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AAMVA's New DL/ID Card Design Standard Now Available



AAMVA is happy to announce the release of the [2020 AAMVA DL/ID Card Design Standard](#) (CDS). The 2020 CDS supersedes the 2016 AAMVA DL/ID Card Design Standard. AAMVA strongly recommends that jurisdictions beginning new card design and production efforts base their work on the 2020 standard. The 2016 AAMVA DL/ID Card Design Standard, along with previous versions, will continue to be available, as jurisdictions have cards in production that are based upon those specifications. [Read more 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

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

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [As DMVs Move Services Online, Scammers Cash In With Lookalike Sites](#)
- [E-Commerce Spike Likely to Outlast COVID-19 Pandemic, Experts Say](#)
- [Trucking Industry Economy Outpaces US Economy as Capacity Tightens](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [NJ Drivers Can Now Upgrade To Basic License Through Website \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [NJ MVC Closes Fourth Location This Month Due To Employee With COVID-19 \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Some Drivers Can Skip the MVC Line and Now Make an Appointment To](#)



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OCTOBER - UNI

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NOVEMBER - PDPS

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13 | [PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

DECEMBER - SPEXS

[Renew Licenses \(New Jersey\)](#)

- [DMV Reminds New Yorkers of Nov. 3 Deadline To Renew Expired Documents](#)
- [Niagara County DMV Doubles Number of Available Appointments \(New York\)](#)
- [A Conversation With Bud Craddock, DMV Administrator \(Rhode Island\)](#)
- [DMV Resumes Limited Saturday Service \(Rhode Island\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DDS Encourages Use of Online Services for Teens \(Georgia\)](#)
- [Mail-in Renewal Option for Driver's Licenses Extended \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [Kentuckians Navigate Long Waits To Renew Driver's License, Registration](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [State Email Service Helps Illinois Drivers Restore Privileges](#)

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- [Hawaii Licenses Expiring Within 6 Months May Be Eligible for Renewal by Mail](#)
- [DMV Expanding New Resident Services \(Nevada\)](#)
- [New DMV Online Services Are Helping Backlog but Appointments Are Still Hard To Find \(Nevada\)](#)
- [Oregon DMV Swamped by Pandemic Backlog, With Appointments Booked Solid for Months](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Delaware Office of Highway Safety Launches Website to Promote Driver Safety

Our local heroes said it themselves. They cannot save your life the instant you get an accident. But seat belts can. Delaware's Office of Highway Safety is cracking down on distracted driving and providing tips on driver safety through the Arrive Alive campaign. [Read more at wrde.com](#).

State Police Say Windham Deputy Clerk Snooped in DMV Records (New Hampshire)

New Hampshire State Police have arrested the Windham deputy town clerk, saying she illegally accessed personal information from the Division of Motor Vehicles database. [Read more at unionleader.com](#).

Sorry NJ, the Thrill of Getting a New Driver's License in Person Is Over. It's in the Mail, Instead. (New Jersey)

New Jersey is following the lead of other states, by switching driver's license production from individual agencies to a central printing plant. The state Motor Vehicle Commission board unanimously approved that change Thursday, which could take place sometime in December, after it is published in the state register. [Read more at nj.com](#).

- 1 | [SPEXS Overview \(basic\)](#)
- 2 | [SPEXS Transactions AMIE \(intermediate\)](#)
- 3 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)
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- 5 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 1](#)
- 10 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the](#)

Study Ranks New Jersey as Country's Third-Safest State To Drive In. Seriously.

Despite a reputation of having lead-footed drivers, New Jersey ranked as the third-safest place to drive in the country, according to national study. Citing comparatively lower rates of speeding and alcohol-related deaths, the Garden State was deemed the 48th-most-dangerous state for driving by Reviews.com. [Read more at northjersey.com.](#)

Here's a Look at Toronto's 1st Self-Driving Shuttle Bus (Ontario)

Its name is Olli 2.0 and it will be Toronto's first ever automated, driverless shuttle bus when it arrives in spring of 2021...The shuttle bus can seat up to eight passengers, is wheelchair-accessible, and provides audio and visual announcements. [Read more at globalnews.ca.](#)

'Dramatic' Rise in Impaired Driving on PEI Concerns RCMP Boss (Prince Edward Island)

The commanding officer of the RCMP on P.E.I. says she's deeply concerned by the "culture" of impaired driving on the Island. Chief Supt. Jennifer Ebert told a legislative standing committee Wednesday that her officers are on pace to make more impaired driving arrests this year than in either of the last two years — despite fewer drivers being on the road overall due to COVID-19 restrictions and work from home policies. [Read more at cbc.ca.](#)

Vermont DMV Expands Language, Translation Services for Residents

More Vermonters will have increased access to services from the state's Department of Motor Vehicles, as the department expands its applications and driver tests to cover nine languages spoken by state residents. [Read more at burlingtonfreepress.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Florida Could Soon Offer Digital Driver's Licenses

Florida may soon provide drivers with mobile licenses. In 2021, Florida residents will be able to apply for new mobile driver's licenses that are easily accessible on a variety of devices, including smartphones and tablets. The licenses will be as valid as a traditional license. The service will be provided by the company Thales, which designs and builds electrical systems and provides services for the aerospace, defense, transportation and security markets. [Read more at wesh.com.](#)

October Is National Pedestrian Safety Month; KOHS Encourages Safe Behaviors Driving, Walking (Kentucky)

Even if you usually drive to your destination, everyone is a pedestrian at some point — maybe walking your child across the street to the bus stop or walking to a grocery store down the road to buy dinner. That means each of us has a personal reason for wanting to keep our streets safe for all who use them. [Read more at nkytribune.com.](#)

NC DMV Headquarters Will Be in Rocky Mount by

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Christmas, but Many Workers Stay Behind (North Carolina)

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has begun to move its headquarters from Raleigh to Rocky Mount, but many of its workers won't be going with it. About a third of employees have chosen to leave DMV rather than follow their job an hour's drive east to Rocky Mount. [Read more at greensboro.com](#).

DPS Opens New Truck Inspection Facility (Texas)

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Thursday dedicated the most state-of-the-art truck inspection facility in Texas, located on Interstate 10. The Seguin Inspection Facility in Guadalupe County is a project five years in the making, and was accomplished through a partnership among state, local and federal agencies, as well as the commercial vehicle industry. [Read more at sanangelolive.com](#).

Voter Registration, DMV, Unemployment Sites and Others Down – Update: Systems Back up (Virginia)

Citizens attempting to register online today are being greeted with the message seen above. The agency stated that technicians were working on repairs. [Read more at rvahub.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Non-Binary or No Gender Identifier Now Available for Manitoba Drivers

Manitobans can now display an X — or nothing at all — as the gender identifier on their driver's licence or identification cards. Manitoba joins Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in becoming the only Canadian jurisdictions that offer customers the option to not display a gender marker on their licences and identification cards, while the X has largely been adopted across Canada and by international organizations, Manitoba Public Insurance said on Tuesday. [Read more at cbc.ca](#).

Bill Could Change License Suspension Rules (Michigan)

Since 2014, more than 350,000 Michiganders each year have had their drivers licenses suspended for reasons that have nothing to do with how well the drivers drive. [Read more at thealpennews.com](#).

MSU Studying Distracted Driving Deterrents (Michigan)

Researchers at Michigan State University are teaming up with law enforcement to find the best way to deter distracted driving. Police in Wayne and Kent Counties are cracking down on distracted driving through Monday using a combination of “highly visible enforcement” and electronic signs discouraging cell phone use by drivers. [Read more at wlns.com](#).

Former Missouri Resident Sentenced To Prison for Defrauding Dozens in Odometer Roll Back Scheme

Wilfred J. Albanese, 50, formerly of Waterbury, Connecticut and Blue Springs, Missouri, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Michael P. Shea in Hartford to 42 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, for fraud and identity theft offenses stemming from the sale of numerous used vehicles with altered odometers. [Read more at justice.gov](#).

Motorcycle Fatalities Are up in Nebraska. Safety Expert Blames Speed, Lack of Helmets.

Fatal crashes involving motorcycles are up 27% in Nebraska this year with 28 deaths reported as of Tuesday. Some familiar causes are behind the increase, a safety expert said. "Many of the motorcycle fatalities were due to speed, careless driving and lost control by the motorcycle driver," said William Kovarik, administrator for the Nebraska Highway Safety Office. [Read more at omaha.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Study Finds BC Drivers Are the Second Speediest in Canada, After Albertans (British Columbia)

A new study from Finder.com reveals British Columbian drivers are the second speediest after Albertans and are plagued with reckless driving habits such as eating, speeding and failing to signal. [Read more at princegeorgematters.com.](#)

Here Are DMV's Top Buys for IT Services for September (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles, a linchpin state department that's one of the best-known to residents, spent close to \$1 million last month to purchase IT services. Here's more on what that money bought. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

Department Issues Amended Cease and Desist Order To Protect Over 1,000 Californians From Illegal Extended Vehicle Warranties

The California Department of Insurance (Department) issued an amended Cease and Desist Order and Order to Show Cause effective immediately to Omega Vehicle Services, LLC doing business as Delta Auto Protect (Delta), and its controlling manager, Charles Seruya, for allegedly selling over \$2 million in illegal Vehicle Service Contracts (VSCs). [Read more at insurance.ca.gov.](#)

Worried About a Signature Mismatch on Your Ballot? Here's What You Need to Know (California)

Many, many Californians planning to cast their votes through the mail or ballot drop-off. While that is a safe and reliable option, some have sounded alarms that election officials might throw out ballots if the way the voter signed doesn't match the signature they have on file. [Read more at lamag.com.](#)

Expect Delays While Idaho's DMV Integrates Millions of Records Into New System

Idaho's vehicle registration and titling system will operate on a new computer system this month. This is considered the third phase of the Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles' modernization project. They are moving from a 1980s mainframe to an updated GEM system. [Read more at idahonews.com.](#)

South Lake Tahoe Police Warn of Car Buying Scam (Nevada)

The South Lake Tahoe Police Department (SLTPD) is warning residents

about a possible car buying scam...Police say the men are reportedly buying cars for cash and asking the sellers to let them fill out the DMV paperwork. [Read more at ktvn.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Why California Car Regulations Have Become a Minnesota Election Issue

As Gov. Tim Walz's administration considers whether to adopt tougher vehicle emission standards that mirror ones in California, car dealers who oppose the idea are working to make the decision a campaign issue. [Read more at minnpost.com.](#)

Inside Waymo's Autonomous Trucks and AI Systems

If you've heard of Waymo, it's probably for its self-driving cars. But the autonomous-vehicle subsidiary of Google's parent company is also developing self-driving trucks that its executives hope will become the backbone of a major freight delivery business. [Read more at fortune.com.](#)

Safe Driving Report 2020 (Canada)

When you're on the road and in a rush, it can be tempting to engage in risky driving behaviour. It may be as seemingly harmless as eating your toast on the go or as blatant as running a red light, but either way, it's dangerous. Six in ten Canadians admit to dangerous driving behaviour in the last 12 months, according to Finder's latest study, which examined the self-reported behaviours of 1,200 Canadians (1,027 drivers). Read on to find out the most common offenses. [Read more at finder.com.](#)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Report Shows 2019 Fatality Data Show Continued Annual Decline in Traffic Deaths

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a preview of 2019 data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and preliminary estimates for the first half of 2020. Alongside the release of the 2019 preview data and 2020 first-half fatality projections, the agency issued two companion reports. [Read more at clarksvilleonline.com.](#)

Do You Own One of the Most Stolen Vehicles in the US?

As further proof that pickup trucks are becoming ever more dominant on the automotive landscape, the full-size Ford F-150 is now the most-stolen vehicle in the U.S. In fact, four out of the top 10 on the list of vehicles most-frequently driven off last year were pickups. That's according to the annual "Hot Wheels" list compiled by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) in Des Plaines, Ill. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

White Cane Safety Day Aims To Keep Blind Pedestrians Safe

Mary Lee Turner calls herself a seasoned traveler. She has to be. "There's a lot of preparation before I leave home," says Turner, who is blind and uses a white cane. "I have to do my homework." She studies her route and traffic patterns, uses navigation apps, wears bright clothing. [Read more at](#)

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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.

Colorado State Patrol @CSP_News | [View the Tweet](#)

Episode 2 of the Colorado State Patrol podcast is now live! Check us out on YouTube for the video version or you can find us on Spotify by searching for Colorado State Patrol. The audio version is great for listening to during your car ride. https://youtu.be/2WC47q2_PEU



CHP Headquarters @CHP_HQ | [View the Tweet](#)

National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 18-24, 2020. This week - and every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. #NTDSW2020

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I am proud to be in Orland Township for the new express Driver Services Facility. I applaud Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady's commitment to the people by partnering with my office to keep services here. Thank you to @SenCunningham and Sen Hastings for their efforts.



Governor JB Pritzker @GovPritzker | [View the Tweet](#)

Illinois is reporting 4,015 new cases of COVID-19 today, our highest one-day total on record. While our positivity rate is lower than any of our neighbors, it's consistently growing & that's cause for concern.

This pandemic is far from over. Please, wear a mask. #allinillinois



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Gov. Parson has declared today Buckle Up Phone Down Day! Hear from him and others, including former NASCAR driver Carl Edwards, about the importance of this initiative.

Then take the pledge today to BUPD every day: <http://modot.org/bupd>
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On September 1, 2020 Troopers Souza and Andrade responded to a crash in which the driver was having a medical emergency. Their quick response contributed to the recovery of the driver. The actions of Troopers Souza and Andrade demonstrates what it is to be a State Trooper



Andrew Cuomo @NYGovCuomo | [View the Tweet](#)

Good one,
@GovNedLamont

Why didn't I think of this?!



Nevada Highway Patrol | [View the Post](#)

Hey Sarge, I'm gonna be a little late. This morning one of our Troopers went out to his patrol car and found this ghoulish surprise. His neighbors had decorated his patrol car for Halloween, probably to persuade him to give out candy and not traffic tickets. This was all done out of fun, this Troopers neighbors support him. This is a good time to remind everyone to drive extra cautious on Halloween as our most precious ghouls and goblins will be out trick or treating. #halloween #statetrooper #lasvegas #nhpsocomm



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