of this order and follow public health guidelines.

b. Preschools and childcare centers.

(1) This shall not apply to childcare centers operated for the exclusive benefit of essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services), Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies and Grocery Stores. For this exception to apply, the childcare center must be employer-operated and located on the premises of, or in the immediate vicinity of, one of these enumerated categories of employers, and a parent or guardian of each child shall be readily available. The childcare center must meet local and state fire and health requirements.

(2) This shall also not apply to licensed childcare centers that contract to provide services exclusively to the above-named employers, or that provide services exclusively to children of essential employees of the above-named employers.

(3) This shall also not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children of essential employees of the above-named employers if those children were between the ages of 6 and 12 as of March 13, 2020.

(4) In the childcare centers and special activities programs addressed in (1), (2), and (3) above, no more than 11 children shall be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these centers and programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the CDC and the Alabama Public Department of Public Health.

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- a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons are followed.
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8. If organizers or sponsors of otherwise suspended events desire, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order, at the discretion of the State Health Officer. While the State Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:
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 - b. Effective measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection even by those that are infected while not symptomatic, including the provision of anti-infection measures such as proper facemasks, personal sanitation measures, and other measures that may be considered proper.

Requests for an exemption must be submitted AT LEAST two weeks in advance of any scheduled event.

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Done on this 19 day of March, 2020.



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Friday, March 20, 2020

Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Updated Statewide Public Health Order

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Friday issued an update to the statewide health order to aid in Alabama’s efforts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Effective today, *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, are prohibited. Employers shall take all reasonable steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

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.

Governor Kay Ivey: “As our state works in overdrive to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are making decisions based on the best information we have in the moment. I have no doubt that as this situation rapidly unfolds, decisions will need to be evaluated and amended.

“Yesterday’s health order was issued to be as comprehensive as possible to combat the spread of the virus and to ensure the state was doing everything within its authority to protect the people of Alabama.

“In order to keep Alabama going, we must keep Alabama businesses going to the best of our abilities. I fully support the restrictions of social or recreational gatherings of 25 people or less and strongly encourage individuals to maintain a six-foot distance. However, this order was intended to apply to non-work-related gatherings. However, employers should take all necessary steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

“Let me be abundantly clear - I have no intention of slowing down our workforce through unnecessary, burdensome regulations. We will only be able to mitigate the risk of the virus through the efforts of our hardworking manufacturers that will produce life-sustaining supplies,

our truckers who move these goods down the road, and our valued retailers that will make them available to our citizens.

"My administration has been given clear instructions to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of government while being flexible and responsible to the needs of our state. I ask for the support of my fellow Alabamians as we work through these challenging days together."

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris: "Alabamians must cooperate, understand their actions affect other people, and take seriously the need to protect health and safety, because COVID-19 is a deadly virus."

The updated order is attached.

For Media Questions Only - Contact Arrol Sheehan with the Alabama Department of Public Health: [REDACTED]

For General COVID-19 Questions from Members of the Public: [REDACTED]

For broadcasting and publishing purposes, please download and utilize the following video message from Governor Ivey: <https://we.tl/t-KZwULxpALE>

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STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, I issued a supplemental proclamation to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1, *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Transportation of Emergency Equipment, Services, and Supplies

I instruct the appropriate agencies to take the necessary steps and issue the appropriate documents to expedite the movement of vehicles or vehicles and loads that are transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies related to COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts subject to the following rules:

- A. Documents issued under authority of this proclamation shall be subject to approval and clearance by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and shall cover designated state routes.
- B. The director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, or his designee, may issue waivers for vehicles or combinations of vehicles and loads, whether those loads are divisible or non-divisible, with weights, dimensions, or combinations thereof exceeding the maximum limits specified by law.
- C. Transporters are responsible for ensuring that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as defined in the State of Alabama's rules and regulations.
- D. Insurance requirements shall not be waived.
- E. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed the weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this proclamation be construed to relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this proclamation, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.



IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 20th day of March, 2020.

Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State



Fake Online Coronavirus Map Delivers Well-known Malware Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3)

[REDACTED]

Date: March 10, 2020



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A malicious website pretending to be the live map for Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins University is circulating on the internet waiting for unwitting internet users to visit the website. Visiting the website infects the user with the AZORult trojan, an information stealing program which can exfiltrate a variety of sensitive data. It is likely being spread via infected email attachments, malicious online advertisements, and social engineering. Furthermore, anyone searching the internet for a Coronavirus map could unwittingly navigate to this malicious website.

Threat Details

A sample of the malware being deployed by "corona-virus-map[dot]com" was submitted and analyzed by and received an extremely malicious threat score of 100/100 with Anti-virus (AV) detection at 76%. This sample was labelled by Hybrid-Analysis as a Trojan.

Recommendations

End users should be warned about this cybersecurity risk and security teams should blacklist any indicators associated with this specific threat. IOCs and Analysis may be found here:

[REDACTED]

Requests for Information

Need information on a specific cybersecurity topic? Send your request for information (RFI) to [REDACTED] or call us Monday-Friday, between 9am-5pm (EST), at [REDACTED]



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Figure 1. Screenshot of the malicious website "Corona-Virus-Map[dot]com" pretending to be a legitimate COVID-19 tracker.

corona-virus-map.com ▾ Translate this page

WordPress 5.0.2 – Ещё один сайт на WordPress

Добро пожаловать в WordPress. Это ваша первая запись. Отредактируйте или удалите ее, затем начинайте создавать! Написано автором admin ...

Figure 2. Screenshot of a Google search for the page mentioned above.

Reference

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3. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

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a. In-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities.

(1) This order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing, maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons, for the duration of this order and follow public health guidelines.

(2) This order shall not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children, ages 6 through 12 as of March 13, 2020, of First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services) and Licensed Healthcare Providers, and their essential employees, and essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies, and Grocery Stores. In these special activities programs, 12 or more children shall not be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

b. Facilities providing child day care, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2, at which 12 or more children are in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time. Center employees are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation and social-distancing practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health. This Order does not change the Minimum Standards for Day Care promulgated by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, except that 12 or more children shall not be allowed in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time.

5. Effective immediately, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors, as defined by the facility, and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

6. Effective immediately, all elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed.

7. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all restaurants, bars, breweries, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink.

a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols, including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are followed.

b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.

c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

8. If organizers or sponsors of otherwise suspended events desire, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order, at the discretion of the State Health Officer. While the State Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:

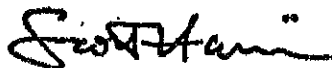
a. Effective measures have been taken to identify those attending the event who may potentially be affected with COVID-19, including but not limited to personal testing for the disease or submission of current medical clearances to the organizer.

b. Effective measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection even by those that are infected while not symptomatic, including the provision of anti-infection measures such as proper face masks, personal sanitation measures, and other measures that may be considered proper.

9. Prior to April 6, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order.

Upon the effective dates and times set forth above, this Order supersedes all orders previously issued by the State Health Officer and Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers, and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by order of the State Health Officer. The Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

Done on this 20th day of March, 2020.



Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued the "15 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social-distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1 *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Rescheduling of the March 31, 2020, Primary Runoff Election

I find that conducting the primary runoff election currently scheduled for March 31, 2020, poses a serious public-health threat because there is not enough time before then to implement best practices for safely conducting an election under conditions related to COVID-19. To that end:

- A. The primary runoff election scheduled for March 31, 2020, is hereby rescheduled to July 14, 2020.
- B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify any other provision of state law regarding the conduct of this primary runoff election. The Secretary of State and appropriate election officials shall take all reasonable efforts to publicize voter registration and absentee-voting opportunities.
- C. The Secretary of State shall amend his Administrative Calendar to reflect the rescheduled primary runoff date and provide a copy to all appropriate election officials via certified mail and email. The Secretary of State shall also provide an amended copy of the Alabama Fair Campaign Practices Act filing calendar to all

candidates and committees participating in the rescheduled primary runoff election.

II. School Closures

This supplemental proclamation shall ratify my previous order, issued orally on March 13, 2020, requiring the closure of all K-12 public schools at the end of the day Wednesday, March 18, 2020, with reopening scheduled for the start of school on Monday, April 6, 2020, should circumstances permit. Nothing in this section shall supersede any decision or order issued prior to the date of this supplemental proclamation that require school closures to a greater extent than required by this section. The State Superintendent of Education and State Health Officer shall consult with one another on a continuing basis and provide recommendations to me, as warranted, regarding the opening or closure of schools in response to COVID-19.

III. Open Meetings Act

I find that the government response to COVID-19 requires a careful balance between concerns for public health and safety (including the effectiveness of COVID-19 mitigation strategies), for the continued operations of governmental body, and for the right of the public to the open conduct of government. To that end:

- A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Open Meetings Act, members of a governmental body may participate in a meeting—and establish a quorum, deliberate, and take action—by means of telephone conference, video conference, or other similar communications equipment if:
 - 1. Any deliberation conducted, or action taken, during the meeting is limited to matters within the governmental body's statutory authority that is (a) necessary to respond to COVID-19 or (b) necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body; and
 - 2. The communications equipment allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear one another at the same time.
- B. Governmental bodies conducting a meeting pursuant to this section are encouraged, to the maximum extent possible, to use communications equipment that allows members of the public to listen to, observe, or participate in the meeting.
- C. No less than twelve hours following the conclusion of a meeting conducted pursuant to this section, a governmental body shall post a summary of the meeting in a prominent location on its website—or, if it has no website, in any other location or using any other method designed to provide reasonable notice to the public. The summary shall recount the deliberations conducted and the actions taken with reasonable specificity to allow the public to understand what happened.
- D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify any other provision of the Open Meetings Act, including the notice requirements found in section 36-25A-3 and the enforcement, penalty, and remedy provisions found in section 36-25A-9. Any action or actions taken in violation of paragraph A will be deemed invalid.
- E. To the maximum extent possible, the terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in section 36-25A-2 of the Open Meetings Act.

IV. Procurement of emergency-related supplies

I find that state agencies and local awarding authorities may be required to procure goods or services to properly and adequately respond to the public health threat posed by COVID-19. Therefore, my emergency proclamation dated March 13, 2020, shall satisfy the notice and writing requirements of the emergency provisions found in sections 41-16-23 and 41-16-53 of the competitive bid law. I hereby authorize state agencies and local awarding authorities to enter into contracts for goods and services without public advertisement to the extent necessary to respond to COVID-19. State agencies and local awarding authorities shall maintain accurate and fully itemized records of all expenditures made pursuant to this section.

V. Reimbursement for certain state employees


I proclaim that it is fair, reasonable, and appropriate that those State of Alabama employees who are required to perform response services away from their home base of operations be reimbursed for the actual expenses they incur while performing these services on behalf of the State of Alabama. Therefore, I authorize the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, as prescribed by the Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual, for state employees who have been, are being, or may be called away from their home base in response to this state of emergency. All such claims for expense reimbursement must be reasonable and must be certified as such by the employee's agency head or appointing authority.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision of this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, such law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.

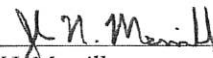


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 18th day of March, 2020.



Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State



COVID-19 INCIDENT UPDATE REPORT (IUR) as of 0700 03/17/2020



Activation Status

SEOC Activation: 3 (2200 13 Mar 20)

State of Emergency: Yes (13 Mar 20)

National Emergency Declaration: Yes (1 Mar 20)

Federal Declaration: None

Local States of Emergency: Calhoun, Montgomery, Lawrence

Divisions Alerted: A, B, C, D, E, F, G (2000 13 Mar 20)

Divisions Activated: A, B, C, D, E, F, G (1000 14 Mar 20)

County EOCs Activated: Autauga, Baldwin, Blount, Elmore, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chambers, Clarke, Coosa, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dekalb, Jackson, Jefferson, Lee, Limestone, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Russell, St Clair, Tuscaloosa,

Objectives

1. Produce public information messages that provide timely and accurate information to the public (SEOC)
2. Ensure communications between AEMA and ADPH at all levels (SEOC)
3. Support resourcing efforts (SEOC/Divisions)
4. Monitor and continuing preparations to enact Agency protective measures for COVID-19 (SEOC)
5. Division Coordinators Monitor and continue preparations to enact protective measures for COVID-19 (Divisions)
6. Maintain appropriate SEOC operational posture based on outbreak. (SEOC)

General Situation

Alabama

- 29 (+7) cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Alabama (as of 1625 Mar 16 2020)
- 8 Counties reporting presumptive positive cases of COVID-19.
- 22 (+6) County EOC's activated
- 3 (+1) Local States of Emergency declared

United States

- 50 (+1) States/territories/D.C. reporting cases
- 50 (+5) State and or Public Health Declared Emergencies

- 4,661 (+987) Cases Reported in the US
- 17 (+5) Total Recovered in the US
- 85 (+16) Deaths reported in US as of 0600 16 Mar 20 (WA,CA, NY, FL, LA, NJ, CO, SD, GA, KS, OR, VA)

World Wide

- 183,198 (+13,811) Confirmed World Wide
- 77,257 (+2,469) Total Recovered Worldwide
- 6,513 (+652) Confirmed Fatalities Worldwide

State Activities

- AEMA IMAT team onsite at ADPH
- ADPH will report case numbers at 1000 and 1600 daily
- ADPH is expecting to open at least 20 testing facilities/locations
- ADPH coordinating travel for Alabama residents from initial cruise ship quarantine. 7 of 8 "positive" individuals traveling from Dobbins, GA via bus to HOR and ordered to quarantine at HOR until 24 March. The 8th individual refused, and is under Federal quarantine until the 24th. 2 "Positive" individuals traveling from TX to Cullman will self-quarantine also until the 24th.

- Remote COVID-19 Screening conducted at 7 locations: 1- Montgomery, 2-Birmingham, 1-Crenshaw County, 1-Tuscaloosa DCH, 1-Lee County; 5 Alabama labs licensed to conduct testing: (BCL, LAB Corp, 2 Private Lab, 1 Public Lab),

FEMA Region IV

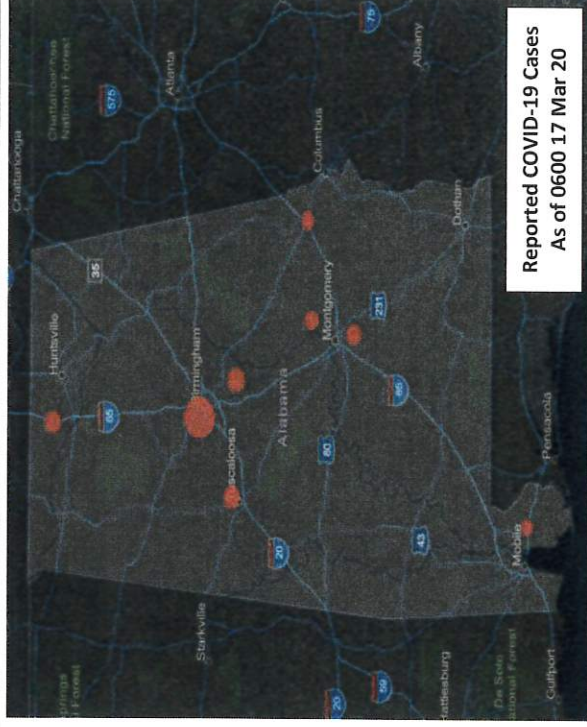
- FEMA Region IV RRCC at a level III
- Daily Region IV COVID-19 Update Call (1330 Local)

State Impacts (ADPH Website)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Alabama

Updated: March 16, 2020 4:25 p.m. (CT)

County of Residence	Cases
Baldwin	1
Elmore	1
Lee	1
Jefferson	1/
Limestone	1
Montgomery	2
Shelby	3
Tuscaloosa	3
Total	25*



LIFELINE Impacts:

Safety and Security: State schools K-12 will close for 2.5 weeks close of business No later than Wednesday, 18 Mar 20; Alabama community college systems discontinue in person classes; State Universities moving classes online and extending spring break; Local churches suspend / modify services; anticipating Poll worker shortages for 31 Mar 20 runoff; Driver's license offices closed in non-ALEA owned facilities. School systems continue to provide nutritious meals while closed.

Transportation: FMCSA has issued an Emergency Declaration covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia to provide hours of service relief to drivers transporting emergency relief. Airports implementing deep cleaning procedures. ALDOT closing Tourism welcome centers and modifying rest areas staffing to essential cleaning personnel only.

Health and Medical: 29 (+7) cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Alabama. Eastern Alabama Medical and other health care facilities implementing visitor restrictions. PPE inventory shortfall- Identifying alternate means to obtain requirements, PPE priority of fill to direct patient care, Hospitals and Nursing homes; Current stockpile of PPE (AND) the PPE being received from S&S shipment is "Expired" but usable; Alabama has 1344 Total ventilators in Alabama / 60% Available; 20% of Bed space available (Normal Flu Season levels)

Next Update: 1600 03/17/2020

* Blue Denotes change from previous report



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March 19, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-224
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

Governors are at the center of the response to COVID-19 and need Congress and the Administration to support their efforts. Congress and the Administration should provide at least \$150 billion in immediate direct aid to the states, with maximum flexibility for governors' COVID-19 efforts. Despite the uncertainty and rapidly-changing nature of this pandemic, governors are working tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of their residents. To meet this challenge, governors are asking for a new program that would provide unrestricted state fiscal support in addition to traditional funding streams.

States and territories are allocating hundreds of millions of dollars to respond to COVID-19 and have taken significant and costly steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Providing aid directly to states and territories gives governors the flexibility they need to try innovative approaches to protect a wide range of services such as: addressing the increase in unemployment, minimizing the economic impact of business closures, ensuring all students have access to education, meeting the child care and housing needs of residents, and maintaining public transportation and social welfare programs.

Governors appreciate the aid from Congress in the two supplemental appropriations acts for addressing the public health response, as well as aid to individuals and states – particularly for the unemployed. While Congress works on a third emergency spending bill, governors are seeking as much flexibility as possible with federal programs to address the critical gaps in their states.

Medicaid is the largest source of federal funds spent by states: 48 percent of all federal funds spent by states come from the Medicaid program. One of the most impactful things Congress can do is increase the federal share of Medicaid funding for states. Governors appreciate the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, with an increase of Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 6 percent to states. However, this falls short of what states will need. Longer term, automatic and more robust increases in FMAP are needed as states and territories rapidly respond to COVID-19, including funds for states and territories that expanded Medicaid.

Therefore, the nation's governors request an increase of FMAP to at least 12 percent, which many states received under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to include Medicaid expansion states. Additionally, the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule should be eliminated in the face of this unprecedented public health and economic challenge.

We stand ready to work with Congress on this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Governor Larry Hogan
Chair



Governor Andrew Cuomo
Vice Chair

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Friday, March 20, 2020

**Governor Ivey Issues Statement on Authorization of Alabama
National Guard on As Needed Basis**

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey announced today that she has given authorization to Adjutant General Sheryl Gordon with the Alabama National Guard to activate up to 100 guardsmen, should the need arise to combat COVID-19.

There is no determined need for formal assistance at this time, nor is there a plan for the Guard to operate as any type of enforcement of public health orders. This action strictly serves as a preparedness measure, should first responders or health care providers need additional support. As of Friday, Alabama has 106 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Governor Ivey released the following statement:

“While there is no immediate need for us to deploy our Guard, I have given authorization to Adjutant General Sheryl Gordon to be on standby, should our first responders and health care providers need additional support.

“I want to ensure Alabamians that our National Guard stands ready to be part of this team effort to combat this invisible enemy.

“My administration has been given clear instructions to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of government while being flexible and responsible to the needs of our state. I ask for the support of my fellow Alabamians as we work through these challenging days together.”

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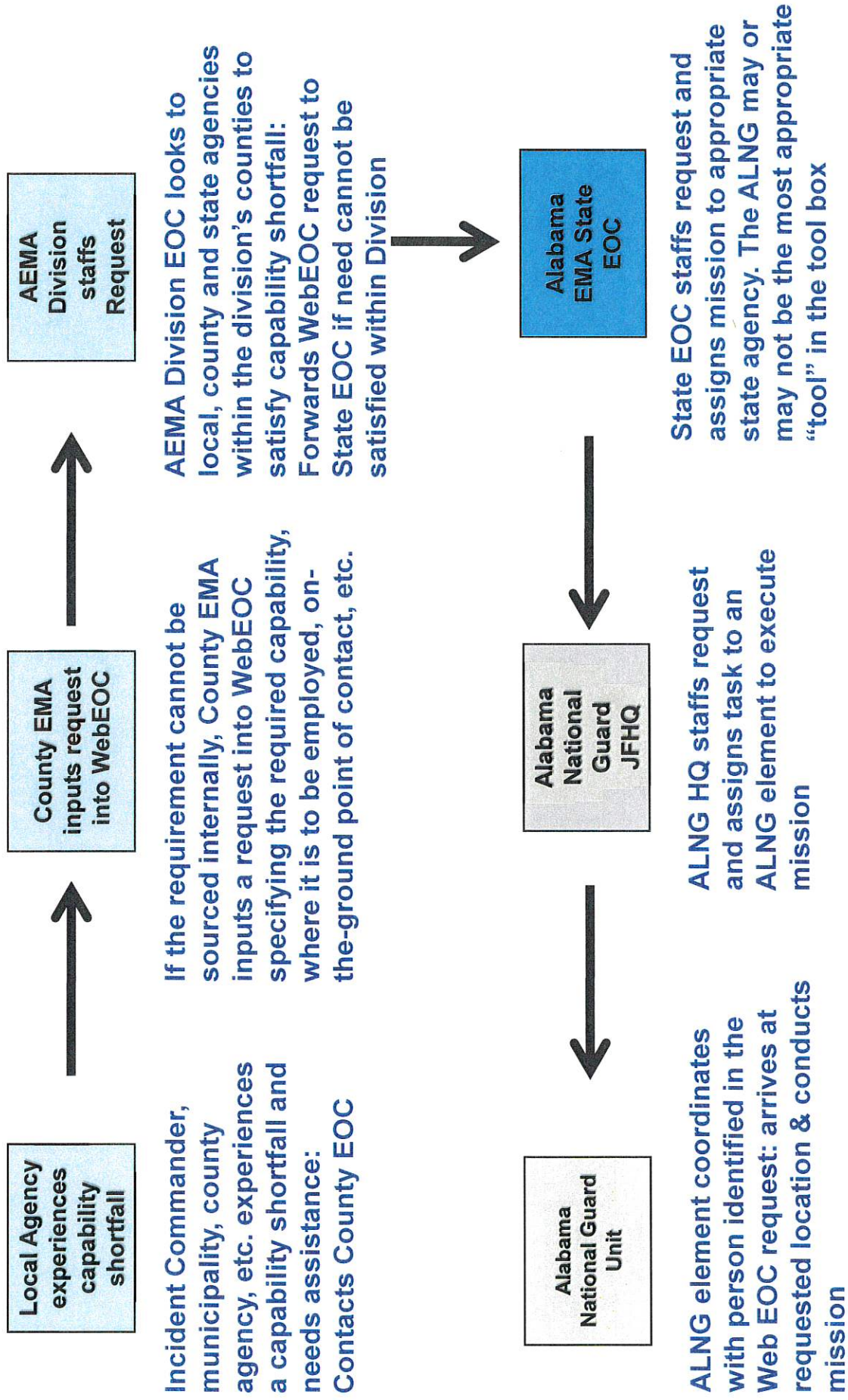
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How Local Agency Shortfalls become Alabama National Guard Missions



REMARKS

Press Conference: Alabama Declares State of Emergency Amid
COVID-19

Friday, March 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

REMARKS:

- Good Afternoon. Thank you all for being here and for staying tuned.
- Along with my fellow Alabamians, I have closely monitored the rapidly changing events regarding the Coronavirus.
- As a state, we have taken precautionary measures and made preparations in the case that the virus would eventually reach our state, as was announced earlier today.
- As I have emphasized time and again, the safety and health of Alabamians is paramount.
- A short time ago, we heard from President Trump who officially declared a national emergency, amidst this outbreak. This declaration will certainly help states around the country continue working to mitigate the virus.
- In Alabama, we want to work in conjunction with these efforts, and to that end, I am issuing a State of Emergency.

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- The State of Emergency will strengthen our efforts and plans already in place, helping to alleviate our health care facilities and providers, our schools, and in turn, citizens across the state.
- Additionally, *effective Monday*, all K-12 schools across the state of Alabama will have a three week break period in order to reduce the risk of students, teachers and others from potentially being exposed to the virus.
- Folks, let's continue taking a commonsense approach and remember that calm and steady wins the race.
- Alabamians should not be fearful, but instead, use commonsense to watch out for themselves and others.
- We will remain engaged and continue to closely monitor the situation to help keep Alabamians informed on all of the facts.
- The safety and wellbeing of our citizens is of the utmost importance.
- Again, I appreciate the hard work of State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, state Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama EMA Director Brian Hastings, members of my Task Force and countless others. We will handle this together.
- Now, I will turn it over to Dr. Harris.

• ***END***

The governor will stand behind the lectern during the other remarks and media Q&A portion.

Run of Show

Governor Ivey

Dr. Scott Harris

Dr. Eric Mackey

Dr. Harris Moderates Media Q&A – the governor may be asked for a question. She can step up to the lectern and then immediately step after answering the question.