April 6, 2020

The 2020 Region 1 Conference is Cancelled

The 2020 AAMVA Region 1 Conference scheduled for May 12-14, 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island, has been cancelled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. Individuals do not need to take any action to cancel event registration and AAMVA will automatically process a refund of any paid registration fee. Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations. You can call the Hilton Providence directly at 888.225.9664. For questions, please contact Patrice Aasmo (571.435.2861), Samara Fetner (703.254.7020) or Dianne Graham (571.265.5573).

Visit our homepage to view all event cancellations and announcements.

AAMVA Legislative Alert: TSA Grants Temporary Exemption for Security Threat Assessments for HAZMAT Holders

The United States Department of Homeland Security’s Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has granted a temporary exemption from requirements regarding the expiration of TSA security threat assessments for Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME) holders (49 CFR 1572). For the duration of this exemption, a state may grant an extension of up to 180 days for an HME that expired or would otherwise expire between March 1, 2020 and the end date of this exemption (currently through July 31, 2020), even if the individual was unable to initiate or complete the required security threat assessment before the expiration date. If the state grants an extension, the individual with an expired HME must initiate the process of renewing his or her security threat assessment for an HME no later than 60 days before the end of the state-granted extension. Read more here.

California Conducts NMVTIS Online Inquires and Batch Updates

AAMVA is very pleased to announce California has completed their NMVTIS implementation and is now conducting online inquiries and will continue to provide batch updates in NMVTIS. California is now fully participating in NMVTIS. This is a significant achievement. Congratulations, California! For more information about NMVTIS requirements, please contact Tom Manuel, Senior Program Manager.

Welcome Associate Members!

AAMVA is pleased to welcome the following organizations to our Associate Membership Program. Follow the links below to learn more about each organization:

- DLRdmv, LLC - https://www.dlrdmv.com/
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.

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Please respond to these surveys from Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Quebec.

Vehicle Registration Renewal - Mail/Internet Only (Ends 04/20/2020)

Reciprocity for Sales Tax (Ends 04/24/2020)

Salaries for Customer Agents (Ends 04/24/2020)

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Licence Plate Supplier (Ends 04/24/2020)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Reminder: Deadline for March and April Vehicle Registration Renewals is June 15 (Tennessee)
- DMV Extending Closures (Virginia)
- Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force, IRS-CI Warn of Potential COVID-19 Scams Related to Economic Impact Payments

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- BMV Announces Special Appointment Only Hours for New CLP/CDL Credential Transactions (Indiana)
- Iowa DOT To Issue Restricted Commercial Driver’s Licenses Remotely
- Province Eases Spring Road Restrictions to Aid Transportation of Essential Commodities (Manitoba)
- Adjusting Business Hours at Service Centres and Contact Centre (Manitoba)
- MSHP Extends Statewide Suspension of All Written & Driver Road Testing, Salvage Inspections, & Bus Inspections (Missouri)
- State DMV Postpones Opening of Omaha Service Center (Nebraska)
- NDDOT offering limited MV large truck services by appointment only (North Dakota)
- Temporary Extensions Granted For Driver License Expiration Dates (South Dakota)

JURISDICTION NEWS

Towns of Albion and Troy Now Offering Rapid Renewal Service (Maine)

Rapid Renewal is an e-commerce service allowing citizens to conduct business with municipal government and state government in one seamless online transaction. Rapid Renewal has gained national acclaim and Mainers have enthusiastically embraced it. While municipal participation in Rapid Renewal is optional, the service has now grown to 268 municipalities and has seen more than 1,910,988 transactions processed to date. Both towns will accept payments via e-check and credit card. Residents can continue to visit the town offices to pay in person, but now also have the option of conducting these transactions online. Read more at maine.gov.

FEDERAL NEWS

CISA Circulates Memorandum on Identification of
Essential Critical Infrastructure in COVID-19 Response

The United States Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has issued an advisory memorandum on identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. The memorandum is meant to help state, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities and identify functions critical to public health and safety. The memorandum also identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing operational functions. It also includes critical workers who support crucial supply chains and enable functions for critical infrastructure. The industries described represent, but are not limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement and public works. The memorandum, while not meant as a federal directive or standard, identifies that state, local, tribal and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities while the federal government is in a supporting role. Read more at cisa.gov.

HHS Issues Guidance on COVID-19 Disclosures to Law Enforcement and First Responders

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Civil Rights has issued guidance on COVID-19 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) with respect to disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities. This guidance from HHS clarifies that the HIPAA Privacy Rule permits a covered entity to disclose the protected health information (PHI) of an individual who has been infected with, or exposed to, COVID-19, with law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders, and public health authorities without the individual’s HIPAA authorization, in certain circumstances, including the following: when the disclosure is needed to provide treatment; when first responders may be at risk of infection; when such notification is required by law; to notify a public health authority in order to prevent or control spread of disease; when the disclosure of PHI to first responders is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of a person or the public; when responding to a request for PHI by a correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody of an inmate or other individual. Read more at hhs.gov.

EPA and NHTSA Finalize CAFE And Carbon Dioxide Emissions Standards For Model Years 2021-2026

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOT), are issuing final rules to amend and establish carbon dioxide and fuel economy standards. Specifically, EPA is amending carbon dioxide standards for model years 2021 and later, and NHTSA is amending fuel economy standards for model year 2021 and setting new fuel economy standards for model years 2022-2026. The standards set by this action apply to passenger cars and light trucks. These final rules represent the second part of the current Administration’s action related to the August 24, 2018 proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule. These final rules follow the agencies’ actions, taken September 19, 2019, to ensure One National Program for automobile fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions standards, by finalizing regulatory text related to preemption under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and withdrawing a waiver previously provided to California under the Clean Air Act. Read more at nhtsa.gov.

Truck Fleet Safety Tip Card: Lessons Learned from NTSB Crash Investigations

The National Transportation Safety Board has released a Truck Fleet Safety Tip
Card specifically for heavy-duty truck operators and their drivers that highlights lessons learned from NTSB crash investigations involving trucks. The truck tip card, which was designed as a small card to be kept in a visor, features quick tips for operating a truck safely codified from the NTSB's Most Wanted List, as well as a 2020 calendar. Read more at ntsb.gov.

**PARTNER NEWS**

**CVSA Creates New Webpage With COVID-19 Links**
CVSA consolidated links to important coronavirus (COVID-19) information from organizations, associations and agencies that commercial motor vehicle law enforcement personnel, motor carriers and professional drivers need to know. Read more at cvsa.org.

**Study: Automated Vehicles are Expected to Increase Driving and Emissions Without Policy Intervention (UC Davis)**
Researchers at UC Davis explored what an automated vehicle future in the San Francisco Bay Area might look like by simulating: 1) A 100% personal automated vehicle future and its effects on travel and greenhouse emissions. 2) The introduction of an automated taxi service with plausible per-mile fares and its effects on conventional personal vehicle and transit travel. The researchers used the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s activity-based travel demand model (MTC-ABM) and MATSim, an agent-based transportation model, to carry out the simulations. This policy brief summarizes the results, which provide insight into the relative benefits of each service and automated vehicle technology and the potential market for these services. Read more at escholarship.org.

**MSF Collaborates with Military on Rider Mentorship Program**
The U.S. Marine Corps and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation staged a focus group of military riders to discuss ways to help them become the best motorcyclists possible, and to assess the mentorship program offered at bases around the world. "The purpose of the focus group is to fine-tune the program to fit the needs and wants of the people in the program to make it better all around," said Dale Wisnieski, traffic safety manager for the Commandant of the Marine Corps Safety Division. The session was held March 12 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The MSF is also working to create a mentorship program for everyday riders across the country. Read more at msf-usa.org.