MAJOR ORDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOTATED

- April 24, 2020 – President signs additional $484 billion relief package to replenish the small business lending program and support hospitals and COVID-19 testing. **NOTE:** This measure did not include any relief for state or local governments. That is expected to be considered in a new COVID-19 relief package to be completed in May.

- April 16, 2020 – White House announces guidelines for ‘Opening Up America Again’. The guidelines include state or regional gating criteria and three phases for reopening. **NOTE:** The Governor announced the Ohio guidelines, “Responsible Restart Ohio,” on April 28, 2020, including a phased reopening of all businesses and “Responsible Protocols,” including recommending face masks and daily health assessments.

- April 16, 2020 – The state of Ohio has received $2.26 billion in CARES Act state and local government funding. This represents the first half of the $4.5 billion in state and local government funding that Ohio will receive. Additionally, local governments with populations over 500,000 are applying to the Treasury Department directly to receive a portion of the remaining amount of money due to Ohio. These include the city of Columbus as well as Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties. **NOTE:** On April 14, 2020, Senate President Obhof discussed legislation to distribute funding made available through the CARES Act "within a few weeks".

- April 9, 2020 – The Federal Reserve Board of Governors takes actions to provide up to $2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy, including creating the Municipal Liquidity Facility to help state and local governments by purchasing up to $500 billion of short term notes directly from U.S. states, U.S. counties with a population of at least half a million residents, and U.S. cities with a population of at least a quarter million residents.

- April 1, 2020 – The Governor announced the President approved the Governor’s request for a major disaster declaration for Ohio to provide relief for state and local response efforts associated with emergency protective measures, such as emergency operations, fire and police, emergency medical care, among other things.

- March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed by the President.

- March 16, 2020 – The White House released Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommending people avoid discretionary travel and social gatherings larger than 10 people.

- March 15, 2020 – The CDC recommended canceling or postponing gatherings of 50 or more people during the next eight weeks.

LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE

- U.S. Department of Labor: [COVID-19 and the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Questions and Answers](#)


- [Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families’ (ACF) [Children’s Bureau Information on COVID-19](#)

- U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC): [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know](#)
MAJOR ORDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOTATED

• April 24, 2020 – President signs additional $484 billion relief package to replenish the small business lending program and support hospitals and COVID-19 testing amid the coronavirus pandemic.

  **NOTE:** This measure did not include any relief for state or local governments. That is expected to be considered in a fourth coronavirus relief package to be considered in May.

• April 16, 2020 - Senator Portman announced that the state of Ohio has received $2.26 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act state and local government funding. This represents the first half of the $4.5 billion in state and local government funding that the state of Ohio will receive. Governor DeWine and his administration will allocate some of this funding to local governments. Additionally, local governments with populations over 500,000 are applying to the Treasury Department directly to receive a portion of the remaining amount of money due to Ohio. These include the city of Columbus as well as Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties.

• April 16, 2020 – White House announces guidelines for 'Opening Up America Again'. The guidelines include state or regional gating criteria and three phases for reopening.

  **NOTE:** Governor DeWine announced the Ohio guidelines, “Responsible Restart Ohio,” on April 28, 2020.

• April 13, 2020 – U.S. Department of the Treasury Launches Web Portal and Begins Disbursement of CARES Act Funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments

• April 10, 2020 – U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) announced that the state of Ohio received $990 million in the first wave of federal funding for hospitals and health care providers under the CARES Act.

  “[The CARES ACT] provides $4.5 billion to the state of Ohio and $150 billion overall to support states and local governments that are impacted by the coronavirus to ensure they can continue to provide basic services for their citizens.”

  **NOTE:** On April 13, 2020 - The Ohio Controlling Board voted to approve more than $248 million, including $173.9 million in extra funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the Ohio Coronavirus Relief Fund.

  **NOTE:** On April 14, 2020, Senate President Obhof discussed legislation to distribute funding made available through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act “within a few weeks”.

• April 9, 2020 – Federal Reserve Board of Governors takes additional actions to provide up to $2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy
The Municipal Liquidity Facility will help state and local governments better manage cash flow pressures in order to continue to serve households and businesses in their communities. The facility will purchase up to $500 billion of short term notes directly from U.S. states (including the District of Columbia), U.S. counties with a population of at least half a million residents, and U.S. cities with a population of at least a quarter million residents. Eligible state-level issuers may use the proceeds to support additional counties and cities. In addition to the actions described above, the Federal Reserve will continue to closely monitor conditions in the primary and secondary markets for municipal securities and will evaluate whether additional measures are needed to support the flow of credit and liquidity to state and local governments.

- April 1, 2020 – Governor DeWine announced the President approved the Governor’s request for a major disaster declaration for Ohio to provide relief for state and local response efforts associated with emergency protective measures, such as emergency operations center operations, fire and police services, emergency medical care, sheltering, among other things.

- March 27, 2020 – President signs Memorandum on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding General Motors Company.

- March 27, 2020 – President signs Executive Order Delegating Additional Authority Under the DPA with Respect to Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19.

- March 27, 2020 – President signs Executive Order to Order the Select Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty

- March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed by President Trump.

- March 26, 2020 – Department of Health and Human Services issued designation of scarce COVID-19 resources subject to hoarding prevention measures.


- March 22, 2020 – President Trump authorized the use of National Guard under Title 32, 502(f) for California, New York and Washington

- March 22, 2020 – President Trump approved Major Disaster Declarations for Washington and California

- March 20, 2020 – President Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for New York.


- March 18, 2020 – President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

- March 18, 2020 – The U.S. Senate passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
• March 18, 2020 – HUD Provides Immediate Relief for Homeowners Amid Nationwide Coronavirus Response. HUD announces a suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for the next 60 days.

• March 16 – The White House released Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommending people avoid discretionary travel and social gatherings larger than 10 people.

• March 16, 2020 — The U.S. House of Representatives passed, by unanimous consent, the revised Families First Coronavirus Act (H.R. 6201) with technical corrections.

• March 15, 2020 – The CDC recommended canceling or postponing gatherings of 50 or more people during the next eight weeks.

• March 14, 2020—The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

• March 13, 2020—President Trump declared a National Emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease outbreak.

• March 13, 2020—The Department of Defense issued restrictions on domestic travel for DoD components.

• March 11, 2020—The Department of Defense issued restrictions on foreign travel for DoD components.

• March 11, 2020—HHS announced that the CDC will be awarding over $560 million to state and local jurisdictions to support COVID-19 response.

• March 11, 2020—State Department issued a “Global Level 3 Health Advisory – Reconsider Travel” advising U.S. citizens to reconsider travel abroad.

• March 11, 2020—President Donald Trump issued a proclamation limiting entry of foreign nationals who have been in European countries, excluding the U.K. and Ireland, during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States.

• March 11, 2020 – The White House Task Force on Coronavirus and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released two documents (Actions for All Americans and A Framework for Mitigation) to assist State, local, tribal, and community leaders in slowing the transmission of COVID-19.

• March 6, 2020 — President Trump signed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (H.R. 6074), a $8.3 billion supplemental spending package. The bill designates $1.05 billion for grants to state and local governments and allows funds to be used to reimburse state and local costs already incurred.

• March 5, 2020—CMS announced the development of a new code that can be used by health care providers and laboratories to bill for certain COVID-19 diagnostic tests to help increase testing and track new cases. The announcement was accompanied by new fact sheets that explain Medicare, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, and Individual and Small Group Market coverage for services.

• March 4, 2020—CMS announces actions to address the coronavirus, including an enhanced focus on infection control procedures and guidance for nursing homes.
March 4, 2020—CDC updated its guidance for evaluation of Persons Under Investigation to include a wider group of individuals in an effort to make testing more widely available.

March 4, 2020—CDC announces initial funding to jurisdictions to support COVID-19 response efforts.

March 2, 2020—CDC and FDA announced they are taking emergency action to allow more types of respirators to be used in health care settings amid several outbreaks of coronavirus in multiple states.

February 29, 2020—FDA issued a new policy for certain laboratories seeking to develop diagnostic tests for coronavirus in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S.

February 29, 2020 – President Donald Trump issued a proclamation suspending entry of foreign nationals who have been in Iran within the past 14 days.

February 28, 2020—CDC updated its guidance on testing and evaluation of suspected cases, expanding the criteria for who should be tested.

February 24, 2020—The White House sent Congress a request of $2.5 billion in total resources for coronavirus response efforts, including $1.25 billion in new emergency supplemental funding.

February 4, 2020—FDA issued an emergency use authorization to enable use of CDC’s diagnostic test, permitting its use by certified state and local public health laboratories across the United States and abroad.

February 2, 2020—State Department issued a travel advisory for China.

February 2, 2020—Department of Homeland Security directed all flights from China and all passengers who have traveled to China within the last 14 days to be routed through one of eight U.S. airports, with three airports added on February 3.


January 31, 2020—President Donald Trump issued a proclamation limiting entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.

January 29, 2020—President Donald Trump announced the formation of the President’s Coronavirus Task Force led by HHS Secretary Azar.

Funding

- Emergency supplemental funding package signed – Text | Summary

- White House funding request

- Funding transfers within the Department of Health and Human Services
• State and local public health leaders’ emergency supplemental funding request

• FEMA Coronavirus Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet

Legal
• U.S. Department of Labor: COVID-19 and the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Questions and Answers

• U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws

• The Network for Public Health Law Emergency Legal Preparedness on Coronavirus

• The Network for Public Health Law Table on Legal Liability Protections for Emergency Medical/Public Health Responses

• The Policy Surveillance Program: State Emergency Suspension Powers

• A message from the Children’s Bureau on COVID-19

Other Issues
Compiled by the National Governors Association (https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/)

Testing
• ASTHO 16 Key Considerations for Drive-Through or Mobile Testing

• HHS States Are Now In Charge of Testing

• CDC Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons with COVID-19

• CDC Interim Guidance for the Collection and Submission of Postmortem Specimens from Deceased Persons with Known or Suspected COVID-19

• CDC Frequently Asked Questions for Laboratories

• CDC Criteria to Guide Evaluation and Laboratory Testing for COVID-19

• FDA Emergency Use Authorizations

• FDA FAQs on Diagnostic Testing for SARS-CoV-2

• FDA Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during a Public Health Emergency

• FDA Policy for Ventilators and Accessories and Other Respiratory Devices

• CMS Guidance for Providers on COVID-19 Test Pricing

• WHO Laboratory Testing for 2019-nCoV in Suspected Human Cases

Planning & Preparedness
• CDC Interim Infection Control Guidance on COVID-19 for Personnel at Blood and Plasma Collection Facilities

• CDC Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities

• CDC Pandemic Preparedness Resources

• CDC Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments

• ASPR Select State Health Department Pandemic Influenza Plans

• CDC Disposition of Non-Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19

• CDC Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19
- CDC Prepare to Care for COVID-19: Get Your Practice Ready
- CDC FAQ on COVID-19 and Funerals

**Operational Coordination**
- FEMA Support to the Coronavirus Response Fact Sheet
- DOD Guidance for Military Installation Commanders’ Risk-Based Measured Responses
- Department of Defense Directive 3025.18: Defense Support to Civil Authorities
- Identifying Critical Infrastructure During Covid-19
- CDC Information for Health Departments on Reporting Cases of COVID-19
- NEMA Webinar on Non-Traditional Authorities in COVID-19 Response

**Communications**
- CDC Communication Resources
- CDC Interim Guidance: Public Health Communicators Get Your Community Ready
- CDC Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication
- ASTHO Addressing Communication Challenges During an Infectious Disease Emergency Response: State Experiences from the H1N1 Pandemic
- C-Span Archive of Governor Coronavirus Briefings
- Frameworks Institute: Framing COVID-19
- CDC COVID-19 PSA webpage

**Supply Chain And Health System Readiness**
- CDC Interim Guidance for Health Care Facilities
- Healthcare Ready Disaster Healthcare Supply Chain Fact Sheet
- FDA Supply Chain Update
- CMS Guidance for use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care Personnel
- American College of Surgeons COVID-19: Recommendations for Management of Elective Surgical Procedures
- OSHA Temporary Enforcement Guidance – Healthcare Respiratory Protection Annual Fit-Testing for N95 Filtering Facepieces During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- DEA Guidance Allowing Alternative Delivery Methods for OTPs
- Manatt HHS Issues COVID-10 HIPPAA Waivers
- CDC Strategies to Optimize PPE
- CISA Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response
- CDC Guidance for Clinicians Caring for COVID-19 Patients
- Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency
- CDC Personal Protective Equipment Burn Rate Calculator
- CDC Infection Prevention and Control Considerations for Isolation Sites and Alternate Care Sites
- CDC Comprehensive Hospital Preparedness Checklist for COVID-19
- HHS Secretary Azar Letter to Governors Regarding Health Care Workforce (with enclosed Guidance to States)
- CDC Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19
- CDC Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick
- CMS COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance

**Special Considerations For Vulnerable Populations**
- SAMHSA COVID-19 Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs
- SAMHSA Opioid Treatment Program Guidance
- NIDA COVID-19: Potential Implications for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- KFF COVID-19: Special Considerations for Pregnant Women
- KFF Telemedicine and Pregnancy Care
- CDC How to Care for Someone at Home
- CDC COVID-19: What People Living with HIV Should Know
- CDC COVID-19: People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness
- CDC Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 among People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
- CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities
- CDC Resources for Correctional and Detention Facilities
- CDC Tips for Talking with Children about COVID-19

Long Term Care
- CMS Long Term Care Infection Control Worksheet
- CMS Guidance for PACE Organizations Regarding Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19
- Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living
- Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance)
- Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Checklist: Older Persons
- CMS Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit

Health Insurance
- CMS Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit
- CMS Inventory of Medicaid and CHIP Flexibilities and Authorities in the Event of a Disaster
- CMS Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Fact Sheet
- CMS Individual and Small Group Market Insurance Coverage
- CMS Medicare Fact Sheet
- Statement by the AHIP Board of Directors: Taking Action to Address COVID-19
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Companies Steps to Expand Access to Coronavirus Care
- MACPAC Medicaid’s Role in Disasters and Public Health Emergencies
- CMS Frequently Asked Questions to Ensure Individuals, Issuers and States have Clear Information on Coverage Benefits for COVID-19
- CMS COVID-19 FAQs for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies
- CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Providers Fact Sheet
- CMS COVID-19 Partner Toolkit
- CMS Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet
- CMS State Plan Fee-for-Service Payments for Services Delivered Via Telehealth
- OIG Guidance on Waiving Telehealth Cost-Sharing During COVID-19 Outbreak
- CMS FAQs on Catastrophic Plan Coverage and the COVID-19
- CMS 1115 Waiver Opportunity and Application Checklist
- CMS 1135 Waiver Checklist
- CMS 1915(c) Appendix K Template
- CMS Medicaid Disaster State Plan Amendment Template
- CMS FAQ on Increased FMAP in Families First Coronavirus Response Act
Human Services
- USDA – FNS Program Guidance on Human Pandemic Response
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Recommendations for State TANF Agencies
- FRAC Guide to the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)
- ACF Memorandum on the Child Care and Development Fund Program
- ACF Frequently Asked Questions Related to COVID-19
- ACF Grant Flexibilities in Conducting Human Service Activities Related to or Affected by COVID-19
- ACF OCC Flexibility in Spending CCDF Funds in Response to Federal or State Declared Emergency Situations
- HHS ACF Office of Family Assistance guidance on TANF flexibility under COVID-19 emergency
- HHS ACF COVID – 19 resources
- Medicaid Disaster Response Tool Kit
- HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL) Announces $250 million in Grants to States to Provide Meals for Older Adults
  - 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 (Prevent Child Abuse America)
  - A message from the Children’s Bureau on COVID-19

Housing
- HUD FHA Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium
- HUD Dear Lender Letter on evictions and foreclosures
- HUD Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease for People Experiencing Homelessness
- HUD Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Shelters
- HUD Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Encampments
- HUD COVID-19 FAQs for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Native American Programs
- CDC Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19

Economic Development and Employers
- OECD Policy Brief: Supporting People and Companies to Deal with the COVID-19 Virus
- CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
- US Chamber of Commerce Guidance for Employers
  - OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
- Small Business Administration Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources

Workforce and Labor
- USDA and DOL Announce Information Sharing to Assist H-2A Employers
- Department of Labor Unemployment Letter on Unemployment Compensation for Individuals Affected by the Coronavirus
- U.S. Department of Labor Resources to Help Workers and Employers
- National Conference of State Legislatures overview of state licensing responses to COVID-19
- DHS Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
- US Department of Labor Self-Employment Assistance Program Information
- CFPB Protecting your finances during the Coronavirus Pandemic
**US DOL Guidance on Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave Under Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

**Schools/Childcare and Universities**
- Department of Education Covid-19 K-12 Conference-Call Readout
- NCSL Higher Education Responses to Coronavirus
- CDC Considerations for School Closure
- CDC Mitigation strategies for schools and childcare settings
- CDC Checklist for K-12 School Administrators.
- CDC Child Care and Preschool Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist
- CDC Resources for Institutes of Higher Education
- Department of Education Guidance: Providing Services to Children with Disabilities During Coronavirus Outbreak
- Child Trends State Laws that Address School Response to Pandemics
- Education Week Responding to Coronavirus: A Downloadable Guide for Schools
- CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Institutions of Higher Education
- CDC Guidance for Student Foreign Travel for Institutions of Higher Education
- CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools
- Department of Education Interim Guidelines for Schools and Institutes of Higher Education
- USDA Proactive Flexibility to Feed Children When Schools Close
- USDA Memo on Child Nutrition Program Meal Service during Novel Coronavirus Outbreaks
- US Department of Education webinar and fact sheet on ensuring web accessibility and civil rights protections for students with disabilities.
- U.S. Department of Education Fact Sheet: Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Schools While Protecting the Civil Rights of Students
- Census Bureau Statement on Modifying 2020 Census Operations to Make Sure College Students are Counted
- 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
- CDC Children and COVID-19: Tips to Keep Children Health While School’s Out

**Public Safety**
- CDC What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know

**Elections**
- NASS Issue Briefing: Election Emergencies & COVID-19