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MAY



**REGION I
CONFERENCE**
PROVIDENCE, RI
MAY 12-14

19-21 | [2020 May CDL Coordinator/IT Meeting](#)
Orlando, FL

JUNE

9-10 | [2020 Region 3 Chief Administrators Meeting](#)
Chicago, IL

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, is a rapidly-evolving [global pandemic](#). Though it has been declared a [national emergency](#), local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on [local conditions](#). [Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Event Announcements

The health and safety of our employees, members, and those who attend an AAMVA event remains our top priority. As we continue to monitor the rapidly changing situation we will be updating this announcement with any changes to conferences, events, and meetings. At present, the following are canceled:

- Workshop & Law Institute (March 18-19, 2020)
- License Plate Standard Working Group Meeting (April 1-2, 2020)
- NDR Working Group Meeting (April 15-16, 2020)
- CDL Driver History Working Group Meeting (April 8-9, 2020)
- AAMVA Board of Directors Meeting (April 28-29, 2020)
- Industry Advisory Board Meeting (April 28, 2020)
- State-to-State Governance Committee Meeting (April 30, 2020)
- AAMVA Leadership Academy (May 4-7, 2020)

This list will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#). For questions, please contact [Dianne Graham](#) or (571) 265-5573 or [Samara Fetner](#) or (703) 254-7020.

FEATURED NEWS

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) [declared](#) COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, to be a [global pandemic](#). By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a [national emergency](#) by President Donald Trump. This is a rapidly-evolving pandemic, and though early data suggested people above the age of 60 and/or with underlying medical conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease) were considered to be most at risk, [recent data](#) has shown 40% of hospitalized patients were between the ages of 20 and 54. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has encouraged many [preventative measures](#), including social distancing and cancelling events, but local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on [local conditions](#). Lawmakers have [asked](#) DHS to delay



SYSTEMS TRAINING

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MARCH - CDLIS

- 24 | [ACD Basic \(basic\)](#)
- 25 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)
- 26 | [ACD Using Specific Codes \(advanced\)](#)
- 31 | [CDLIS 10 Year History \(intermediate\)](#)

APRIL - CDLIS

- 1 | [CDLIS Improving Data Quality \(basic\)](#)
- 2 | [CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution \(intermediate\)](#)
- 7 | [CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers \(advanced\)](#)
- 8 | [CD14 Mark Driver Unique \(intermediate\)](#)
- 9 | [CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record \(intermediate\)](#)
- 14 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)
- 15 | [CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)
- 16 | [CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)
- 21 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)
- 22 | [CD02 Verification Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)
- 23 | [CD05 AKA Data Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)
- 28 | [CD07 Add New Driver](#)

the federal REAL ID deadline, and FMCSA has [expanded](#) on the national emergency declaration in the United States to provide HOS relief for commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency aid. In response to the emerging situation, AAMVA has cancelled its 2020 Workshop & Law Institute, restricted staff business travel, and mandated a work from home period for all employees. Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

National News Coverage:

- [FMCSA Issues Expanded HOS Emergency Declaration](#)
- [TSA to Accept Some Expired Licenses as ID at Airport Security Checkpoints](#)
- [Governors Ask for REAL ID Extension Due to Coronavirus](#)
- [US to Close Canadian Border; Trade Not Affected](#)
- [US-Mexico Border to Close; Trade Will Keep Moving](#)
- [Uber and Lyft Suspend Carpooling in Response to Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Coronavirus Fears Halt Autonomous Vehicle Testing for Uber, Cruise, Aurora, Argo AI, Waymo, and Others](#)

Jurisdictional News Coverage:

- [ALEA Modifies Driver License Division's Statewide Operations in Response to COVID-19 \(Alabama\)](#)
- [Government Delaying License and Vehicle Registrations for Those Quarantined Because of COVID-19 \(Alberta\)](#)
- [Avoid the MVD: Explore More Than 30 Online Services at servicearizona.com \(Arizona\)](#)
- [ICBC Suspends Road Tests in Bid to Curb Spread of Novel Coronavirus \(British Columbia\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: California DMV Now Requires Visits by Appointment, Cuts Extended Hours](#)
- [DMV Seeks 60-Day Hiatus in Enforcement Against Expired Driver Licenses, Vehicle Registration \(California\)](#)
- [Colorado Responds to COVID-19 Situation With Dept. Changes, Unemployment Insurance Invitation](#)
- [CT DMV Closing Branch Offices to Public Due to Coronavirus Concerns \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [DelDOT, DMV Taking Measures to Keep People Healthy During COVID-19 Outbreak \(Delaware\)](#)
- [No Cash at Toll Booths: Delaware Drivers to Be Sent Into Ezpass Lanes; Bill Will Come in Mail](#)
- [Driver's License Renewals Extended Amid Coronavirus Pandemic \(Florida\)](#)
- [Georgia Suspends Driver's License Road Testing Due to Coronavirus Concerns](#)
- [City Grants 90-Day Extension on Driver's License, State ID Expiration Dates \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [Idaho DMV Offers 90-Day Extension on Expiring Credentials](#)
- [Secretary of State Closing All Driver Services Facilities; 30-Day Extension Given for Licenses and Vehicle Registrations Set to Expire \(Illinois\)](#)
- [Indiana BMV Announces Changes as Part of COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Iowa DOT Pushes Back Expiration Dates for Driver's License, Plate Renewals](#)
- [Changes Announced for Kansas Driver's License Offices](#)
- [Kentucky REAL ID Offices Closing up Temporarily](#)
- [Louisiana Waives Fee for Digital Driver's License App to Slow Virus](#)
- [Louisiana's Motor Vehicles Offices Closed to Public, Website Still Open](#)
- [All Bureau of Motor Vehicles Branch Offices Closed to Public \(Maine\)](#)
- [Manitoba Public Insurance Cancels All Vision and Knowledge Tests](#)

[\(intermediate\)](#)

29 | [CD09 Change Data](#)

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30 | [CD15 Update AKA Data](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

24 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

25 | [The Detection of Fraudulent Identification](#)

25 | [NMVTIS Suspend Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

26 | [NMVTIS Suspend Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

31 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

APRIL

1 | [U.S. Passport Verification Service Overview](#)

3 | [Understanding the Purpose of the New SPEXS WebUI Reporting Portal](#)

14 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

21 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

28 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

- [MDOT MVA Announces Statewide Operational Changes in Response to COVID-19 \(Maryland\)](#)
- [Registry of Motor Vehicles Reopens Offices \(Massachusetts\)](#)
- [Michigan Secretary of State Branches Only Conducting 'Critical' Transactions Until April 6](#)
- [MDOT Waiving Weight Restrictions on Vehicles Supporting COVID-19 Relief Efforts \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Minnesota License Office Closures Make It Harder to Get REAL ID](#)
- [Driver's License Road Tests Canceled \(Minnesota\)](#)
- [Mississippi Driver License Stations Closed to the Public](#)
- [Patrol Suspends Missouri Driver's License Road Tests](#)
- [Montana Suspending Driver Tests, Extending License Renewals in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [DMV Making Changes During Coronavirus Distancing \(Nebraska\)](#)
- [DMV of Nevada Offices Closed Due to COVID-19](#)
- [State of Emergency Declared In NB \(New Brunswick\)](#)
- [New Hampshire DMV Adjusting in Response to Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles to Close for Two Weeks](#)
- [DMV in NY Moving to Reservation System as REAL ID Deadline Clock Is Ticking \(New York\)](#)
- [NCDMV Announces Driver License Office Changes During COVID-19 Outbreak \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [Expired License? Parking Ticket? NS Governments Champion Online Services in Response to COVID-19 \(Nova Scotia\)](#)
- [Ohio Governor Mike Dewine Closes Most BMV Locations, Salons](#)
- [Oklahoma DPS Extends Expiration Date For Driver Licenses, IDs, Permits](#)
- [Ontario Suspending Driver's Licence Renewals, Eviction Orders In Response to Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus Prompts Oregon DMV to Cancel Drive Tests Through April 17, Limit Lobby Capacity](#)
- [PennDOT Closes All Drivers License Centers, Extends Expiration Dates \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [Rhode Island DMV Cancels Road Tests for the Next Week](#)
- [COVID-19: Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, Take Precautions to Keep Responders Safe \(Saskatchewan\)](#)
- [All SCDMV Branches Remain Open Following Governor McMaster's Executive Order \(South Carolina\)](#)
- [South Dakota Department of Revenue Services Available via Website](#)
- [Changes Coming to DMV, License Renewals to Help Stop Spread of COVID-19 \(Tennessee\)](#)
- [Texas DPS, Gov. Abbott Temporarily Waive Expiration Dates for Driver's Licenses](#)
- [Texas Waiving Some Rules for Vehicle Registration, Titles and Disabled Parking Placards](#)
- [Coronavirus Closes Virginia DMV Centers, Extensions Offered](#)
- [Bureau of Motor Vehicles COVID-19 Safety Protocols \(Virgin Islands\)](#)
- [State Drivers Licensing Service Offices Closed Due to Coronavirus \(Washington\)](#)
- [Update: W.Va. DMV to Close Regional Offices \(West Virginia\)](#)
- [DMV Limiting In-Person Services Beginning March 23 \(Wisconsin\)](#)
- [Wyoming Highway Patrol Suspends VIN Inspections](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

Online Document Checker Added for Granite Staters

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Seeking to Get REAL ID (New Hampshire)

Officials with the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles have released a new online tool aimed at helping Granite Staters identify required documents for the transition to REAL ID. "The Document Checker will help customers in being fully prepared with the necessary paperwork which may save time during transactions and decrease the need for multiple visits," officials said in a press release. [Read more at wmur.com.](#)

Outta My Way, A-HOLE: What's Not OK on NY Personalized Plate (New York)

S-KER. Well, That's what you are if you think the DMV is going to let you put that word on a personalized plate. There's just no way, A-HOLE. Oh, that's another one that will never see the light of day... couple of other requests denied of late: MURDERQ and RAAPEVA, according to Tim O'Brien, a spokesman for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Then there is a laundry list of words so dirty that they're permanently banned. [Read more at nypost.com.](#)

Police in York County Part of Statewide Aggressive-Driving Crackdown (Pennsylvania)

Fifteen police departments in York County, as well as state police, are participating in a statewide aggressive-driving crackdown that started Monday and runs through April 26, according to the Center for Traffic Safety. More than 200 police departments around Pennsylvania are taking part, said Barbara Zortman, director of the traffic safety center. The goal is to reduce the number of aggressive driving-related crashes, injuries and deaths across the state, she said, and warned that any aggressive driver stopped by police will be cited. [Read more at yorkdispatch.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Ahead of October Deadline, REAL ID Bill Nears Final Passage in Legislature (Kentucky)

Kentuckians will be able to use more documents to obtain REAL ID licenses under a bill nearing final passage in the state legislature. The measure would add property tax bills, current driver's licenses and postmarked mail less than a year old to the list of documents Kentuckians can use to prove their identities to get the enhanced-security ID cards. [Read more at wfpl.org.](#)

Golf Cart, Off-Highway Plates Available at Motor-Vehicle Office (Texas)

Since the Texas Legislature approved House Bill 1548 this summer allowing golf carts and off-highway vehicles on certain public roads, motor-vehicle offices have been anxiously awaiting license plates for these vehicles. Wichita County Tax Collector/Assessor Tommy Smyth said they originally thought the office would be getting the plates in December 2019, but the roll-out date was pushed back. [Read more at timesrecordnews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Minnesota Trialling Bluetooth 'Tags' to Warn Drivers About Highway Workzones

In a project sponsored by the Roadway Safety Institute, University of Minnesota (UMN) researchers have developed a system that uses Bluetooth 'tags' to trigger in-vehicle audio warnings when approaching a highway workzone. According to USDOT data, more than 20,000 highway personnel are injured or killed in workzones each year. For several years, UMN researchers have been teaming up

on an interdisciplinary effort to develop a Bluetooth-based system that can be placed in workzones to deliver advance warning messages to drivers. [Read more at trafficechnologytoday.com.](#)

Bills That Would Repeal Motorcycle Helmet Requirement Receive Hearing in Missouri

The debate over whether Missouri motorcyclists should be required to wear helmets went before the House Transportation Committee Thursday. Supporters argue they should have the freedom to choose while opponents believe the legislation will result in more deaths and serious injuries. State Rep. Jered Taylor and State Rep. Shane Roden have introduced bills that would lift the requirement for anyone 18 years of age or older. Their proposed legislation would also require any motorcyclist wanting to bike helmet-free to have medical insurance. [Read more at wkrg.com.](#)

'First Impact' Promotes Safe Driving (Missouri)

A First Impact program seminar held for parents and students this month at Farmington High School brought into focus the life and death safety decisions made every day by Missouri drivers. First Impact is an evidence-based, traffic safety parent program designed to educate parents and beginning drivers about the Graduated Driver's License (GDL) program implemented by the state of Missouri. [Read more at dailyjournalonline.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

CHS Hosts "Every 15 Minutes" to Prevent Drinking & Driving (Video) (California)

Coronado High School Juniors and Seniors participated in a 24 hour experience to learn more about the negative impacts of drinking and driving using "real-life experiences without the real-life risks." Through a grant, CHS partnered with the program Every 15 Minutes in order to "act out" experiences beginning with a party and ending with death and a student driver going to jail for over 14 years. The name of the program comes from a statistic that every 15 minutes someone in the United States is killed from an alcohol or drug-related traffic collision. [Read more at coronadotimes.com.](#)

While Region Sees Rise in Traffic Deaths, Metro to Ask Voters for Billions (Oregon)

Just over one year ago, Dionisio Olvera Rodriguez was hit and killed while crossing Tualatin Valley Highway to catch a bus. His death is one of a growing number of traffic fatalities regionally and highlights the need for significant change. Meanwhile, regional leaders will ask for billions in a funding measure this fall, with some dedicated to safety. [Read more at katu.com.](#)

THC-Positive Drivers Double in Washington

A concerning number of Washington state drivers involved in fatal crashes are testing positive for recent use of marijuana, according to new research from AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The share of drivers who, after a fatal crash, tested positive for active THC – the drug's main psychoactive ingredient – has doubled since the state legalized marijuana in December 2012. AAA believes the increase raises important traffic safety concerns for drivers across the country, because recreational marijuana use is now legal in 11 states and Washington, D.C. [Read more at overtoncountynews.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Starsky Robotics Ends Remote Truck Experiment, Shuts

Down Operations

Starsky Robotics co-founder Stefan Seltz-Axmacher announced Thursday that the company's quest to build autonomous trucks was ending. In a Medium blog post, Seltz-Axmacher said the company was ceasing operations, citing lack of investor interest and the trucking recession as factors. [Read more at freightwaves.com.](#)

US Revises Passenger Safety Rules for Autonomous Vehicles

The U.S. government is coming out with new regulations aimed at changing automotive passenger safety standards that could be barriers to autonomous vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it's seeking comment on proposed updated standards to account for vehicles that don't have manual controls such as steering wheels or brake pedals. Autonomous vehicles also may not have drivers sitting in the traditional driver's seat. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

Apple Carplay and Android Auto Could Be Worse for Reaction Times Than Cannabis or Alcohol, Says Study

A NEW STUDY has found that infotainment systems like Android Auto and Apple CarPlay have a bigger effect on reaction times than driving under the influence of alcohol or cannabis. The study, commissioned by IAM RoadSmart, the UK's largest independent road-safety charity, found that stopping distances, lane control and response to external stimuli were all negatively affected by the use of Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. [Read more at driving.co.uk.](#)

Many Car Crash Deaths Involve Alcohol Levels Below Legal Limit: Study

About 15% of alcohol-related road deaths in the United States involve drivers with blood alcohol concentrations below the legal limit, a new study finds. Researchers analyzed 16 years (2000 to 2015) of U.S. motor vehicle crash data. They found that 37% of the more than 600,000 motor vehicle deaths during that time involved at least one driver with alcohol in their blood. But of those cases, 15% involved drivers with below the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit of 0.08%, and 55% of the deaths in such cases involved people other than the drinking driver. [Read more at usnews.com.](#)

Toyota Partners With China's Momenta on High Definition Maps for Autonomous Cars

Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp has partnered with Chinese autonomous driving startup Momenta to develop a high definition (HD) mapping platform in China for autonomous driving vehicles, Momenta said in a statement. Maps are key to allowing autonomous vehicles to locate themselves. Toyota's research arm is developing its so-called Automated Mapping Platform (AMP) to generate data for accurate and updated maps, which it said will also be accessible to industry developers. [Read more at reuters.com.](#)

Volvo Recalls Cars, SUVs Because Safety Systems May Not Work

A software error may leave drivers without working automatic emergency braking and pedestrian detection. Owners of newer Volvos may need to visit their dealers for a safety-related software update. The automaker is recalling over 120,000 vehicles from the 2019 and 2020 model years because their automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems with pedestrian detection might not recognize obstacles. As a result, a crash could occur that otherwise might have been prevented. [Read more at consumerreports.org.](#)

More 'Joe,' More Crashes

With hours-of-service rules suspended for select drivers due to the coronavirus

pandemic, many will drink more coffee to stay alert. While high-caffeine consumption is OK in the short term, long-term usage is associated with more truck crashes, according to a recently published study. Nearly 6% more truck drivers who drink large amounts of coffee or energy drinks reported having had a crash in the previous three years than those drivers who consume smaller amounts, according to a UK researcher who studied 3,000 US drivers in eight states. [Read more at fleetowner.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.).

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Happy 85th Birthday ASP

85 years ago, on March 19th, 1935 Governor J.M Futrell signed the bill that created the Arkansas State Police. Happy 85th ...

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TSA will allow those with driver's licenses that expired beginning March 1, and who are not able to renew their license, to use it as acceptable ID at checkpoints for 1 year after expiration date, plus 60 days after the #COVID19 national emergency: <http://tsa.gov/coronavirus>



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Following the rules of the road is essential for road user #safety & allows others to anticipate behaviours & reduce risks. #Drivers also have a greater responsibility to drive defensively/cautiously due to the much greater vulnerability of #pedestrians. <https://tirf.ca/TIRFCAD18Q>

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**SHARING THE ROAD:
MARCH BREAK PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**


Traffic Injury Research Foundation & Toronto Police Service
March 2018



In Toronto:

- > There were 182 pedestrians killed in Toronto in road collisions between 2011 and 2015.
- > Three school children were killed and 70 were seriously injured in a collision with a motor vehicle between 2005 and 2016.
- > There were 2,172 pedestrians killed or seriously injured in a collision with a motor vehicle from 2005 to 2016.


Source: TIRF Fatality Database & City of Toronto, 2005-2016 <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-safety/vision-zero/emphasis-cross/>



In Ontario:

According to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, pedestrian fatalities represented approximately 1 in 5 fatal collisions between 2015 and 2016.

A 2010 review of pedestrian deaths in Ontario by the Office of the Chief Coroner (2012) revealed that just five pedestrian circumstances accounted for 70% of deaths:



1. pedestrian hit at a mid-block location while crossing;
2. pedestrian hit on the sidewalk and/or shoulder of the road;
3. vehicle going straight through intersection while pedestrian crossed without right-of-way;
4. vehicle turning left while pedestrian crossed with the right-of-way at the intersection; and,
5. vehicle turning right while the pedestrian crossed with the right-of-way at the intersection.

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How can the transportation industry deal with and manage the #COVID19 outbreak? Register for our free #TRBWebinar March 23 at 2 pm Eastern to learn how to contain and manage the outbreak.

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Registration is limited and is expected to fill up fast.



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@POTUS has released updated guidelines to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. We all have a role to play in stopping #COVID19

https://whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf



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