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Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[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](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below is a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Analysis for States: The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund \(CSG\)](#)

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- [DC DMV Has Increased the Availability of Appointments for Those Residents Who Require in-Person Services \(Washington, DC\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Online Services Expanding To Allow for State-Issued ID Card Renewals \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [DPS App Will Help Prepare for REAL ID \(Oklahoma\)](#)
- [Time To Renew Those Over Due Registrations \(Texas\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Thousands of Minnesotans Still Need To Renew After COVID-19 Driver's License Extensions End](#)
- [Ohio Driver Licenses and ID Cards Can Be Renewed Online Under New Law](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Six Months Until Deadline: How To Get Your Real ID Without a DMV Appointment \(California\)](#)

Visit cdc.gov for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press](#)



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AAMVA offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). [Click here](#) to see available courses.

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REGION 1 NEWS

DMV: CT Drivers With Expired Emissions Won't Be Ticketed Amid Testing Outage (Connecticut)

The state's emissions testing program is experiencing technical problems Wednesday, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. A spokesperson for the agency said Tuesday they have asked law enforcement agencies not to ticket drivers with expired emissions while testing is down. [Read more at ctpost.com](#).

Connecticut Releases Strategic Plan for Connected, Autonomous Vehicles

This week, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced its first-ever, statewide Strategic Plan for Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) to support emerging transportation technology and mobility trends. Specifically, the plan outlines strategies for advancing multimodal CAV-related services and infrastructure to address both current and evolving transportation needs. [Read more at roadsbridges.com](#).

RMV: No Vehicle Inspections Available on Last Day of Month Due To Vendor Issue (Massachusetts)

A nationwide system outage affecting a vendor used by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles means no vehicle inspections can be performed Wednesday, the last day of the month. [Read more at wcvb.com](#).

Massachusetts Driving School Owner Snared in Drug Investigation Owes \$1 Million To Students After Abruptly Closing, Lawsuit Says

The owner of a Massachusetts driving school that closed after the owner was arrested on methamphetamine trafficking charges owes students \$1 million, according to a lawsuit filed by Attorney General Maura Healey...The attorney general's office started a civil investigation into potential consumer protection violations after receiving several consumer complaints and being contacted by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. [Read more at masslive.com](#).

Monroe County Clerk's Office Warns of Scammers Trying To Sell Appointments (New York)

The Monroe County Clerk's Office is alerting citizens about a scam involving DMV appointments. County Clerk Jamie Romeo says the office learned last week about scammers trying to sell appointments to citizens. She says appointments at the Department of Motor Vehicles are never for sale. [Read more at 13wham.com](#).

The Deal for Recreational Marijuana Use Is Final, but What Does That Mean? (New York)

Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins,

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and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie have come to an agreement on the bill that will legalize cannabis...There will also be a study done to determine how to handle cannabis-impaired driving. Until that study is done, the use of cannabis by drivers will remain prohibited. [Read more at wnytv.com](#).

VT Highway Safety Partners To Hold Virtual Press Event - April 5th - Connect To Disconnect Campaign (Vermont)

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Vermont State Police, County Sheriffs and Local Police Departments will be joining forces across the State of Vermont to focus enforcement efforts on texting and distracted-driving laws, and to raise awareness about the dangers—and legal implications—of distracted driving. [Read more at einnews.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

GA Dept of Revenue: Emissions Test Waiver for Motor Vehicle Registrations (Georgia)

Due to a system outage with the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program, the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) is notifying motor vehicle owners that they are currently unable to obtain vehicle emissions tests. As such, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has issued an emissions test waiver for motorists who need to register or renew their vehicle registrations until further notice. [Read more at allongeorgia.com](#).

Non-Profit Facing Thousands of Dollars in Repairs After Catalytic Converters Stolen From Church Parking Lot, Thefts up Significantly in Greenville (South Carolina)

Nine children with autism were stuck without a ride to therapy today and a local non-profit is facing thousands in repair costs after the catalytic converters in their buses were stolen—We're digging into the rise in catalytic converter thefts tonight—and talking to a mechanic about how it can only take minutes. [Read more at foxcarolina.com](#).

3 Arrested in Archer City “Chop Shop” Bust (Texas)

A bust in Archer County has landed three people behind bars. Archer County Sheriff Jack Curd tells us that it was a “chop shop” operation...The Archer County Sheriff's Office is working with the WFPD Auto Theft Division and they believed this bust could help solve more stolen car cases. [Read more at newschannel6now.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Positive Roadside Drug Tests Wrong Nearly 24% of the Time in Michigan Pilot, Data Shows

Roadside drug tests piloted in Michigan last year can't immediately tell police if a driver is high, but they are expected to detect recent ingestion of certain drugs. In some cases, however, they may mislead police to believe drivers have consumed drugs when they haven't, at least not enough to be confirmed by blood test. [Read more at mlive.com](#).

How Minnesota Is Dealing With the Last, Latest, Final REAL ID Deadline

When last we left the drama that is REAL ID, Minnesota lawmakers and state licensing officials were stressing out over an approaching deadline...Is Minnesota any better positioned to meet the cutoff? It is. And the department in charge of bringing state residents into compliance is a bit less frantic about it. [Read more at southernminn.com](http://southernminn.com).

Ask a Trooper: Speed-Related Fatalities in Minnesota So Far Double Last Year at This Time

The Minnesota State Patrol is extremely concerned about the high rate of speeds troopers are seeing throughout our state. In fact, as of Feb. 25, troopers have cited 132 drivers for speeds of 100 mph or more this year. That compares with 68 during the same time period last year. [Read more at wctrib.com](http://wctrib.com).

Missouri Department of Revenue Issues 1 Millionth REAL ID as Federal Enforcement Deadline Approaches

The Missouri Department of Revenue announced today that it has issued 1 million REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and nondriver ID cards. This milestone comes as the Oct. 1, 2021, REAL ID enforcement deadline is just over six months away. [Read more at eidnews.com](http://eidnews.com).

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Updates Website

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles has updated their website to be more user friendly. The improvements were made possible by a collaboration between Innovate Ohio and the BMV. The new website has an updated search function to make it easier to find what you need, a faster sign-in for the system, plus a feature that will let you check your driving record. The new website will also work better on mobile devices, like tablets or cell phones. [Read more at hometownstations.com](http://hometownstations.com).

REGION 4 NEWS

After a String of Bungled Tech Upgrades, California Tries a New Approach

California may be home to some of the biggest tech companies in the world, but as the pandemic unemployment payment scandal has shown, proximity to greatness doesn't seem to have helped the state's IT messes, much...but the state is hoping a new way of procuring and updating technology will help prevent similar computer meltdowns in the future. [Read more at kqed.org](http://kqed.org).

DMV Seeks Help Assessing Customer Service (California)

In a Request for Quotation, the California Department of Motor Vehicles looks to contractors to help it do a better job of understanding customer feedback. One of the state's best-known agencies, now in the midst of an IT modernization, is seeking assistance from vendors to create a customer engagement solution. [Read more at techwire.net](http://techwire.net).

Nevada DMV Arrests 3 Las Vegas Men in Alleged Vehicle Title Scheme

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles compliance officers arrested three Las Vegas men in an alleged vehicle title scheme...Nevada DMV alleges that the trio was involved in a scam involving the illegal lien sales of five vehicles with a combined value of over \$328,000, including two high-end exotic vehicles. [Read more at fox5vegas.com.](#)

NM Dept. of Transportation Reminds Motorists, Pedestrians of School Zone Safety (New Mexico)

School days are just around the corner in Deming and Luna County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) wants to remind the traveling public and pedestrians to think about traffic laws when in or near a school zone. [Read more at demingheadlight.com.](#)

Utah's New Mobile ID Pilot Might Be the Future of Digital ID

Utah's new mobile driver's license pilot project just might be the future of digital IDs in the U.S. The state's newly announced program is the first in the U.S., officials say, to fully comply with a new standard for digital IDs currently going through the adoption process at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). [Read more at govtech.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

AAA: April Is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Distracted driving continues to be a danger to everyone on the nation's roads. In 2019, 3,142 people died in distracted driving crashes in America, according to the latest data from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). AAA East Central reminds everyone that no life is worth losing to distraction and encourages all drivers to remain focused on the road ahead to save lives. [Read more at wearecentralpa.com.](#)

Mother Creates Mobile App To Help Protect Black Drivers

In a display of motherly love and concern for her son's safety, one mom created a mobile app that would protect Black drivers in the event they are pulled over by police. Charmine Davis, a clinical psychotherapist in California, was concerned as her son neared driving age as Black drivers are more likely to be pulled over by police than white drivers. [Read more at abc7.com.](#)

New Short Film Dramatises Dangers of Driving While High

A Puff Before Dying, a new short film from The National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF), uses satire and puppetry to dramatize the dangers of driving while high on marijuana. The nine-minute film, which had its world premiere to critical acclaim at the South by Southwest Film Festival in March, is now available for free viewing or download at the NRSF website. [Read more at traffictechnologytoday.com.](#)

White House Plan Calls for Large Expansion of Federal Government's Role in Transportation

President Biden's infrastructure plan calls for the federal government to take on a vast new role in funding the nation's transportation networks, seeking to rebuild roadways and transit while battling climate change, racial injustice and traffic deaths. [Read more at washingtonpost.com.](#)

Heads Up, Travelers: REAL ID Kicks In 6 Months From Today (April 1)

The clock is ticking on a very important date on the U.S. travel calendar. Today marks the six-month deadline for compliance with Real ID...In six months, travelers who present a driver's license that is not Real ID compliant will not be permitted to fly. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

These 20 Cities Have the Most Aggressive Drivers (2021)

Drivers in these cities are the worst offenders when it comes to the most egregious (and illegal) forms of aggressive behavior on the roads. From speeding or tailgating to running red lights, aggressive driving contributes significantly to motor vehicle crashes and fatalities — which, unfortunately, have risen 8 percent over the past year. [Read more at knbr.com.](#)

New Early Warning System for Self-Driving Cars

A team of researchers at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) has developed a new early warning system for vehicles that uses artificial intelligence to learn from thousands of real traffic situations. A study of the system was carried out in cooperation with the BMW Group. [Read more at eurekalert.org.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

VA State Police @VSPPIO | [View the Tweet](#)

A special thank you to this adorable #Page County resident, Miss Harper Hilliards! She spotted #VSP Trooper Brandon Tester and - while also in uniform and on duty - she made a special donut run & delivery!!
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Manny Ramirez @MannyRamirez_TX | [View the Tweet](#)

Tune in now to watch your @TxDMV Board of Directors meeting. Important discussions on the steps your DMV has taken to continue to provide incredible service to all Texans. #txlege



Tennessee Highway Safety Office @TNHSO | [View the Tweet](#)

NOW: special guests from @gohsgeorgia and @NYSGTSC join the Tennessee Highway Safety Office to discuss National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Tune in on Facebook for #TalkingTrafficSafety: <http://facebook.com/tnhso>



SCDMV @SC_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Today, the #SCDMV is hosting @DonateLifeSC and @SharingHopeSC to kick off Donate Life month. Join us in our mission to saves lives in South Carolina.



IllinoisStatePolice @ILStatePolice | [View the Tweet](#)

In 2021, there have been 12 ISP squad cars struck in relation to Scott's Law and seven Troopers have sustained injuries from Scott's Law-related crashes. #MoveOver



[@RIRevenue @irevenue | View the Tweet](#)

It was a pleasure hosting @GovDanMcKee and @Patriots owner Robert Kraft and son Josh Friday as they distributed money raised from the sale of #Patriots-themed license plates to #Rhodelsland nonprofits.



[Donate Life New York State @DonateLifeNYS | View the Tweet](#)

Thank you to everyone from the @nysdmv who was able to join us for a pre-#DonateLifeMonth Kickoff this morning. We are especially grateful that Commissioner Schroeder and recipient mom Milinda Mejorada were there to inspire us all!



MD State Police @MDSP | [View the Tweet](#)

It's #DistractedDrivingAwarenessMonth, take the @NSCsafety #JustDrive pledge & commit to driving distraction-free and #BeTheFocusedDriver: <http://nsc.org/pledge>



Utah Driver License @utahdld | [View the Tweet](#)

Our Division Director Chris Caras meets with the local press today to discuss the new and exciting pilot program for the mobile driver license (mDL.)



Nevada DMV @NevadaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Thanks to @GovSisolak and the Nevada Legislature #nvleg for quick action on SB 29 to allow partners in the auto industry to issue salvage titles. SB 29 will help the DMV staff serve the public faster and cut costs for industry. Just one of many DMV improvements to come!



CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

Coloradans used DMV online services more than 500,000 times in March! That's about 1 in every 15 Centennial State residents and we just wanted to say thanks for choosing to #SkipTheTripCO. Learn more by visiting <https://dmv.colorado.gov>





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