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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.

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- [Simulators Hold Potential for CDL Training, Testing, Experts Say](#)
- [TIRF Reports on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Travel Behaviour & Road Safety](#)
- [Thanksgiving 2020: AAA Predicts That 50 Million Americans Will Travel for Holiday](#)

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- [There Are Only 9 Reasons To Go To the MVC in NJ.. Now That Most of What You Need Can Be Done Online \(New Jersey\)](#)

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- [Dallas Airport Looks To 'Smart Bathrooms' To Help Slow Coronavirus Spread \(Texas\)](#)

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- [DMV Changes Amidst Pandemic Speed up Wait Times \(North Dakota\)](#)
- [Grace Period for Expired Licenses, IDs and Vehicle Registrations Ending Dec. 1 \(Ohio\)](#)
- [DMV Gives New Extension for Drivers Over Age 60 \(Wisconsin\)](#)

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- [ITD Extending Vehicle Registration, Drivers License Deadlines \(Idaho\)](#)
- [Nevada DMV Announces Walk-in Hours for New Residents, Vehicle Registrations](#)



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

REGION 1 NEWS

Maine Could Show the Way on Overcoming Rural Obstacles To Electric Vehicles

Only 1% of vehicles sold in Maine are electric, yet a few of those cars are already traveling the back roads and dirt driveways of Hancock and Washington counties. When the nonprofit agency Downeast Community Partners delivers food, it's likely to be in a battery-powered Chevy Bolt. [Read more at energynews.us](#).

MDOT Meets With Calvert County Officials as Part of Annual Statewide Tour To Discuss Transportation Priorities (Maryland)

Maryland Deputy Transportation Secretary R. Earl Lewis met with Calvert County officials...The meeting was part of MDOT's annual tour of 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City to update local officials and the public on the Hogan administration's \$13.4 billion investment over the next six years in transit, highways, the MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA), Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. [Read more at thebaynet.com](#).

Parade Held in Harrisburg in Support of Allowing Every Pennsylvanian To Apply for Driver's License

Several groups participated in an event in Harrisburg that highlighted different issues...The participants also made a push for legislation that would allow every Pennsylvanian to apply for a driver's license and state-issued identification, regardless of immigration status. [Read more at wgal.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Renewing Your Driver's License Online? One Wrong Click Could Cost You (Alabama)

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is warning drivers who are wanting to renew their license online. ALEA said one wrong click could cost you. The agency said third-party websites are charging drivers additional fees to renew their license. [Read more at wbrc.com](#).

'REAL ID' System Causing Delays for Drivers Licenses, According To Tulsa Tag Agency (Oklahoma)

A Tulsa tag agency said they are booked with appointments related to driver licenses for the rest of the year. They blame the long waits on the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety's system to integrate REAL ID...They said the process now takes about 20 minutes for each person because the REAL ID system is slow. [Read more at newson6.com](#).

Mobile ID or REAL ID? Both Have Growing Presence, but

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Still Lack Mainstream Use in Oklahoma

A year after Oklahoma introduced one of the first identification cards available on a mobile device, state officials say it's not yet widely adopted. About 50,000 people have downloaded the OK Mobile ID app, said David Ostrowe, secretary for digital transformation and administration. The key to reaching 500,000 downloads, Ostrowe said, is changing Oklahoma's law so police officers can accept it as a valid ID during traffic stops. [Read more at oklahoman.com.](#)

MADD Recognizes Richmond Police Officers for Traffic Safety Efforts (Virginia)

Three of Richmond Police Department's (RPD) finest have been honored with awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), an organization dedicated to ending drunk driving and other related initiatives. The honors were awarded for the officers' efforts during the timeframe spanning from July 2019 through July 2020, according to Sergeant Donovan Decious of the RPD's Traffic/Special Events Unit. [Read more at richmondstandard.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Two Bemidji Police Department Officers Recognized as DWI All-Stars (Minnesota)

Bemidji Police Officers Jeff Amey and Bidal Duran were recently recognized for their efforts removing impaired drivers off the roads. According to a release, Officer Amey took 81 impaired drivers off the streets last year, while Officer Duran took 39. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety honored both as 2019 DWI All-Stars. [Read more at bemidjinow.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Years in the Making, Reno Welcomes a New \$50m DMV With a Drive-Thru Kiosk, Café, Free Wi-Fi (Nevada)

Reno welcomed a new Department of Motor Vehicles office during a grand opening celebration Monday afternoon. The construction budget for the new facility was roughly \$50 million, according to the DMV project fact sheet. It was financed by general obligation bonds and will be repaid from the Pollution Control Account and the state's Highway Fund. [Read more at rgj.com.](#)

Tips for Staying Safe on Our Snow Covered Roads (Saskatchewan)

Here's Tyler McMurchy with SGI. "Evaluate whether or not you actually need to go out, and if you don't, stay home, you can't get into a collision if you're not out on the road. It's always a good idea too to find out what conditions you're going to be dealing with, so check the forecast, check the highway hotline and find out what conditions are like where you are, and where you're going." [Read more at discovermoosejaw.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Kicks off

Annual Click It or Ticket Mobilization

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) kicked off the annual Click It or Ticket national seat belt enforcement mobilization Monday. The annual event serves as a way of reminding everyone that seat belts save lives. [Read more at wfxrtv.com](#).

Elaine Chao Helps Kick off Women in Trucking Association's Conference

The Women In Trucking Association's annual conference, held virtually out of safety concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic, kicked off with a message of positivity Nov. 12. During her keynote remarks at the event, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao said COVID-19 has heightened public appreciation of the supply chain and the truck drivers who keep it moving. [Read more at tnews.com](#).

NHTSA To Conduct Drowsy Driving Survey

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration plans to conduct a national survey to look at the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors involving drowsy driving. A notice and request for comments is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register on Tuesday, Nov. 10. [Read more at landline.media](#).

How Technology Can Prevent Distracted Driving

Distracted driving kills a huge number of individuals every year. As per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 2015 fatalities owing to distracted driving increased at a rate quicker than those brought about by drunk driving, speeding, or neglecting to wear safety belts. [Read more at analyticsinsight.net](#).

2020 National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week: Slow Down, Move Over, Be Safe

This week is an opportunity to promote safety at roadway incident scenes for both the motoring public and the emergency responders who serve them. This year's theme reminds all that the lives of motorists and responders depend on effective actions by drivers and the highway heroes who respond to save the lives of complete strangers. [Read more at respondersafety.com](#).

Honda To Mass-Produce Level 3 Autonomous Cars by March

Honda claims it will be the first automaker to mass-produce vehicles with autonomous capabilities that meet SAE Level 3 standards, with plans to begin producing and selling a version of its Honda Legend luxury sedan with fully approved automated driving equipment in Japan from next March. [Read more at techcrunch.com](#).

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.

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Whether you're superstitious or just a little stitious, drive extra carefully this Friday the 13th!

It's Friday the 13th



MD State Highway Adm @MDSHA | [View the Tweet](#)



First responders like Eric assisted motorists in MD at more than 115K crashes in 2019 and helped thousands of others with vehicle breakdowns, flat tires and empty gas tanks. It's National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. Help keep them safe!



Be Mindful of Highway Responders, Slow Down, Move Over!
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To all our Veterans, Thank you! #VeteransDay
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During [#TrafficIncidentResponseAwarenessWeek](#) we recognize our highway heroes like [@wistatepatrol](#) Sgt. Adam Zoch, who risk their lives responding to traffic incidents every day. [#MoveOver](#) and [#SlowDown](#) Help them get home safe.



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