2020 Annual International Conference is Canceled

The 2020 AAMVA Annual International Conference scheduled for August 25-27, 2020 in Austin, TX, has been canceled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as continued travel bans. We are putting plans in place to hold a virtual Annual Membership Meeting in August. **Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations.** You can call the Hilton Austin at 512.482.8000 to cancel hotel reservations. For questions, please contact Samara Fetner (703.254.7020) or Dianne Graham (571.265.5573).

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](https://www.aamva.org).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

**COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE**

- [US Extends Border Closings With Canada, Mexico; Trucking Remains Exempt](https://www.aamva.org)
- [NTSB Chairman Calls For Renewed Road Safety Effort as Nation Reopens](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Compliance with School Bus Driver Drug, Alcohol Testing Tricky During Closures](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Traffic Is Way Down Because of Lockdown, but Air Pollution? Not So Much](https://www.aamva.org)
- [On Nearly Emptied Roads, Motor Vehicle Fatality Rate Spikes by 14% In March](https://www.aamva.org)

**COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE**

- [DMV Extends Deadlines for Expiring Credentials (Connecticut)](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Police See Uptick in Speeding, Fatal Crashes Amid Pandemic (Connecticut)](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Maine Registrations Rise as Seasonal Residents Trade in Out-of-State Plates](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Expiration Dates for New Jersey Driver Licenses, Registrations Extended Due to COVID-19 Pandemic](https://www.aamva.org)
- [DMV Offices Remain Closed to Public (New York)](https://www.aamva.org)
- [Some Driver License Centers Reopen (Pennsylvania)](https://www.aamva.org)
- [DUI Deaths, Injuries Down in DC Area, but Drunken-Driving Crashes](https://www.aamva.org)
COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- KYTC Offering Limited Services at Frankfort Regional Driver Licensing Office (Kentucky)
- Office of Motor Vehicle Opens With Limited Services (Louisiana)
- Oklahoma Department of Public Safety to Resume Driving Tests Amid State Reopening
- SCDMV to Resume 'Modified' Version of Driving Tests for Licenses (South Carolina)
- Gov. Abbott, DPS Announce Limited Reopening of Driver License Offices, Here's What You Should Know (Texas)
- DMV to Reopen Additional Five Locations After Memorial Day (Virginia)
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles to Resume All Services With Restrictions (Virgin Islands)
- Updated: West Virginia DMV Announces Additional Modifications to Resume Services

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Minnesota DMVs Open Their Doors to Long Lines and Wait Times
- Department of Revenue Refunds Late Fees Incurred From COVID-19 (Missouri)
- Area License Offices Reopened - but Have Limitations (Missouri)
- Ohio BMV Locations Reopening Tuesday; Officials Still Urge Citizens to Utilize Online Renewal Site

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- What the COVID-19 Pandemic Could Teach Denver About Reducing Traffic Deaths (Colorado)
- Hawaii County Announces First Phase of DMV Reopening
- 40,000 Idaho Drivers Need Their License Renewed; ITD Urging Folks to Head Online
- Nevada DMV Releases Reopening Guidelines, but No Date for Reopening Set

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

REGION 1 NEWS

AAA Shares Motorcycle Safety Tips for Bikers and Drivers (New York)

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and AAA Western and Central New York is reminding both drivers and bikers of key safety tips as the weather gets nicer. With Memorial Day weekend upon us, many bikers will choose to ride free on the open road amid summerlike temperatures. As an advocate for traffic safety, AAA hopes to reduce crashes and keep the rest of the spring and summer safe for all roadway users. Read more at wnypapers.com.

Pennsylvania Highway Deaths Hit Record Low in 2019

Highway fatalities across Pennsylvania reached a new low last year – the lowest since record-keeping began in 1928, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. In 2019, statewide highway fatalities dropped to 1,059, the lowest since 1928 and 131 less than 2018, according to a press release from PennDOT. Read more at sharonherald.com.
GA Highway Safety Tips for Memorial Day Travel (Georgia)
As drivers hit the road in Georgia for Memorial Day weekend, officials are reminding drivers to do so safely. Robert Hydrick with the Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety said there has been less traffic during the coronavirus pandemic, but there have been several reports of excessive speeding for the traffic that has been on the road. Read more at wtvm.com.

Honoring Transportation Heroes in 2020 on 'Celebrate Transportation Day' (Virginia)
During its 2018 session, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation that designates the Thursday before Memorial Day each year as Celebrate Transportation Day in Virginia. This year, we honor the heroes of our industry. Read more at transpodayva.org.

Department of Public Safety: Safe Driving is a Priority This Memorial Day Weekend
South Dakota’s Department of Public Safety is encouraging people who decide to travel this Memorial Day holiday weekend to be safe drivers. Traffic is expected to be lighter than normal for this holiday weekend because of COVID-19, but state HighwayPatrol troopers will still be out helping keep people safe...“It is important that people remember the basics of safe driving and that means to be fully engaged as drivers,” he said. “Drivers need to remember they are not the only ones on the road. They need to obey all traffic laws, watch for others, not get distracted and wear their seat belts.” Read more at mykxlg.com.

May Is Motorcycle Safety Month: AST Shares Some Tips (Alaska)
May is Motorcycle Safety Month. As many Alaskans take their bikes out after a long winter, Alaska State Troopers (AST) want to remind everyone that motorcycles can be dangerous and extra precautions are needed. AST Lieutenant, Brian Wassmann, says that the three main things to remember are visibility, defensive driving, and protective gear. Read more at webcenter11.com.

Signs to Appear in Regina Showing Where Impaired Drivers Have Been Caught (Saskatchewan)
Regina residents will start seeing signs that pinpoint the exact locations where impaired drivers have been busted. It's part of a joint campaign between MADD Regina, the Regina Police Service and Saskatchewan Government Insurance to encourage the public to pull over and dial 911 if they suspect somebody is impaired and behind the wheel. Read more at cjme.com.

2020 Has Been a Deadly Year for Motorcyclists — and the Riding Season’s Just Beginning (Washington)
After a winter of rain and a spring of quarantine, the lure of a clear day and open roads is almost irresistible to many motorcyclists. For some riders in Washington, though, that has led to preventable fatal crashes, according to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and the Washington State Patrol. According to the traffic commission, 12 of the state’s 25 motorcycle deaths on Washington roads so far this year occurred in April. Read more at seattletimes.com.
States Focus on Traffic Safety as Memorial Day Approaches
Traffic has begun building across the U.S. as states reopen for business and recreational activities. As we approach Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start to the summer travel season, the nation’s State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs) and law enforcement officials are partnering to make sure that our roads are as safe as possible. GHSA members report that warmer weather and cabin fever brought on by extended stay-at-home orders are contributing to an upswing in drivers, bicyclists and motorcyclists taking to the roadways, some of whom may be out of practice or distracted by current events. Read more at ghsa.org.

Trump Signs Executive Order Giving Federal Agencies ‘Tremendous Power’ to Cut Regulations
On Tuesday, President Trump signed an executive order intended to speed economic recovery by cutting unnecessary regulations. During a Tuesday Cabinet meeting, Trump signed an executive order instructing federal agencies to slash all “unnecessary regulations that impede economic recovery.” According to the White House, the executive order will direct federal agencies to identify regulations that can be temporarily waived to promote economic growth. The order then asks the agencies to determine whether any of the hundreds of regulations that were previously suspended due to Coronavirus could be suspended permanently. Read more at cdllife.com.

Senate Committee Advances FMCSA Safety Grants Bill
Legislation aimed at facilitating financial assistance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was easily approved by a Senate panel on May 20. The Motor Carrier Safety Grant Relief Act of 2020 would provide FMCSA the authority to reallocate unspent grants from fiscal 2019 and 2020 to the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, or MCSAP. Committee Chairman Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), a sponsor, explained the bill gives states an extra year to spend certain funds awarded for fiscal 2019 and 2020. He added it would allow the U.S. Department of Transportation to distribute unallocated funds. Read more at ttnews.com.

Trump Transportation Nominees Finch Fulton, Diana Furchtgott-Roth Advance to Senate Floor
Nominees for senior-level posts at the U.S. Department of Transportation were approved by the Senate Commerce Committee on May 20. Senators approved the nominations of Finch Fulton and Diana Furchtgott-Roth to assistant secretary of transportation positions. The panel gave voice vote approval to Fulton, while Furchtgott-Roth’s approval vote was 14-12 along party lines. Read more at ttnews.com.

@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 @AAMVACoach Twitter action.

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

CA DMV @CA_DMV | View the Tweet

TY @KOFYTV for interviewing DMV Director @stevepgordon & highlighting the safety measures #CADMV has implemented to ensure the health & safety of employees & customers in the midst of the #COVID19 pandemic.

http://youtu.be/Q3ukzxF13H8
#DMVVirtualOffice

Indiana BMV @INBMV | View the Tweet

Today Commissioner Peter L. Lacy announced the addition of over 2,000 appointments a day at our branches across the state. You can schedule at any BMV branch in the state and appointments are now open through June 13. Please visit https://in.gov/bmv/4363.htm to learn more.
New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet

Road Test cancelled due to #COVID19? All Road Tests, including commercial, are currently suspended. Upon reopening, MVC will prioritize cancelled appointments & shift or realign resources to assist with backlogs. Stay informed at http://NJMVC.gov.

"While we empathize with teens and parents, vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of death among teens. With safety at the forefront of our mission, we cannot in good conscience waive road tests."

-NJMVC Chief Administrator Sue Fulton

SCDMV @SC_DMV | View the Tweet

On behalf of the #SCDMV Family, we would like to extend a Big Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We know that this year has been a difficult time for so many students and we would like to shine a little light on our SCDMV family members who are graduating this year.
OPEN NOW: 10 driver licensing stations by appointment only in South Dakota! Stations will open up in the following communities:

(Monday-Friday)
Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Watertown, Yankton
(Monday-Saturday)
Sioux Falls

Watch for more!

DMVs have a new look. If you need to go to a #DMV service center, employees and driving examiners are wearing #facemasks and #PPE, while plexiglass panels at service windows and floor decals to promote social distancing are in place – to protect you. http://wisconsindmv.gov