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

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Aggravating Circumstances: How Coronavirus Impacts Human Trafficking](#)
- [E-Commerce, COVID-19 Revamping Supply Chain Strategies](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [NJ Reopening MVC Inspection Stations and Driver Tests Today, but Other In-Person Services Get Delayed \(New Jersey\)](#)
- ['Plate Shaming' Leads to Kijiji Ad Offering PEI License Plates to Rent for \\$50 \(Prince Edward Island\)](#)
- [DMV to Reopen Wakefield Branch for Appointment-Only Service \(Rhode Island\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [ALEA Resumes Normal Driver's License Operations at Most In-Person Locations \(Alabama\)](#)
- [Gov. Beshear Announces Opening of New Regional Driver Licensing Office in Lexington \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [Deadline Extended for Tennessee Driver's License, Permit Renewal](#)
- [Texas DPS Extends Hours at Four Driver License Offices as Part of Pilot Program](#)
- [DMV to Offer Road Skills Test With Social Distancing Guidelines, Few More Locations Open \(Virginia\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [3 Things Indiana Drivers Should Know This Week](#)
- [Property Tax, Motor Vehicle Deadline Extended \(Iowa\)](#)
- [Gretchen Whitmer Closes Indoor Bar Service, Allows Cocktails-To-Go, Extends SOS Renewal Rules \(Michigan\)](#)



OUR EVENTS

The 2020 Annual International Conference (AIC), as well as the Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, and Region 4 conferences are cancelled. Visit our [website](#) for the full cancellation list.

SYSTEMS TRAINING

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

JULY - CDLIS

14 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

15 | [CD02 Verification Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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21 | [CD07 Add New Driver \(intermediate\)](#)

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

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

28 | [CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers \(advanced\)](#)

29 | [CD14 Mark Driver Unique \(intermediate\)](#)

30 | [CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record \(intermediate\)](#)

JULY - PDPS

7 | [PDPS Update Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

8 | [PDPS S2S and NDR](#)

- [SD Tries to Clear Driver's License Backlog, While Teen Driver Rule Is Delayed \(South Dakota\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [ADOT Shuts Down Large Call Center Amid Staffing Shortage \(Arizona\)](#)
- [DMV Makes It Easier for Commercial Drivers to Keep on Trucking \(California\)](#)
- [Victorville DMV Closes After Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19 \(California\)](#)
- [Fontana DMV Office Closes Down on June 29 After Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19 \(California\)](#)
- [NMDOT: Virtual Car Seat Inspections Available in July \(New Mexico\)](#)
- [DMV Update Timely for COVID-19 Needs \(Oregon\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Massachusetts Registry of Motors Vehicles Announces That Insurance Agents Can Now Renew and Reinstate Vehicle Registrations Online

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has announced, that in partnership with the Boston Software Corporation, a new online service is now available which enables independent insurance agents to renew and reinstate passenger and commercial vehicle registrations on behalf of their customers. [Read more at masslive.com](#).

National Study Puts PA Among Worst States in Country for Road Deaths Blamed on Speeding Drivers (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania roadways are among the deadliest in the country when it comes to crashes caused by speeding drivers, a new analysis shows. The analysis, by researchers at CoPilot, a car-shopping app, found that in Pennsylvania, 41.9 percent of total traffic deaths involve speeding. Pennsylvania has the fifth-highest percentage of traffic deaths that involve speeding in the U.S. [Read more at meadvilletribune.com](#).

Rhode Island Driver's Licenses Can Now Be Gender Neutral

Rhode Island residents can now select a gender-neutral designation on their driver's license. Gov. Gina Raimondo announced Tuesday that the new option will appear on driver's licenses as an X. The move aligns Rhode Island with neighbors Connecticut and Massachusetts and several other states. [Read more at turntot10.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

NCDMV Fees Increase July 1, per State Law (North Carolina)

As mandated by state law, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is required to adjust fees and rates every four years, based on the percentage change

[Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

9 | [PDPS Interactions \(intermediate\)](#)

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in the annual Consumer Price Index during the past four years. The increase will be 7.86 percent for about 90 license and registration-related fees. [Read more at sandhillssentinel.com.](#)

REAL ID Available for Oklahomans Starting June 29

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety will begin issuing Real IDs to the public on Monday, but only at select locations in the Oklahoma City metro area. DPS said they're currently doing a pilot program for OKC and Edmond, Oklahoma. They said they'll roll out to south OKC and then Tulsa, which will be sometime in the summer. [Read more at newson6.com.](#)

New Tennessee State Laws That Went Into Effect July 1, 2020

Legislation was approved by the General Assembly to ensure that World War II veterans can have their military service indicated on their driver's license or photo identification card...Tennessee is joining 42 other states in an interstate Driver License Compact under a new law which becomes effective July 1...The legislation also directs the Department of Revenue to create rules designating the new dynamic symbol for the issuance of all new registrations, placards, decals, and license plates starting after July 1, 2020. [Read more at localmemphis.com.](#)

Here's a Look at Virginia's New DMV Laws

Virginia's Department of Motor Vehicles announced Wednesday that a number of bills that went into effect July 1 will impact drivers. These reforms include the following bills that were signed into law by Governor Ralph Northam: Team Tommie Special License Plate; Voluntary Disability Indicator on Vehicle Registrations; Traumatic Brain Injury Indicator on Driver's Licenses; Driver's License Suspensions for Certain Non-driving Related Offenses...New highway safety laws also took effect July 1. [Read more at wric.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

10 New Illinois Laws Taking Effect July 1

There are several new laws taking effect in Illinois on Wednesday, ranging from a minimum wage increase to new education requirements in schools and mandated training to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace. Here's a look at 10 of the measures taking effect...Stronger Penalties for Texting and Driving; Stronger Penalties for Drivers Who Injure Someone While Violating Right-of-Way; No License Suspension for Failing to Pay Fines. [Read more at nbcchicago.com.](#)

List: New Indiana Laws That Go Into Effect July 1

More than 100 new laws will go into effect July 1 in Indiana. The laws range from how teachers are evaluated to the age a minor can get married in Indiana. Here's a handful of the most notable new laws. Drivers will have to put their phones away or utilize hand-free technology while behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. This law is an amendment to the current ban of texting and driving. [Read more at wane.com.](#)

It's July 1st, New Laws Go Into Effect Today in South Dakota

Today is July 1st, 2020 and that means that South Dakota has several new laws on the books effective today. One of those is a change to South Dakota's Move Over Law...It changes the minimum fine for failing to move over for stopped traffic from \$122.50 to \$270...House bill 1169 is the Texting While Driving bill that was signed into law earlier this year. The new law makes using a mobile device while operating a vehicle a Class 2 misdemeanor, unless you are contacting emergency services. [Read more at mykxlg.com.](#)

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Ohio Announces State-Wide Approach to EV Charging

In support of the DeWine-Husted Administration's principles of collaboration, innovation, and economic growth, DriveOhio, an initiative of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), has finalized a study to expand electric vehicles (EV) access throughout Ohio. The Electric Vehicle Charging Study is available at drive.ohio.gov. [Read more at content.govdelivery.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Gender Neutral Option Available for State IDs and Driver's Licenses Beginning July 1 (Hawaii)

The Department of Transportation issued a press release announcing the option for gender neutral state identification cards, driver's licenses and other credentials...effective July 1, 2020, there is a new gender option for State Identification cards, driver's licenses, and commercial driver's licenses. Those seeking to apply, renew, or obtain a duplicate credential can now choose "X" or "Not Specified" in the gender category instead of the binary "M" (Male) or "F" (Female). [Read more at khon2.com.](#)

Idaho's Hands-Free Cell Phone Law Starts July 1, Police to Give Out Warnings at First

Starting Wednesday, July 1, it will be against the law in Idaho for drivers to use handheld devices - such as phones. That includes time spent at traffic lights and stop signs...While drivers will no longer be able to touch their phones while on the road, they can instead use voice commands to activate GPS, answer a call or send a text. [Read more at ktvb.com.](#)

ITD Partners With Law Enforcement for a Safe Holiday (Idaho)

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is joining other law enforcement agencies statewide to remind drivers to be responsible this Fourth of July. From July 1 through 7, officers will be on the lookout for impaired drivers. Nearly 60 different agencies will take part in the effort to keep people safe with increased patrols. [Read more at kivity.com.](#)

Oregon Legislature Bans Driver's License Suspensions Over Unpaid Traffic Fines

Oregon lawmakers voted to prohibit courts from suspending a driver's license for failure to pay traffic-related fines. The bill passed during the 3-day special session is similar to a bill passed by the House during the 2020 short session that died in committee. [Read more at nbc16.com.](#)

Oregon DMV Pausing Online Services for Launch of New System

Oregon DMV online services will not be available from 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2 through 8 a.m. on Monday, July 6, as part of the DMV computer system replacement. The system being installed over the holiday weekend will bring new online services and improved efficiency to DMV when it launches on Monday. [Read more at ktvz.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

BMW Launches New Active Cruise Control for Motorcycles

BMW announced they're offering a new Active Cruise Control (ACC) on their

motorcycles. The system is developed in partnership with Bosch. It's a rider assistance system which allows distance control regarding the vehicles around the rider thus increasing safety while riding your motorcycle. The ACC will automatically adapt the motorcycle's speed to the speed of the vehicle in front and it'll display all the info on your dash. [Read more at riders.drivemag.com.](#)

Safety Groups, Teamsters Petition FMCSA to Reconsider HOS Final Rule

A group of safety organizations and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have filed a petition for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to reconsider the final rule on changes to hours-of-service regulations soon to take effect. The petition, dated June 30, was filed by the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Truck Safety Coalition, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways and Parents Against Tired Truckers. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

House OKs \$1.5 Trillion Infrastructure Plan That Impacts HOS, Insurance

The Democratic-controlled House approved a \$1.5 trillion plan July 1 to rebuild the nation's crumbling infrastructure, pouring hundreds of billions of dollars into projects to fix roads and bridges, upgrade transit systems, expand interstate railways and dredge harbors, ports and channels. The bill also authorizes more than \$100 billion to expand internet access for rural and low-income communities and \$25 billion to modernize the U.S. Postal Service's infrastructure and operations, including a fleet of electric vehicles. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Netradyne Survey Finds 82 Percent of U.S. Drivers Believe Distracted Driving is Increasing

Netradyne, a leader in artificial intelligence (AI) technology focusing on driver and commercial fleet safety, today announced findings from a recent online survey of non-commercial drivers that explores attitudes and behaviors toward distracted driving. Conducted by Harris Interactive and commissioned by Netradyne, the survey indicates there is a growing perception that driving is becoming less safe overall, with a particular concern that distractions are on the rise, with drinking liquids (35 percent) being the most common and social media (67 percent) as the most severe distraction. [Read more at prnewswire.com.](#)

TuSimple Partners With Major Fleets to Launch Autonomous Freight Network

Self-driving truck developer TuSimple has partnered with four major transportation companies to launch a logistics network for its highly automated trucks, marking a new phase in its push to bring its technology to market in the coming years. TuSimple's Autonomous Freight Network, which will roll out in stages, consists of digitally mapped truck routes, strategically located terminals and an autonomous operations monitoring system dubbed TuSimple Connect. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Waymo Targets Southwest Freight Corridor for Autonomous Truck Tests

As it moves forward with autonomous truck development, Waymo plans to focus its 2020 testing efforts on the southwest shipping corridor that includes Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. That is the region where it expects to launch autonomous trucking and develop partnerships, Waymo, Alphabet Inc.'s autonomous vehicle unit, said in a media briefing June 30. [Read more at ttnews.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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New #OregonDMV online scheduling service lets customers set appointments themselves - w/out needing a call-back beginning July 6.

In order to catch up w/call-backs for requests already submitted, DMV will close our current request system TONIGHT.

More: <http://ow.ly/J5Dd50AjeuN>



OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Want more information about the modified in-car testing? Check out this video.



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

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No matter the season, please drive safely in our work zones.
#WorkZoneWednesday



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We're here at Waterfront Park, North Vancouver, with @BowinnMa and @nvanrcmp for the launch of our Impaired Driving CounterAttack Campaign



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This CMV ran a red light and crashed into these vehicles. A post crash inspection performed by one of our MCCD Officers discovered that the air brakes were not working properly and the driver had a suspended license. #gamccd



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