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
COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, was first detected in December of 2019. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared it to be a global pandemic. By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a national emergency by President Donald Trump. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has since 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, 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. Many states have issued stay at home orders. The federal government has taken additional actions to provide up to $2.3 trillion (H.R.748) in loans to support the economy, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was directed to delay the federal REAL ID deadline.

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

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE
- FMCSA Distributes 1 Million Masks to Truckers
- How Will Identity Technology Emerge From the Pandemic?
- Truck Driver Training App Helps Prevent Food Supply Shortage
- Ford Postpones Autonomous Vehicle Service Until 2022
- CBP Extends Closure of Global Entry Enrollment Centers Until June

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE
- Number of Crashes Have Gone Down in Pandemic, DMV Police Say, but Deadly Crashes Have Not (Maryland)
- More Changes at DMV and County Clerk’s Office Due to COVID-19 (New York)
- PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates for Driver's Licenses, ID Cards, and Learner's Permits (Pennsylvania)
You Ask, We Investigate: What Is the DMV Doing to Keep You Safe Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic? (Arkansas)

Tax Collectors Still Handling Business During Coronavirus, Even by Drive-Thru (Florida)

Georgia Governor Suspends Road Test Requirement for Driver's Licenses Due to Coronavirus Pandemic

Department of Public Safety to Extend Expiring Driver's Licenses, Other Permits (Mississippi)

Some Oklahoma Driver's License Offices to Reopen Friday

SC DMV to Reopen All Locations, Offices to Use COVID-19 Social Distancing Guidelines (South Carolina)

West Virginia DMV Announces Titling and Registration Options for Customers

Vehicle Registrations Should Be Renewed Online (Illinois)

Coronavirus Updates: Minnesota Driver Exam Stations Resume Testing for Commercial Driver Licensing Only

Missouri Highway Patrol to Resume Most Driver Testing

Governor Noem Temporarily Extends Registration Renewals and Titling Newly Acquired Vehicles (South Dakota)

Driver's Education Stalled (Wisconsin)

Alberta Allowing Registries to Offer Remote Services

COVID-19: CA DMV Waives Late Fees, Delays Registration Requirements (California)

COVID-19 Updates For: Driver's Licenses, State IDs, Safety Checks and Vehicle Registration (Hawaii)

MVD Emails Temporary Drivers Licenses (New Mexico)

6 DMV Offices Open for Commercial Driver Appointments Only (Oregon)

Utah DMV Announces Select Lobbies Will Reopen by Appointment Only

Visit cdc.gov for more information on COVID-19, guidance, press releases, press kits, and more.

Road Warrior: The 2,000+ Phrases You Can’t Say on Pennsylvania License Plates

I stared in confusion at my computer screen. How could this seemingly random jumble of letters and numbers be offensive? I racked my brain trying to think how some dark recess of a human mind could use these characters to convey something unfit for a Pennsylvania license plate. Suddenly, it clicked together in my mind, coming into focus like an old Magic Eye puzzle from the 1990s. “Oh!” I said, pleased that I cracked the code. Read more at mcall.com.

KSP: Marshall Native Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (Kentucky)

Kentucky State Police announced its promotion of Marshall County native Kyle J. Nall on Monday. According to a news release, Nall was promoted from captain to lieutenant colonel and he will serve as executive director of the Office of
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Administrative Services. Effective April 16, Nall assumed responsibility for the Operational and Professional support troops. Read more at paducahsun.com.

REGION 3 NEWS

Public Involvement for Iowa’s Transportation Future

A major component of any successful highway project is collecting, analyzing, and incorporating input from the people who live and work in the area and use the transportation system every day. For decades, the Iowa Department of Transportation sought this public involvement at in-person meetings. Read more at transportationmatters.iowadot.gov.

MoDOT Launches Campaign Aimed at Increasing Motorcycle Safety Awareness (Missouri)

In order to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries on Missouri Roadways, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety want to remind motorists to “Watch for Motorcycles”. This awareness campaign will run during the month of May and on holidays through the summer. Read more at kmmo.com.

Safety Reminders for Motorists as Motorcycles Are Back on the Roads (North Dakota)

They can be hard to spot and after months of not seeing them, some drivers may have a hard time adjusting to motorcyclists again. Lonnie Bertsch, with North Dakota’s Motorcycle Safety Program and Executive Director of ABATE of ND, says that we all need to share the road, respect each others space and follow the rules of the road. Read more at valleynewslive.com.

AAA Urges Motorcyclists to Take Extra Precautions This Spring (Ohio)

Spring is typically a time when the number of motorcyclists grows on Ohio’s roads. This year is no exception. As many Ohioans stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19, motorcyclists are taking advantage of reduced traffic to enjoy recreational rides while maintaining social distances. AAA offers important safety advice to help keep motorcyclists safe and protected on these rides. Read more at wktn.com.

REGION 4 NEWS

ADOT Creates Activity for Kids: Design Your Own Highway Message (Arizona)

There are nearly 300 signs that display changing messages above highways all across Arizona, and for the first time ever, the Arizona Department of Transportation is letting kids try their hand at coming up with the messages. ADOT is allowing kids to submit their own safety slogan through May 6. Read more at azcentral.com.

OTHER NEWS

FMCSA Adopts Crash Accountability Program

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on May 1 announced that effective immediately it is making permanent a pilot program that will not count a crash in which the motor carrier was not at fault when calculating the carrier’s safety measurement profile. It is also expanding the types of crashes that may be considered. Read more at ttnews.com.
Proposed ‘CMV Driving Ban’ Would Crack Down on Drug & Alcohol Violators
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is considering new rules intended to increase compliance with existing drug and alcohol rules for truck drivers. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to be posted in the Federal Register on April 28, FMCSA called for a new “CMV driving ban” meant to increase compliance with current regulations and keep drivers with drug or alcohol offenses off the road until they have complied with return-to-duty requirements. Read more at cdlife.com.

NHTSA Too Slow in Response to Surging Pedestrian Fatalities, Federal Watchdog Says
In its review, the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office found that the rise in popularity of SUVs, high speed, and older vehicles on the road were three major factors involved in crashes that killed pedestrians. The GAO pointed out in its report that many of these factors had not been adequately addressed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the federal regulator for automotive safety standards. Read more at consumerreports.org.

Ruff Ride? Driving With a Dog in the Car Encourages Motorists to Be More Careful Behind the Wheel, Study Reveals
Driving with a dog in the car encourages motorists to be more careful behind the wheel, a study has revealed. Over two thirds of drivers aged 18 to 24 travel more safely when accompanied by their four-legged companion, found analysis from Spanish car manufacturer Seat. Read more at dailymail.co.uk.

Tesla Says Cars Can Automatically Stop for Traffic Lights
After testing on public roads, Tesla is rolling out a new feature of its partially automated driving system designed to spot stop signs and traffic signals. The update of the electric car company’s cruise control and auto-steer systems is a step toward CEO Elon Musk’s pledge to convert cars to fully self-driving vehicles later this year. But it also runs contrary to recommendations from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board that include limiting where Tesla’s Autopilot driving system can operate because it has failed to spot and react to hazards in at least three fatal crashes. Read more at nytimes.com.

Google’s Driverless Toyota Secretly Covered 1,000 Fully-Autonomous Miles in California in 2009
In early 2009, the Google Self-Driving Car Project was born, evolving over the years into what we now know as Waymo. Not long after the project started, Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page challenged engineers to drive autonomously without human intervention or disengagements along ten challenging 100-mile routes in Google’s home state of California. Read more at carscoops.com.

@AAMVACConnection 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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**Donate Life America @DonateLife | View the Tweet**

Beautiful! Thank you for sharing @JimmyVo & wishing you and your family all the very best. #DonateLife http://RegisterMe.org

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**Georgia DPS @ga_dps | View the Tweet**

All motor carriers please see the @FMCSA Customer Update. #gamccd #fmcsa
A psychologist offers a neurological perspective on why driving while using a cellphone—yes, even a hands-free device—is so dangerous. Hint: Multitasking is a problem while driving: https://bit.ly/2yP7RLM @profVishton #DistractedDriving

ICBC @icbc | View the Tweet

We want to end the week with a very special shout out to all our amazing community volunteers who work tirelessly to support our Road Safety education and awareness campaigns. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! #NVW2020 #CheerstoVolunteers
Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services @MnDPS_DVS | View the Tweet

Watch WCCO tonight at 10 to find out how DPS-DVS is helping new commercial drivers get their license while maintaining social distance so they can get out on the road to fulfil their critical role transporting food and supplies across the state.

Montana MVD @MT_MVD | View the Tweet

Need some clarity from the COVID-19 confusion?
NSP Trooper Cook @NSPTrooperCook | View the Tweet

Chalk another crash up to #DistractedDriving this #fridaymorning. Driver was luckily uninjured. He was wearing his #seatbelt during this rollover. On a side note, it could've been much worse. Thank goodness no child was present in the improperly installed childseat. #BuckleUp

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | View the Tweet

#CincoDeMayo is just around the corner! This year, enjoy celebrating with whoever you're cooped up with, and keep it in your casa. Don't drink and drive. #SoberIsSafer
Washington State DOT @wsdot | View the Tweet

This is a new one... Stay safe out there!