COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)
The health and safety of our employees, members, and those who attend an AAMVA event is our top priority. At this time, AAMVA does not plan to cancel any scheduled conferences or events. We are closely monitoring the situation for potential impacts to our events and if anything changes we will communicate on our website and by email. For questions, please contact Dianne Graham at dgraham@aamva.org or 571.265.5573 or DeAnna Marcotte, dmarcotte@aamva.org or 703.908.2985.

LAST CHANCE: We Need Your Help to Redesign Our Website!
AAMVA is redesigning its website. As part of that initiative, we are gathering feedback from users so we can create an easy-to-navigate, mobile-friendly, and highly-searchable website. Whether you are a frequent visitor or have browsed the website only once, we want to hear from you. If you have not already done so, please take our short survey. It only takes 10 minutes to complete, and your input will be invaluable to this important project. The survey will be closing on March 11, 2020.

Boston Logan and Sacramento Roll out New Credential Authentication Technology (Massachusetts, California)
New technology that confirms the validity of a traveler’s identification and confirms their flight information in near real time is now being used by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers at several security checkpoint lanes at Boston Logan and Sacramento international airports. Boston was one of the first airports in the nation to test Credential Authorization Technology (CAT) scanners last fall before they were rolled out to other airports. TSA has 25 CAT units in use at the airport. Read more at hstoday.us.

Seatbelt Mandate Bill Narrowly Clears Committee (New Hampshire)
A bill that narrowly cleared a key House committee Wednesday would require adult drivers and passengers to wear seatbelts, a change that proponents said would significantly reduce fatalities in the last state without such a law. The 10-9 vote of the House Transportation Committee sends the bill (HB 1622) to the full House of Representatives for review next month. New Hampshire is the only state that does not mandate that adults riding in the front seat wear seatbelts. Read more at unionleader.com.
ICE Chief Rips New York for Sharing Driver Data With Canada, but Not US Immigration Agents

The acting head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is accusing the state of New York of putting lives at risk by shutting federal immigration authorities out of state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) databases -- and highlighting that the state is still granting access to that same data to Canadian law enforcement.

“Information is the lifeblood of law enforcement. If we learned anything from 9/11 it’s that information needs to be shared quickly and fully, and what this has done is to roll back the clock,” Acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Matt Albence told Fox News in an interview Friday. “This is a pre-9/11 mentality in a post-9/11 world and it’s dangerous.” Read more at msn.com.

Faulty Ontario Licence Plates to Be Replaced ‘at No Cost’ to Taxpayers

The Ontario government says the province’s new, defective licence plates will be replaced “at no cost” to taxpayers. The government said they are working alongside manufacturer 3M to resolve the low-light visibility issues that were raised earlier this month and have “reached a resolution to this matter” to ensure taxpayers don’t foot the bill for the mistake. “We take these concerns seriously and together have put a plan in place to deliver an enhanced new plate,” Lisa Thompson, minister of government and consumer services, said in a statement Friday morning. Read more at globalnews.ca.

Rhode Island Cracks Down on Vehicle Inspection Requirements

Rhode Island is cracking down on vehicle inspection requirements. The regulations aren't new but for 2020 there are more strict guidelines vehicle inspectors have been instructed to look for when it comes to passing or failing a vehicle. "This year they are focusing more on license plate fading, and the window tint, and any lights that are on in the dashboard of a vehicle," said Dan Fine, the manager and co-owner of "Park Avenue Auto Service" in Cranston. Read more at turnto10.com.

Specialty Plate Revamp Approved by Florida House

Over objections of House Democrats, lawmakers are trying to increase the number of specialty license plates while putting new guardrails around the process. The House voted 78-40 on Wednesday for a proposal (HB 1135) that would expand the potential number of specialty license plates from 121 to 150, while revising the process to discontinue low sellers. The bill would allow new plates to get on the road if supporters can meet higher sales thresholds. It would allow plates for the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia and Auburn University, giving fans a chance to showcase their support for the out-of-state schools. Read more at news-journalonline.com.

Kentucky Adds New Location for REAL ID License

Kentucky has added another location where you can get your Real ID license. State officials say the new office in Madisonville will handle widespread licensing requests...The state previously opened Real ID licensing offices in Bowling Green and Paducah. Read more at 14news.com.

Bill That Would Allow Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants in Oklahoma Fails

A bill that would give undocumented immigrants driver’s licenses in Oklahoma failed Thursday to pass a House committee. House Bill 2989, authored by Rep. Forrest Bennett, would require the Department of Public Safety to issue a REAL ID...
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Noncompliant Driver’s License or REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card to an undocumented immigrant who satisfies all other application requirements...The Oklahoma House Public Safety Committee failed the pass the bill in an 11-1 vote Thursday. [Read more at koco.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**Drivers License Facilities Down Throughout the Country, Including Tennessee**

Tennessee driver’s license facilities and county clerk offices are unable to issue licenses this afternoon due to nationwide technology problems. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators confirmed its network, used by motor vehicle agencies across the U.S., experienced an outage beginning at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time and continuing intermittently. “AAMVA is actively working to restore stable connectivity and will conduct a full analysis to determine the root cause of the outage,” according to the statement. [Read more at knoxnews.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**How Human Traffickers Are Recruiting Victims in a Digital Age (Texas)**

The way most traffickers first reach their victims is not like Hollywood movies lead you to believe – a dramatic abduction of a child walking home from school. Experts describe the way traffickers typically target kids or teens as pretty subtle. It can happen in schools, at the mall, or anywhere. However, nowadays, it most commonly begins with just one click, like, or friend request. [Read more at truckersagainsttrafficking.org](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**Federal Officials to Allow Partial REAL ID Application Online, but Illinois Leaders Say It’s Too Late**

The Department of Homeland Security announced it will allow a portion of the REAL ID application process to be completed online, but Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White’s office said it was too little, too late...Secretary of State's Office spokesman Dave Drucker said the agency's staff said such an online portal wouldn’t be ready for months. “It would be a good six months before a computer system could be set up to accept those documents,” he said. [Read more at thecentersquare.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**Wichita to Get a Second Driver's License Office (Kansas)**

A new driver’s license office is on its way to Wichita. The office, currently under construction, is located inside the Kellogg Crossing, 610 S. Tyler. It is expected to open by summer 2020. The new roughly 10,000 square foot office will include 14 work stations to help with processing driver’s licenses, and the driver’s solutions unit to help with other license issues. When it opens, the location, just like others in the region, will use the scheduling module...“This additional office will allow us to better serve the area by giving more options to our customers on where they go to get a driver’s license,” David Harper, director of vehicles said. [Read more at ksn.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**You Can Now Apply for Your REAL ID at MSP (Minnesota)**

Want to skip a trip to the DVS? You can now apply for your REAL ID at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicles Services division has opened up a REAL ID office at MSP, so travelers can get their questions answered and apply while they’re at the airport. The office opened March 2 in the Terminal 1 mall area, next to the Prince store near the entrance to Concourse G. It will be by appointment only. [Read more at kare11.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18271375[3/10/2020 11:20:17 AM]).

**Educators, School Bus Drivers Pushing Ohio Legislators to Overturn New Law Eliminating Front License Plates**
Front license plates will no longer be required in Ohio, under a new law that takes effect on July 1. However, school organizations are among those now asking lawmakers to overturn the law because they believe it will impact the safety of students. One of the biggest issues facing school districts across the state is the disturbing trend of drivers ignoring the law and driving around school buses that are picking up or dropping off students. Some districts, like North Ridgeville, decided to mount cameras on buses to catch the violators. In many cases, they are identified by their front license plates. Read more at fox8.com.

**REGION 4 NEWS**

**Calgary Police Call on Vehicle Owners to Voluntarily Remove Illegal Licence Plate Covers (Alberta)**

The Calgary Police Service is asking vehicle owners to discard their licence plate covers as the crackdown on fake plates ramps up. In a Monday morning post to the CPS Facebook page, officials said there has been a recent increase in the use of licence plate covers to help obscure fake plates. “Although these can be easy to spot with a trained eye, offenders frequently use a license plate cover to obscure these plates. The extra glare and coverage these covers create can often be enough to take a license plate of questionable authenticity, to a passable one.” Read more at calgary.ctvnews.ca.

**California DMV Is Open 24/7 With Improved Online Services**

At home. On the go. Day or night. Wherever you are. You can now take care of more DMV business on your own terms using the California Department of Motor Vehicles’ online services at dmv.ca.gov. “The DMV is transforming our business model from paper-based to digital,” DMV Director Steve Gordon said. “We are making interacting with the DMV easier for our customers and going green with a more mobile customer experience.” Read more at pasadenanow.com.

**Daines Seeks REAL ID Extension as Montana Continues Issuing Compliant Licenses**

U.S. Sen. Steve Daines is asking the federal government to delay enforcing Real ID requirements in Montana, as state authorities continue to issue compliant identification. Sarah Garcia, administrator of the Montana Department of Justice’s Motor Vehicle Division, said the state had issued more than 50,000 compliant driver’s licenses and state ID cards by Jan. 31 – about 6% of the roughly 800,000 licenses and IDs in use statewide. “We’re seeing a steady flow of people coming into our stations who are wanting this type of identification,” she said. Read more at ktvh.com.

**Oregon DMV Prepares for Rough Roll out of REAL ID**

On July 6, 2020, REAL ID cards will become available to Oregon residents. Come October, they will become required if you’re passing through airport security without a US Passport. Between now and then, the DMV has a lot of work to do to get ready, and they’re the first to admit that the cards are stacked against them. "The state had just come around fairly recently to accepting the federal standards and that we need to start getting ready. That's why they're in this boat right now," said DMV Administrator Tom McClellan. Right now, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles is upgrading its system to process the new federal standards for REAL ID. Read more at katu.com.

**Wyoming Lawmakers Advance Digital Driver's License Bill**

A bill that would enable Wyoming residents to display their IDs on their phones or tablets as a supplemental option to physical IDs passed the state Senate on
Monday. The legislation, which will be reconciled with a House version approved last month before moving to Gov. Mark Gordon’s desk, would authorize the state to begin selling digital driver’s licenses and IDs to residents who already have the physical documents. Those digital copies may be accepted in replacement of a physical ID, according to the bill. [Read more at statescoop.com.]

OTHER NEWS

Unlikely Everyone Will Have a REAL ID by October Deadline, Acting Homeland Security Secretary Says
Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf on Wednesday raised concerns that not all states will meet the October 1 deadline to issue REAL ID driver’s licenses to residents, telling lawmakers that he may request a legislative fix to assist the process. All 50 states are compliant with the REAL ID Act security requirements, but some states are not yet issuing the updated identifications, Wolf said at a House Appropriations Committee hearing. "The prospect of them being able to issue all of their constituents in that particular state a REAL ID by October 2020 is probably fairly small," he said, adding that "unfortunately" only about 35% of IDs that are in circulation are Real IDs. [Read more at cnn.com.]

US Regulators to Rate New Auto Tech, but Europe Leads in Safety Testing
Autopilot, Super Cruise and Drive Pilot are different names given to technology that automates steering and braking in a growing number of vehicles, but none of it can safely “pilot” cars without regular human intervention. These systems and the potential for consumers to misunderstand and misuse them are putting pressure on regulators everywhere to overhaul safety testing and consumer rating systems that have not kept up with the pace of deployment of new semi-automated driving technology. [Read more at claimsjournal.com.]

If You Drive an Expensive Car You’re Probably a Jerk, Scientists Say
The science is looking pretty unanimous on this one: Drivers of expensive cars are the worst. A new study has found that drivers of flashy vehicles are less likely to stop and allow pedestrians to cross the road -- with the likelihood they’ll slow down decreasing by 3% for every extra $1,000 that their vehicle is worth. Researchers from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas speculated that the expensive car owners "felt a sense of superiority over other road users” and were less able to empathize with lowly sidewalk-dwellers. [Read more at cnn.com.]

Report: Smartphones, Warm Weather and SUVs Are All to Blame for the Highest Number of Pedestrian Deaths in More Than 30 Years
Pedestrian deaths in the United States last year hit a 30-year high, according to data released Thursday. And the reason? SUVs, drug and alcohol use, warm weather and cellphones. That's according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, a non-profit that works to improve roadway safety. The association released its annual report this month, detailing state and national trends in pedestrian deaths in 2019. About 6,590 pedestrians were killed in 2019, the highest number since 1988. But along with the large number, pedestrian deaths as a percentage of total traffic deaths was 17% in 2019. The last time the percentage was that high was more than 35 years ago, in 1982. [Read more at wdrb.com.]

TWITTER NEWS

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight
some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter to view the message posts, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

**Stay on top of the chatter** in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection.

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

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**ABC 13 News - WSET @ABC13News | View the Tweet**

A driver in Louisiana was pulled over last week for an expired license plate from...1997

He said "Sorry, officer. I’ve been busy lately and totally forgot to renew my vehicle registration." https://bit.ly/32VLVJT

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**CA DMV @CA_DMV | View the Tweet**

A message from our Director Steve Gordon on #REALID in @nytopinion "We are making changes to improve the customer experience and be the world-class retail face of #California...& [are] making room for Real ID customers...now, we need them to come in.”

https://tinyurl.com/CADMVREALID
Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet

An early infographic for PiDay - wear your seatbelt every time! #BuckleUp

Should you wear your seatbelt?

- Yes
- Yes but in blue

Please drive safely!
McPherson PD

Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | View the Tweet

We could not let this month end without acknowledging our very own Commissioner, Spencer R. Moore. Commissioner Moore is the first African American to serve in this role at the Georgia Department of Driver Services. #HistoryMaker #ExceedExpectations #EveryCustomer #EveryTime
MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

Maryland's newest Veterans Service Center in Salisbury is open for business! Read more in our newsroom: http://bit.ly/2Im4vS9 #MDOTSscenes

Nevada DMV @NevadaDMV | View the Tweet

Thanks @RenoAirport! #RealIDready
New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet

Thanks for everyone's interest in #REALID this week at North Bergen's Immigration Services Day. Missed out? Everything you need to know about this new federal standard in IDs is in one convenient place: http://REALID.NJ.gov. Great event @SenatorMenendez @NicholasJSacco

SCDMV @SC_DMV | View the Tweet

The #SCDMV had a great turnout this year at the SC Careers Expo! Follow this link if you're interested in career opportunities at the SCDMV: https://bit.ly/3cAlvCb
TN Highway Patrol @TNHighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

If you have lost your license or ID during yesterday’s storms, stop by these mobile locations and let @TNDeptofSafety help you out.

TN Dept. of Safety @TNDeptofSafety · Mar 4
It’s been a difficult and tragic time for many Tennesseans. If you have lost your ID during yesterday’s storms, we have deployed our mobile units to issue you duplicate IDs free of charge. Stay #TennesseeStrong 💙

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Driver Services Mobile units have been dispatched to support Tennessee storm victims.

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