ARIZONA COVID-19 ACTION & RESOURCES

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FEDERAL RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

• Information for Businesses:
  – Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
  – Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses
  – Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities
  – SBA: COVID-19 Resources
  – DOL: Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus
  – DOL: OHSA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19
  – WHO: Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19
  – CISA: Risk Management for COVID-19
  – EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

• Information for Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Research Facilities:
  – Information for Healthcare Professionals
  – Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments
  – Resources for Healthcare Facilities
  – Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation in Healthcare Settings
  – Information for Laboratories
  – Resources for First Responders
  – Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People with COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals
  – FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge
  – Guidance for Homeless Shelters
  – Guidance for Hemodialysis Facilities
  – CMS: Information on COVID-19 and Current Emergencies
  – CMS: Guidance for Hospice Agencies
  – CMS: Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19
  – CMS: FAQs for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organizations
  – EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

• Information for Travel and Transportation:
  – Information for Travel
  – Guidance for Ships
  – Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew
  – State: Travel Advisories
  – State: Traveler’s Checklist
  – State: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
  – DOT: FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19
PHASE I: HR6074 CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

• Provides $8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to coronavirus outbreak

• Additional funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), the State Department, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

• It includes $4 billion to make more coronavirus tests available, and $1 billion in loan subsidies for small businesses.

• Became Law March 6, 2020: Link to text & information
PHASE II: HR6201 FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT, 2020

• Provides supplemental appropriations to the USDA for nutrition and food assistance programs including:
  – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
  – The Emergency Food Assistance Program
  – Nutrition assistance grants for U.S. territories

• Modifies USDA food assistance program to:
  – Allow waivers for school meal programs
  – Suspend work requirement for SNAP (food stamps)
  – States may request waivers to provide emergency SNAP benefits

• Includes provisions that:
  – Establishes a federal emergency paid leave program
  – Expand unemployment and provide states with grants
  – Require employers to provide paid sick leave to employees
  – Establishes requirements for providing Covid-19 testing at no cost
  – Temporarily increases Medicaid assistance percentage

• Became Law March 18, 2020: Link to text & information
PHASE III: H.R.748 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT

• $2 trillion package includes:
  – $500 billion in emergency loans to distressed mid-size and larger businesses
  – $350 billion in funding for grants and bridge loans for small businesses
    • IMPORTANT RESOURCE: U.S. Chamber Resource Guide & Checklist for Small Business
  – $1,200 rebate plus $500 per dependent, phase out starts when individual income exceeds $75k
  – Allows flexibility for withdrawals from retirement plans, delays due date for payroll taxes, revises provisions related to losses, charitable deductions, and business interest.
  – Several appropriations to the health care industry to fund the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Covid-19 as well as $4.3B to the CDC.
  – Temporarily suspends payments for federal student loans, revises provisions related to campus aid, grants, and subsidized loans.

• Read the full U.S. Chamber summary

• Became Law March 27, 2020: Link to amendment text
STATE INFORMATION
AZ COUNTIES WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE (3/30/20)

Number of Cases: 1,157
Number of deaths: 20
Arizona Community Risk: Increasing with some area of heightened risk
Arizona Community Spread: Widespread

COVID-19 Cases by Week
Date of specimen collection is used for week
Jan 26
Feb 9
Feb 23
Mar 8
Mar 22
428
663

COVID-19 Cases by Age Group
- Less than 5 years: 1
- 5 - 19 years: 32
- 20 - 44 years: 426
- 45 - 54 years: 210
- 55 - 64 years: 211
- 65 years and older: 271
- Null: 6

COVID-19 Cases by Gender
- Female: 49%
- Male: 52%

COVID-19 Cases by Laboratory Type
- ASPHL: 61
- Private Laboratory: 1,096

COVID-19 Testing at Private Laboratories and Arizona State Public Health Laboratory
Total COVID-19 Testing: 36,758

COVID-19 Testing by Age Group
Less than 5: 34
5 - 19: 61
20 - 44: 7,375
45 - 54: 2,734
55 - 64: 2,307
65 years and older: 2,748
Null: 6

COVID-19 Testing by Results
Not Detected: 34%
Detected: 66%

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ARIZONA EXECUTIVE ORDERS LIST

- Increasing Hospital Capacity for COVID-19 Preparedness 3/26/20
- Continuity of Work 3/26/20
- Expansion of Telemedicine 3/25/20
- Postponement of Eviction Actions 3/24/20
- Enhanced Surveillance Advisory 3/23/20
- Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services 3/23/20
- Ensuring Individuals Whose Employment is Affected Have Access to Unemployment Insurance 3/20/20
- Delaying Elective Surgeries to Conserve PPE 3/19/20
- Limiting Operations of Businesses to Slow Spread 3/19/20
- Limiting Motor Vehicle Division Visits for Driver License Renewal 3/19/20
- Proactive Measures to Protect Against Covid-19 3/19/20
RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING: EXECUTIVE ACTION

• $5 Million from the State Housing Trust Fund for Rental Eviction Prevention Assistance Program

• Funding will be used to help Arizonans struggling to make rent due to COVID-19

• Rental assistance may be made available to households:
  – Whose primary residence is a rental unit located in Arizona
  – And who have seen a reduction in income due to COVID-19, that when annualized, does not exceed 100 percent of the area median income adjusted for family size for the county in which they reside

• Previously Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order delaying the enforcement of eviction action orders for renters impacted by COVID-19.

• Effective March 30, 2019 via AZ Department of Housing Website
INCREASING HOSPITAL CAPACITY: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Requires all licensed hospitals to implement emergency plans, implement triage processes, and develop triage criteria, and optimize staffing levels in its facilities.

• Licensed hospitals:
  – SHALL report through EMResource or another approved system to provide DHS with:
    • Number of licensed surgical beds, number of ICU beds, anticipated numbers of surgical and ICU beds needed
  – SHALL accept patients up to 21 years of age for pediatric services

• AHCCCS:
  – SHALL require all medicaid plans to cover expanded surge capacity beds to members, regardless of certification status

• Insurers
  – MUST reimburse hospital providers at same level for a surge capacity bed as a licensed/certified bed

• Executive Order Issued March 26, 2020: [Link to Executive Order]
CONTINUITY OF WORK: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Requires all state agencies and boards that issue licenses shall:
  – Defer requirements to renew by 6 months unless they can be completed online
  – Defer continuing education requirements by 6 months unless they can be completed online
  – Suspend rules that limit online or alternative learning hours to renew the license

• Any fees required to be collected may be waived at state agency or boards discretion

• Order does not apply to any class of driver license.

• Executive Order Issued March 26, 2020: Link to Executive Order
EXPANSION OF TELEMEDICINE: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Requires all health insurance plan regulated by DOI to provide coverage for all healthcare services provided through telemedicine if it would otherwise be covered through an in-person visit.

• Insurers:
  – MAY establish documentation and requirements for telehealth services that do not restrict access for patients.
  – MUST reimburse healthcare providers at same level for an in-person visit.
  – MUST allow all electronic means of telehealth (phone and video calls).
  – MUST allow patient’s home to be an approved telemedicine location.

• AHCCCS:
  – Shall require all Medicaid plans to cover telemedicine services and may not discount rates compared to in-person visits.

• Executive Order Issued March 25, 2020: Link to Executive Order
POSTPONEMENT OF EVICTIONS: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• All law enforcement officers shall delay enforcement of eviction when one or more of the following exists:

  • The tenant is required to be quarantined:
    – Orders from a medical professional based on positive symptoms of Covid-19.
    – Lives or is caring for an individual who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

  • The tenant demonstrates they have a health condition as defined by CDC that makes them a higher-risk than average.

  • The tenant suffered a substantial loss of income as a result of Covid-19:
    – Job loss, reduction in compensation, closure of place of employment, obligation to care for school-age child, other pertinent circumstances.

  • This Executive Order does not relieve individuals of the obligation to pay rent and will remain in effect for 120 days.

• Executive Order Issued March 24, 2020: Link to Executive Order
Executive order provides clarity for businesses to rely on common standards to ensure that essential services will function regardless of any future action taken by the state, city, town, or county.

The executive order outlines “essential services” to include:

- Health care and public health operations
- Human services operations
- Infrastructure operations
- Government functions
- Business operations, including grocery and medicine providers, outdoor recreation;
- Organizations that provide charitable and social services, including religious and secular non-profit organizations and food banks
- Media organizations
- Gas stations and other transportation-related businesses
- Financial institutions, including banks and credit unions;
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical trades, including plumbers, electricians, cleaning, sanitation, HVAC and security staff
- Mail, post, shipping and logistics
- Education institutions, including public and private K-12 schools, universities and research entities
- Laundry services
- Restaurants for consumption off-premises
- Supplies distributors that enable telework and work from home and those that supply essential businesses
- Transportation, including airlines, taxis, and ride-sharing
- Home-based and care services, including for seniors and those with developmental disabilities
- Residential facilities and shelters, including those for children, seniors or at-risk populations
- Professional services, including legal, real estate and accounting services
- Day care centers for employees exempted though the order
- Manufacturers, distribution and producers of supply chain-critical products
- Hotels and motels
- Funeral services

The list above is not exhaustive, please review the entire executive order to understand if your operations will be impacted in the event of future action.

Executive Order Issued March 23, 2020: Link to Executive Order
ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE ADVISORY: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Executive order that issuances Enhanced Surveillance Advisory in response to the spread of Covid-19.
  
  • DHS and local health authorities may access confidential patient records as medical information is exchanged statewide.
  
  • AZ Hospitals must report to DHS every 24 hours:
    – Per day staff call outs
    – Number of ventilators, ICU beds, inpatient beds, ED beds, PPE (surgical masks, gowns, etc.), medical supplies (medication, oxygen tanks, etc.) in use, available for use, and any supply shortages.
  
  • AZ laboratories must report Covid-19 test results to DHS through EMResource.
  
  • Establishes criteria and guidelines for where Covid-19 testing can take place determined by DHS.
  
  • Encourages DHS and local health authorities to share personnel, equipment, and information to the highest degree possible.
  
• Executive Order Issued March 23, 2020: Link to Executive Order
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Executive order that requires the Department of Economic Security (DES) to allow the following to apply for unemployment insurance (UI):
  
  • Individuals whose employer has permanently or temporarily ceased operations leading to a reduction of wages.
  • Individuals unable to work due to quarantine requirements and do not have access to paid-leave, regardless if the person plans to return to work.
  • Individuals who leave employment to risk of exposure or infection or to care for a family member infected with Covid-19.
  • Any individuals separated from work for other reasons consistent with DOL guidance.

• DES shall waive following requirements for UI:
  
  • Waiting period pursuant to A.R.S. 23-771 (A)(5).
  • Able and available to work, actively seeking work, and daily job contracts pursuant to A.R.S. 23-771(A)(3) and (4).
  • Executive Order Issued March 20, 2020: Link to Executive Order
LIMITING BUSINESSES TO SLOW SPREAD: EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Executive order passed to slow the spread of Covid-19 by limiting business activity starting on 3/20 in **counties with confirmed cases**:
  - Closes bars, movie theatres, indoor gyms and fitness clubs.
    - Exemption for cafeterias at nursing homes, hospitals, and similar facilities.
  - All restaurants restricted to pick-up, drive thru, and delivery.
  - DLLC restricted from enforcing restrictions on series 12 liquor licenses (dine-in restaurants). Beer and Wine must be sold in sealed containers.
  - Alcohol distributors may repurchase unopened product from on-premise locations.

- Executive Order Issued March 19, 2020: [Link to Executive Order](#)
PROACTIVE COVID-19 MEASURES: EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Executive order follows up on State of Emergency Declaration on 3/13/20 and declares proactive measures for DHS, to fight the spread of Covid-19. The orders best practices for DHS include:
  - Emergency rules issued for nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and intermediate care facilities.
  - Requires all insurers regulated by the State cover Covid-19 testing from qualified laboratories and that cost-sharing requirements for consumers will be waived.
  - Encourage health care providers to offer telemedicine with a lower-cost sharing point for consumers who partake versus an in-person visit.
  - Places measures to prevent any price gouging related to Covid-19 treatment and diagnosis and gives the Attorney General the authority to investigate and prosecute those suspected.

- Executive Order Issued March 19, 2020: Link to Executive Order
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING RENEWAL: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Executive order passed alongside the “Proactive Covid-19 Measures” executive order. requires that ADOT to:
  
  • Defer the requirements to renew driver licenses and permits that expire between 3/1/20 and 9/1/20 by 6 months and allows drivers to request a license or permit renewal online. (ServiceArizona.com)
  
  • Requires that law enforcement treat driver license cards that expire between 3/1/20 and 9/1/20 as valid ID.
  
  • The order terminates once Arizona is no longer in a state of emergency.

• Executive Order Issued March 19, 2020: Link to Executive Order
DELAYING ELECTIVE SURGERIES: EXECUTIVE ORDER

• Executive order passed alongside the “Proactive Covid-19 Measures” executive order. Requires that all non-essential elective surgeries shall not be performed if:
  • Surgery utilizes personal protective equipment or ventilators.
  • Non-essential or elective surgery defined as a procedure that can be delayed without undue risk or future health of the patient.

• Executive Order Issued March 19, 2020: Link to Executive Order
ARIZONA COVID-19 RELATED LEGISLATION

• **S1690: budget; procedures; brb**
  – Establishes a $50M Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund administered by the Governor
  – Allows Fund monies to be spent only following a state of emergency declaration for the following:
    • Housing assistance, including payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure
    • Monies for entities to provide services for homeless persons including shelter, food, clothing, and transportation
    • Economic assistance to small businesses with fewer than 50 employees, nonprofit organizations, food banks, and health care providers

• **S1687: human services; brb**
  – During the federal emergency declaration related to Covid-19, requires DES to provide exemption from prescribed time limitations for TANF cash assistance
  – Provides DES & AHCCCS flexibility for payments to DD providers who are providing services in alternative ways. Permits AHCCCS to authorize payments to behavioral health service providers, providers or services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (DD) and providers of service to the elderly and individuals with physical disabilities

• **S1694: unemployment compensation; coronavirus disease**
  – Authorizes DES to establish alternative UI that meet Federal Guidelines set by DOL
  – Provides DES with flexibility to modify and adopt new rules in order to administer the UI program

• **H2910: public school closures; coronavirus disease**
  – Public schools are NOT required to extend the number of school days or hours a class must meet
  – Schools are required to offer general education opportunities as a stipulation to receive continued funding
  – Requires public schools to continue to pay employees throughout the school closure
  – Cancels statewide assessment and designates schools 19-20 letter grade as same as 18-19
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