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SYSTEMS TRAINING

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APRIL - CDLIS

14 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

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2020 Region 2 Conference is Canceled

The 2020 AAMVA Region 2 Conference, scheduled for June 16-18, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia, has been canceled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. **Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations.** You can call the Hilton Atlanta directly at (800-446-6677) to cancel hotel reservations. AAMVA will continue to monitor the situation and will make a case-by-case decision on future events. For questions, please contact [Patrice Aasmo](#) (571.435.2861), [Samara Fetner](#) (703.254.7020) or [Dianne Graham](#) (571.265.5573). Visit our [homepage](#) to view all event cancellations and announcements.

AAMVA Legislative Alert: FMCSA Grants Waiver to Allow Third-Party CDL Test Examiners to Administer CDL Knowledge Tests

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has [granted a waiver](#) from regulations regarding third-party Commercial Driver License (CDL) test examiners ([49 CFR 384.228\(b\)-\(c\)](#)). The waiver allows authorized third-party CDL test examiners to also administer the CDL knowledge test without completing a CDL knowledge test training course. [Read the full legislative alert here.](#)

FEATURED NEWS

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

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) [declared](#) COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, to be a [global pandemic](#). 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. By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a [national emergency](#) by President Donald Trump. FMCSA has [expanded](#) on the national emergency declaration in the United States to provide HOS relief for commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency aid. 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

[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 \(intermediate\)](#)

29 | [CD09 Change Data \(intermediate\)](#)

30 | [CD15 Update AKA Data \(intermediate\)](#)

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

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with making decisions based on [local conditions](#). Many states have issued [stay at home orders](#). Lawmakers [asked](#) DHS to delay the federal REAL ID deadline, which was [granted](#) by the federal government. 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.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Truckers Face Unique Challenges on the Road Amid COVID-19](#)
- [FMCSA Extends HOS Emergency Declaration Through May 15](#)
- [NGFA Urges Governors to Ensure Commercial Driver's License Approvals Continue](#)
- [Study Says Drivers More Open To EVs In Wake Of Viral Outbreak](#)
- [Auto Insurers Including Allstate, Geico to Give Back Millions as Coronavirus Keeps Drivers off Roads](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [State Sees Dramatic Drop in Traffic as Residents 'Stay Safe, Stay Home' \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [Coronavirus Latest: Rehoboth Beach Police Stopping Cars With Out-Of-State Tags \(Delaware\)](#)
- [Entering DMV Buildings May Require Health Screening, Temperature Check \(Delaware\)](#)
- [Maryland Insurance Administration Advisory on COVID-19 and Motor Vehicle Registrations](#)
- [DMV Creates Way to Conduct Business Online During Pandemic \(New York\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Alabama Department of Revenue Extends Registration Deadline](#)
- [Supervised Self-Driving Shuttles Are Moving COVID-19 Tests in Florida](#)
- [North Carolina Leaders Issue Message in Support of Extending Vehicle Inspection Deadlines](#)
- [Oklahoma DPS Suspending In-Person Services](#)
- [Gov. Abbott Temporarily Suspends Vehicle Registration and Title Rules \(Texas\)](#)
- [Texas Officials Begin COVID-19 Checkpoints](#)
- [How Virginia DMV Is Helping Truck Workers Navigate Through COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [MPI Claims Plunge as Pandemic Decreases Traffic \(Manitoba\)](#)
- [Fatal Crashes Surge Despite Sharp Drop in Traffic Across Minnesota](#)
- [Even With the COVID-19 Pandemic Going On, MoDOT Encourages Drivers to Still Drive Safely \(Missouri\)](#)
- [Department of Revenue Extends Tax, Driver License, Vehicle Registration Deadlines \(Missouri\)](#)
- [What to Know: Changes at BMV Due to Coronavirus \(Ohio\)](#)
- [WisDOT: All DMV Service Centers Closed to In-Person Transactions, Few Services Available by Appointment \(Wisconsin\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Coronavirus Brings a Silver Lining – Few Traffic Crashes on SoCal's Freeways \(California\)](#)
- [California DMV Answers Questions From News 8 Viewers](#)
- [MT Motor Vehicle Division Announces Changes Due to COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[Remediation \(FDR\) Training 101- Offering Educational Opportunities to Fight Fraud](#)

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OPEN RFPs

APRIL

13 | [AAMVA RFQ FY20-22734 Dell Memory Upgrade](#)

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18 | [IRP Data Repository Project](#)

(Montana)

- [Fatal Crashes on Nevada Roads Decreased Nearly 50% in March](#)
- [Gov. Herbert to Require Adults Entering State to Submit Travel Declaration Form \(Utah\)](#)
- [Driver License Expiration Dates Extended 90 Days \(Washington\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

OPP Offer Tips to Protect Motorcyclists (Ontario)

With the warmer temperatures, motorcyclists are starting to venture back out on the roadways. The OPP wishes to remind all drivers to be extra vigilant when on the roads as motorcycles are less visible than other vehicles. Police say of the 27 motorcyclists who died on OPP patrolled roadways in 2019, 10 were reported as not being at fault. Officials add of the 178 who have died in the past five years (2015-2019), many were reported as not at fault. [Read more at mynorthbaynow.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Louisiana Driver's License Renewal Now Available Through LA Wallet App

Louisiana drivers needing to renew their licenses can do so using a free app. All Louisiana Motor Vehicle office are closed due to COVID-19. The developers of LA Wallet are allowing the download of the app free of charge to Louisiana residents. The app is available on Apple and Android devices by searching LA Wallet. Current users of LA Wallet will need to update their app to the newest version. "We are very excited for Louisiana residents to have another option to renew their driver licenses and identification cards," stated OMV Commissioner Karen St. Germain. [Read more at fox8live.com](#).

Northam Signs VA Non-Binary Driver's License Bill Into Law (Virginia)

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam has signed a law requiring the state's Department of Motor Vehicles to offer a non-binary option on driver's licenses. The governor signed Senate Bill 246 on March 31, which now offers driver's license applicants the option to mark "male," "female" or "non-binary" when designating their sex. The measure introduced by state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax County), passed in the Virginia House of Delegates on Feb. 25 and in the Virginia Senate on March 2. [Read more at washingtonblade.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Illinois Discloses Fresh Problems With Voter Registration

Illinois elections officials disclosed fresh problems Wednesday with the state's automatic voter registration program, including at least one eligible voter who said she registered to vote but ended up on an opt-out list. The program is already under fire for mistakenly registering over 500 people who indicated they weren't U.S. citizens, of which 15 people voted in 2018 and 2019 elections. Election officials said at least eight of the people have long voting histories and were likely U.S. citizens, leaving seven voters in question. The individuals involved were applying for standard drivers' licenses at secretary of state's offices. [Read more at apnews.com](#).

NTSB Issues Report on Rochester Crash That Killed 3

Students, Injured One, on SR25 (Indiana)

The National Transportation Safety Board released its findings in the investigation of the fatal crash on SR 25 that killed three students and injured one as they attempted to board their school bus in October 2018. A hearing had been scheduled for April 7, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NTSB is moving to an electronic process to vote on the investigative report that includes the probable cause, findings and safety recommendations. [Read more at abc57.com.](#)

Traffic Fatalities Down in Michigan Compared to 2019

As of this week, 11 people have died on Michigan roadways since last week making a total of 179 this year. In addition, 33 more were seriously injured for a statewide total of 882 to date. Compared to last year at this time there are 27 fewer fatalities and 186 fewer serious injuries, according to the Michigan State Police. [Read more at lenconnect.com.](#)

An App to Help Keep Older Drivers Safe on the Road (Minnesota)

University of Minnesota researchers have developed an app to warn senior drivers when they are engaging in risky maneuvers and help them pay better attention while behind the wheel. The RoadCoach app provides auditory and visual messages in real time when drivers speed, brake too hard, fail to yield or run stop signs, then encourages them to make corrections. "It's like a surrogate coach in the passenger seat," said Nichole Morris, who led the research and study funded through a grant from the Roadway Safety Institute. [Read more at techxplore.com.](#)

DMV Modernization Initiatives Deliver Big Benefits for Citizens (Nebraska)

Dealing with a single aging mainframe-based database is hard enough for any organization. Now, imagine managing 95 databases. That was the technology environment the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles had to deal with for nearly 30 years before officials decided to start modernizing its vehicle titling and registration system in 2013. "We used an old process for data storage, and it separated the data into one database for each of our 93 counties, which made it very distributed, very difficult to manage and not very user-friendly," says Betty Johnson, administrator for the Nebraska DMV's Driver and Vehicle Records Division. [Read more at statetechmagazine.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Traffic Safety Focus on Speeding During April for Alberta RCMP

Take a guess as to how many speeding tickets were issued in 2019 by Alberta RCMP? 100,000? 125,000? 150,00? The grand total of speeding tickets handed out by the RCMP last year was over 157,000. Is it any wonder that for the month of April the Mounties are making it their traffic safety focus. [Read more at discoverairdrie.com.](#)

ADOT Motor Vehicle Division Shutdown, April 17-21 (Arizona)

The mission of the ADOT Motor Vehicle Division is to get Arizona out of line and safely on the road and over the past several years we've made great strides doing that. But there's another step to take, and it will cause a brief, but profound disruption to our services...The computer system that MVD relies on for its basic operations goes back more than 35 years – an eternity for technology. For nearly five years, we have been working to develop and install a brand-new state-of-the-art system. [Read more at sedonia.biz.](#)

Nuro Gets Ok to Test Its Driverless Delivery Vehicles on California Public Roads

Autonomous delivery startup Nuro has been granted a permit to begin driverless testing on California's public roads, paving the way for the company to roll out commercial operations throughout the state. Nuro, which raised \$940 million from SoftBank Vision Fund last year, is allowed to put two of its low-speed electric R2 delivery vehicles on public roads in parts of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, the agency that regulates autonomous vehicle testing in the state. [Read more at techcrunch.com](#).

Ex-DMV Employee Charged With Issuing Fraudulent Licenses; Police Say She Got Weed in Exchange (California)

A former DMV employee is facing felony charges after an internal investigation determined she issued several drivers licenses to people who hadn't earned them. Gwenell Williams, 59, was charged with felony charges of public records violation and computer access fraud, as well as misdemeanor charges of wrongfully accessing government documents. She pleaded not guilty at her February arraignment, court records show. [Read more at mercurynews.com](#).

Colorado Expands Vehicle License Renewal Kiosks

Residents in El Paso County, Colorado are now able to renew their license plates at a self-service kiosk inside five King Soopers stores, according to a press release. The Clerk and Recorder's Office has expanded the kiosk service for vehicle registration renewals to a total of nine locations, which includes four Clerk's Motor Vehicle offices and the five King Soopers locations. Colorado MVExpress kiosks are available at the King Soopers stores through the continued partnership between parent company Kroger and kiosk vendor Intellectual Technology, Inc. [Read more at kioskmarketplace.com](#).

OTHER NEWS

Reimagining the DMV Experience

In 2005, the federal government passed a law requiring all U.S. citizens to have a valid passport or REAL ID to board flights within the United States beginning in October 2020. At the start of 2020, many states still had a long way to go in meeting that goal. In March, the California DMV issued a press release stating it had issued nearly 7.6 million REAL IDs. But that is still only a fraction of the 16 million the agency expected to issue by October. Late last year, both Virginia and Minnesota reported that as few as 10 percent of their residents had received REAL IDs. Of course some significant things have changed since then. [Read more at govtech.com](#).

Ride-Sharing Services Tied to Rise in Car Crashes

Uber and Lyft are a convenient way to get around town and get home after a night of bar-hopping, but crashes involving cars and pedestrians haven't decreased, a new study finds. These ride-hailing or ride-sharing services have made 11 billion trips in the United States since they began in 2010, and crashes involving drunk drivers have decreased -- but the total number of crashes hasn't, researchers report. [Read more at usnews.com](#).

Study: 32% of Drivers Admit Texting, Emailing While Driving

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic which has Americans at home more than usual, the National Road Safety Foundation is still trying to raise awareness about April's designation as Distracted Driving Month. The designation is used to call attention to

behavior that NRSF says claims nearly 3,000 lives every year. [Read more at allongeorgia.com.](#)

Men Are More Dangerous to Other Road Users Than Women, New Study Shows

Male drivers are more dangerous to other road users than their female counterparts, a new study published Monday shows. Men are also more likely to drive more dangerous types of vehicles, according to the study's authors, who suggest that increasing gender equity in sectors such as trucking might reduce the risks to road users. The research is the first of its kind to analyze the risk posed to others by an individual's use of a certain mode of transportation, the researchers wrote in a press release. [Read more at cnn.com.](#)

ATRI Research Redefines Role of Government in Autonomous Truck Testing

The American Transportation Research Institute has published a new report that looks at how government regulations are affecting the evolution of autonomous vehicle technology, as well as the role government plays in the testing and overseeing of these technologies in the real world. The study also proposes a framework by which autonomous truck standards could be developed. [Read more at truckinginfo.com.](#)

GAO's Recommendations on NTSB's 'Most Wanted List' Prompt Action

The head of the National Transportation Safety Board agreed more transparency would improve the public's understanding of a high-profile report after a federal watchdog recommended better access to its methodology. A deep dive by the Government Accountability Office determined that raising the level of transparency for NTSB's Most Wanted List would enhance the public's understanding of the agency's rationale. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

GET Group North America Contributes to Secure Technology Alliance (STA) White Paper: The Mobile Driver's License (mDL) and Ecosystem

GET Group North America, an innovative developer of mobile ID technology with over 20 years of experience in secure government credentials, helped the Secure Technology Alliance (STA) develop a comprehensive white paper on the new ISO/IEC 18013-5 compliant mobile driver's license (mDL). "The Mobile Driver's License (mDL) and Ecosystem" addresses the potential of mDL to fundamentally change the way identification credentials are issued and safely used in the U.S. [Read more at finance.yahoo.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.).

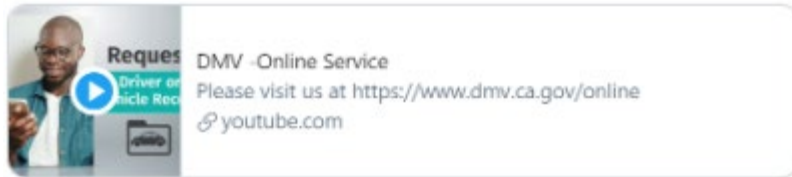
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Check out this video to learn more:



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Homemade DIY instructions don't explain how to make these for some reason... Mask up to keep yourself and others safe!

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Thinking back to when our DMV team discussed driver licenses with @DPSNewsNow 18-21 Transition Workshop! While we are serving Coloradans with our online services during our closure to the public, we look forward to helping people in person soon.



FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

This April is abnormal but still Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Texting while driving is illegal, but distracted driving can be viewing anything that keeps eyes off the road and your mind from actively pursuing safety. #PutItDown #FocusOnDriving <https://flhsmv.gov/safety-center/driving-safety/distracted-driving/>



Indiana BMV @INBMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Need a few ideas on how to cope with your “new normal”? Check out daily social distancing tips from @StateHealthIN and find new ways keep yourself busy and entertained during this time of social distancing at <http://facebook.com/StateHealthIN/>. #INBMV #INThisTogether



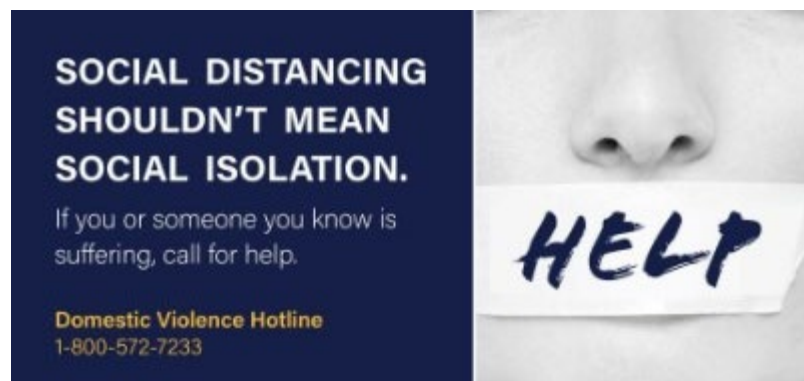
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Over the last two weeks, MDOT MVA employees have processed more than 85 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) transactions to keep essential employees on the roads. Learn more about the emergency services MDOT MVA is providing in response to #COVID19. #MDOTFrontlineforYou



New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)

Isolation can be a significant factor in domestic violence. Don't let social distancing mean social isolation. If you or someone you know is living in fear of intimate partner violence, call 1-800-572-7233 (Domestic Violence Hotline). @NJDCF #COVID19



NYS DMV @nysdmv | [View the Tweet](#)

@NYGovCuomo announced today a new partnership with Headspace. They created a special NY collection of meditation, sleep, and movement exercises to support NY'ers through these stressful and challenging times. <https://headspace.com/n>



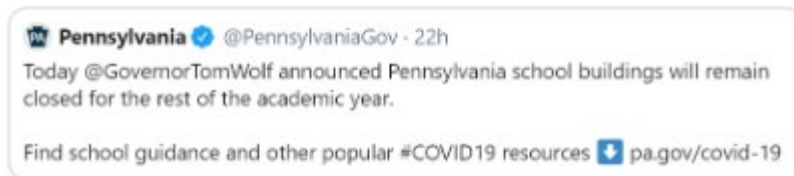
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Ontario is supporting the trucking industry by temporarily lifting long weekend travel restrictions for long combination vehicles. Thank you to our truck drivers for keeping goods moving!



PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews | [View the Tweet](#)

In response to COVID-19, PennDOT has issued a waiver for school bus drivers in relation to the annual physical examination requirement under 67 Pa. Code §71.3. Details are available at <https://penndot.gov/pages/coronavirus.aspx>



VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

#VirginiaDMV is offering the use of 246 truck parking spaces at 10 weigh stations across Virginia as rest parking for commercial drivers. The spaces are available 24/7, until at least April 23. Read more below...
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DMV Provides Critical Support for the Trucking Industry

Weigh stations temporarily converted to rest areas for commercial drivers



Troutville weigh station in Botetourt County, Virginia



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