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July 2, 2020

Mr. Austin Evers
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VIA E-MAIL ONLY

RE: Public Information Request No. R004237

Dear Mr. Evers,

This e-mail is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), payment for which was received by the OAG on June 12, 2020.

The OAG has reviewed its files and located documents responsive to your request. Please note the OAG has redacted personal e-mail addresses from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and the previous determination issued by the Open Records Division. See Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009) (governmental bodies may withhold certain information without necessity of requesting decision from Open Records Division).

Additionally, the requested information contained personal information of employees of the OAG. As allowed by section 552.024 of the Government Code, the employees have chosen to make this personal information confidential. Further, the requested information contained access device numbers that are confidential under section 552.136 of the Government Code. Because our office is prohibited by law from releasing confidential information to you, we have removed it from the attached documents. Normally, we must request a ruling from the Open Records Division before we can withhold any of the information you requested. However, sections 552.024 and 552.136 allow us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling.

You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else. Please note that we are only withholding the specific categories of information that are confidential under sections 552.024/552.117 and 552.136 of the Government Code.

Our office is still compiling and reviewing the remaining releasable information, but anticipates releasing this information to you on or before July 10, 2020.

As previously noted, the OAG believes the remaining information responsive to your request is excepted from required public disclosure. We have requested a ruling on this information from the Open Records Division of the OAG. A copy of our supplemental brief to the Open Records Division is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General

Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

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This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants, and Consumer Protection Chiefs:

As a correction to the initial announcement, this call will be held at 4:30pm EST tomorrow, not 3:45pm EST as initially listed.

- * Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020
- * Time: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST
- * Presenters: Ivan Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at 3M and Courtney Enloe, Associate General Counsel, and Global Head of Litigation at 3M
- * Intended audience: Attorneys general and consumer protection attorneys in those offices
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Subject: Invitation: 3M Call

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants, and Consumer Protection Chiefs:

The 3M Company would like the opportunity to speak to attorneys general about its response to COVID-19 and the steps the company is taking to fight price-gouging, counterfeiting, and bad actors, as well as listen to and answer any questions the attorneys general may have. As you know, 3M is a principal manufacturer of N95 respirators, which are critical to the fight against COVID-19.

- * Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020
- * Time: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST
- * Presenters: Ivan Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at 3M and Courtney Enloe, Associate General Counsel, and Global Head of Litigation at 3M
- * Intended audience: Attorneys general and consumer protection attorneys in those offices
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How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.024

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
- 2) the name of the governmental body that withheld information from you;
- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.

How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.136

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Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Accepted: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Smirl, Cody; Maxwell, David
Subject: Another Homemade Face Shield
Attachments: Homemade-Face-Shield-Instructions.pdf; ATT00001.txt

<https://www.emersonhospital.org/EmersonHospital/media/PDF-files/coronavirus/Homemade-Face-Shield-Instructions.pdf>

Another one

Home Made Face Shields



Supplies needed:

1. Foam Tape Camper Seal
2. Foam or Sponge Window Seal
3. Elastic Band Spool
or an elastic head band could be used.
3. Transparent Plastic Binding Covers
Fello's brand used in this example



Face Shield Instructions

- 1) Take binding cover sheet and lay on table.
- 2) Cut camping foam (Gray foam, 3/16in x 1 1/4in x 30') to 11-inch strip, place at top of binding cover sheet and remove white paper backing.
- 3) **Forehead:** Cut smaller window foam or sponge to 6-inch strip. Place on top of larger foam and remove white paper backing.
- 4) Cut elastic band to 12-inch strip.
- 5) Staple ends of elastic band to the ends of the long foam on face shield (or staple to plastic if the foam does not reach across the length of the plastic).



☒ Yes
 ☐ ? Maybe
 ☐ X No

⌚ Tue 3/17/2020 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

 PDB 8th Floor Conference Room

Remind me: Never

Link to join by video or audio: <https://www.uberconference.com/brittanyhornsey>

Audio Dial-in number: _____, PIN: _____

Alternate Number: _____, PIN: _____

International Access Numbers: <https://www.uberconference.com/international>

INSTRUCTIONS:

You can join a conference one of two ways:

- Over the web (video & audio - Note: you can have a max of 8 video participants, host plus 7 others, after 8 video streams connected any other participant will have to join with their computer or phone audio-only)
- Over the phone

How to join a video conference by Web *(Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari 11 or the Mac or Windows App)*

- Enter your Organizer's URL in your web browser
- Verify your Participant info and click Join
- Enter your [Participant PIN](#) (if required)
- Select your [audio and video options](#) (your chosen video option will save for your next call)

✓ Yes ? Maybe ✕ No 📅 Propose new time ⏪ Reply all 📅 Tentative 📌 C

- Enter your Organizer's URL in your web browser
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- Enter your [Participant PIN](#) (if required)
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☒ Yes
 ☐ ? Maybe
 ☐ X No

⌚ Tue 3/24/2020 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

 Dial-in: [1-800-368-6969](tel:18003686969) / Pin: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/1000+Shoreline+Blvd+SE+Suite+1000+Shoreline+WA+98148>

 Remind me: 15 minutes before 

☰ **This meeting is delayed 15-minutes. Thank you**

***REMINDER: If you join by using your agency office phone, please DO NOT place the call on hold at any point. All callers will be greeted with hold music. Thank you, Brittany**

UberConference information is below.

Link to join by video or audio: <https://www.uberconference.com/brittanyhornsey>.

Audio Dial-in number: PIN:

Alternate Number: _____, PIN: _____

International Access Numbers: <https://www.uberconference.com/international>

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✓ Yes ? Maybe ✕ No 📅 Propose new time ↶ Reply all 🗓 Tentative 🏷 C

⌚ Tue 3/31/2020 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

 Dial-in: [1-800-955-6169](tel:18009556169) / Pin: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/400+Hawthorne+Ave,+New+York,+NY+10014/@40.7514722,-73.9377722,15z>

 Remind me: 15 minutes before

☰ ***The OAG Coronavirus Meeting will begin in 15-minutes at 11:15 AM. Thank you, Brittany**

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Mase, Lacey
Subject: CDC Office cleaning guidance
Attachments: disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf; ATT00001.txt

We will have to buy cleaners that are up to standard for each desk, phone, work station because TFC isn't emptying trash or cleaning desks and phone and computer equipment daily

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf>

Cleaning And Disinfecting Your Facility

Everyday Steps, Steps When Someone is Sick, and Considerations for Employers

How to clean and disinfect

Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.

Clean

- **Clean surfaces using soap and water.** Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.



High touch surfaces include:

Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.



Disinfect

- Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.
- **Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant.** **Follow the instructions on the label** to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend:

- Keeping surface wet for a period of time (see product label)
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

- **Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used** if appropriate for the surface. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

Leave solution on the surface for **at least 1 minute**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
- OR
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- **Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.**

Soft surfaces

For soft surfaces such as **carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes**

- **Clean the surface using soap and water** or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.



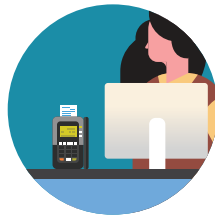
- **Laundry items** (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

OR

- **Disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant.** [These disinfectants](#) meet EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19.

Electronics

- For electronics, such as **tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines**
- Consider putting a **wipeable** cover on electronics.
- **Follow manufacturer's instruction** for cleaning and disinfecting.
 - If no guidance, **use alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol.** Dry surface thoroughly.



Laundry

For clothing, towels, linens and other items

- **Wear disposable gloves.**
- **Wash hands with soap and water** as soon as you remove the gloves.
- **Do not shake** dirty laundry.
- Launder items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the **warmest appropriate water setting** and dry items completely.
- Dirty laundry from a sick person **can be washed with other people's items.**
- Clean and **disinfect clothes hampers** according to guidance above for surfaces.



Cleaning and disinfecting your building or facility if someone is sick

- **Close off areas** used by the sick person.
- **Open outside doors and windows** to increase air circulation in the area. **Wait 24 hours** before you clean or disinfect. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect **all areas used by the sick person**, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines.
- If **more than 7 days** since the sick person visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.



When cleaning

- **Wear disposable gloves and gowns for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.**
 - Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) might be required based on the cleaning/disinfectant products being used and whether there is a risk of splash.
 - Gloves and gowns should be removed carefully to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - Always wash immediately after removing gloves and after contact with a sick person.



- Hand sanitizer: If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and water.

- **Additional key times to wash hands** include:

- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- After using the restroom.
- Before eating or preparing food.
- After contact with animals or pets.
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child).

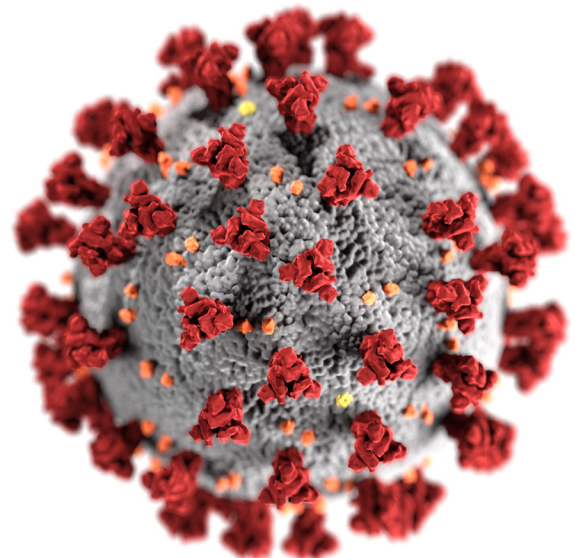
Additional Considerations for Employers



- **Educate workers** performing cleaning, laundry, and trash pick-up to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Provide instructions **on what to do if they develop symptoms within 14 days** after their last possible exposure to the virus.
- Develop **policies for worker protection and provide training** to all cleaning staff on site prior to providing cleaning tasks.
 - Training should include when to use PPE, what PPE is necessary, how to properly don (put on), use, and doff (take off) PPE, and how to properly dispose of PPE.
- Ensure workers are **trained on the hazards of the cleaning chemicals** used in the workplace in accordance with OSHA's Hazard Communication standard ([29 CFR 1910.1200](#)).
- **Comply** with OSHA's standards on Bloodborne Pathogens ([29 CFR 1910.1030](#)), including proper disposal of regulated waste, and PPE ([29 CFR 1910.132](#)).

For facilities that house people overnight:

- Follow CDC's guidance for [colleges and universities](#). Work with state and local health officials to determine the best way to isolate people who are sick and if temporary housing is needed.
- For guidance on cleaning and disinfecting a sick person's bedroom/bathroom, review CDC's guidance on [disinfecting your home if someone is sick](#).



From: [Hornsey, Brittany](#)
To: [Scheduling](#); [Karstens, Elise](#); [Wicker, Drew](#)
Subject: Coronavirus Update Conference Call: State Senate and House Members & Congressional Delegation
Start: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:00:00 PM
End: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:00:00 PM
Location: Capitol - Governor's Office

Presenter Information Only

Please dial in for your event 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time using the Speaker/Presenter Passcode listed below.

Moderator Name:

Jeff Hoogheem

Company Name:

State of Texas - HHSC - Hoogheem

Event Conference Title:

Governor Greg Abbott with Congressional & State Legislators

Time Zone:

Central Time (US & Canada)

Start Time/Date:

14:00 Friday, April 17, 2020

Duration:

60 minutes

Speaker/Presenter Passcode:

Location

Purpose

Phone Type

Phone Number

United States , Montgomery

Dial-in

Local

United States/Canada

Dial-in

Tollfree/Freephone

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Hunker, Kathleen
Subject: Cruz Constituent Affiars

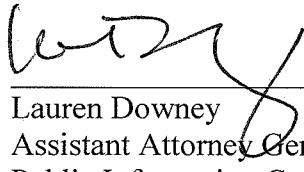
Kathleen,

I hope you are well and enjoying working from home. Welcome back to OAG, right?

Do you know the best person to contact at Cruz's office for a Social Security Disability issue?

Ben

Pursuant to section 552.308(b), this is to confirm the brief at issue was timely placed in intra-agency mail addressed to the Open Records Division on July 2, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Downey', is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

July 2, 2020

Mr. Justin Gordon
Open Records Division
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Public Information Request No. R004237

Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") received a public information request under the Texas Public Information Act ("PIA"), Chapter 552, Government Code, from Mr. Austin Evers. A copy of the request is attached as Exhibit A. In response to the request, the OAG provided Mr. Evers with a cost estimate of charges pursuant to section 552.2615 of the Government Code and a demand for a deposit of such charges pursuant to section 552.263 of the Government Code. The OAG received the full required deposit on June 12, 2020.¹

The OAG will release some responsive information with redactions allowed by law. The OAG asserts that the remaining information is excepted from required public disclosure under the PIA. Pursuant to section 552.301(b) of the Government Code, the OAG submitted initial briefing to your office on June 26, 2020. Pursuant to section 552.301(e), the OAG submits this additional brief to seek a decision as to whether sections 552.101 and 552.107 of the Government Code apply to the information at issue. The OAG has copied the requestor as a recipient of this brief pursuant to section 552.301(e-1) of the Government Code. Representative samples of the information at issue are attached as Exhibits B and C.

I. Information Excepted From Required Public Disclosure Under Section 552.107: Privileged Attorney-Client Communications

Section 552.107(1) of the Government Code excepts from required public disclosure information "that the attorney general . . . is prohibited from disclosing because of a duty to the client under the Texas Rules of Evidence or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct." Gov't Code § 552.107. Section 552.107 protects information that falls within the attorney-client privilege. When asserting the attorney-client privilege, a governmental body has the burden of providing the necessary facts to demonstrate the elements of the privilege in order to withhold the information at issue. Open Records Decision No. 676 at 6-7 (2002). First, a governmental body must demonstrate that the information constitutes or documents a communication. *Id.* at 7.

¹ The OAG observed a skeleton crew holiday on June 19, 2020.

Second, the communication must have been made “for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services” to the client governmental body. Tex. R. Evid. 503(b)(1). Third, the privilege applies only to communications between or among clients, client representatives, lawyers, and lawyer representatives. *Id.* 503(b)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E). Lastly, the attorney-client privilege applies only to a confidential communication, *id.* 503(b)(1), meaning it was “not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the client or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication.” *Id.* 503(a)(5).

Section 552.107(1) applies to communications between a governmental body and its attorney made in confidence to further the attorney’s rendering of professional legal services to the governmental body. Attorney General opinions applying section 552.107(1) have permitted governmental bodies to withhold information their attorneys have received or generated in the capacity of a legal advisor. *See* Open Records Decision No. 462 at 10-11 (1987) (applying section 3(a)(7), predecessor to Section 552.107(1)).

Exhibit B consists of or reveals internal communications between OAG attorneys and staff pertaining to various legal matters being handled by the OAG. None of the communications in Exhibit B were intended to be disclosed and none have been disclosed to non-privileged parties. *See* Tex. R. Evid. 503(a)(5). Because the documents in Exhibit B constitute or reveal confidential communications between privileged parties that were made for the purpose of providing professional legal services, the OAG contends that the exhibit may be withheld in its entirety under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code.

II. Information Excepted From Required Public Disclosure Under Section 552.101: Common-Law Privacy

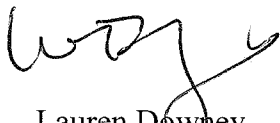
Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from public disclosure “information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory or by judicial decision.” Gov’t Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses the doctrine of common-law privacy, which protects information that is (1) highly intimate or embarrassing, the publication of which would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person and (2) not of legitimate concern to the public. *Indus. Found. v. Tex. Indus. Accident Bd.*, 540 S.W.2d 668, 685 (Tex. 1976). To demonstrate the applicability of common-law privacy, both prongs of this test must be satisfied. *Id.* at 681-82. Types of information considered intimate and embarrassing by the Texas Supreme Court are delineated in *Industrial Foundation*. *Id.* at 683. Additionally, the Open Records Division has concluded some kinds of medical information are generally highly intimate or embarrassing. *See* Open Records Decision No. 455 (1987). The OAG believes the information we have marked in Exhibit C is highly intimate or embarrassing and of no legitimate public interest. Thus, the OAG asserts this sample of marked information is confidential under common-law privacy and must be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code.

III. Conclusion

The OAG respectfully requests a decision from the Open Records Division regarding the applicability of the argued exceptions as provided by the PIA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 475-4213 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

cc: Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
(w/o enclosures)





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Lacey Mase added Blake Brickman to the conversation.

Sun, Mar 15, 12:56 PM

Lacey Mase

The thought of being
cooped up in my house
[REDACTED] for 8
weeks is very unsettling.

LM

Sun, Mar 15, 8:24 PM



T-Mobile

10:27 AM

92%



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Live updates: CDC urges halting gatherings of 50 people or more; Federal Reserve slashes interest rates to zero

[washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

Marc Rylander

I'd like 49 of you to join me Tuesday night for a St. Patrick's Day party.

MR

Mon, Mar 16, 12:33 PM

Jeff Mateer

Security Council:



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@WHNSC



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Mon, Mar 16, 12:33 PM

Jeff Mateer

Security Council:

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@WHNSC

Text message rumors of a national
#quarantine are FAKE. There is no
national lockdown. @CDCgov has
and will continue to post the latest
guidance on #COVID19.
#coronavirus

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If you have questions
about what you need to
do, please go to CDC.Gov
or I can help direct you
to the latest news

JM

Mon. Mar 16. 4:16 PM



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JM

or I can help direct you
to the latest news

Mon, Mar 16, 4:16 PM

Lacey Mase

Please call

at 4:20

for a mandatory meeting

LM

Tue, Mar 17, 3:36 PM

Jeff Mateer



STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

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Alethea Swann Bugg, Citizen Board Member
Rod Welsh, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Capitol Offices

FROM: Rod Welsh *RW*

DATE: March 17, 2020

RE: Temporary Public Closure of the Capitol

In an ongoing effort to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 contagion this is to notify your office that the
State Preservation Board will follow the lead of the Texas State Capitol in the event of a public closure.



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Tue, Mar 17, 3:36 PM

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TO: All Capitol Offices

FROM: Rod Welsh *RW*

DATE: March 17, 2020

RE: Temporary Public Closure of the Capitol

In an ongoing effort to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 contagion this is to notify your office that the State Preservation Board will fully close public access to the Texas State Capitol effective 8:00AM, Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Elected officials and staff will be able to enter the building. State agency personnel with state IDs also will be allowed in the building. DPS will keep the four main entrances open for your use from 8AM to 6PM, Monday through Friday, and these doors will be locked on Saturday and Sunday. Access after hours and on weekends will be possible by electronic access badge at the non-public gates and doors.

Vendors, contractors, and deliveries may continue to be received by your office. However, these parties must be met by your staff at the entrance. Exceptions will be made for express and USPS mail and building contractors working for this agency.

The Capitol Visitors Center, the Texas State Cemetery, and the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage will be closed to the public as well. All gift shops and the Capitol Grill also will close for the duration. The previous closure of the Bullock Texas State History Museum remains in effect. The agency will reduce onsite staffing to skeleton crew levels and utilize telework. Essential housekeeping and facilities services will continue in the building.

The agency will continue to monitor public health officials' protocols for containing community transmission of the COVID-19 virus and respond accordingly. SPB will notify your office and the public as soon as the Capitol is scheduled to reopen. Please check our website for updates. We regret any inconvenience this temporary disruption may cause.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

JM

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Tue, Mar 17, 5:11 PM

Ryan Fischer

Capitol grill closed too!
Oh the humanity!!!

RF

Wed, Mar 18, 8:44 AM

Jeff Mateer



Today's call at 10 is meant to be a quick check in. I simply want to hear how things are going and whether there are any issues that need to be resolved. We don't need a full report like we did vesterday.



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Wed, Mar 18, 8:44 AM

Jeff Mateer



Today's call at 10 is meant to be a quick check in. I simply want to hear how things are going and whether there are any issues that need to be resolved. We don't need a full report like we did yesterday.

JM

David Maxwell



DM

Wed Mar 18 11:13 AM



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DM



Wed, Mar 18, 11:13 AM

Tina McLeod

Qualifying statement from today's meeting-we had about 900 connected via Direct Access representing A&L only. There is a performance issue in A&L for remote workers we are looking into right now as well.

TM



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Fri, Mar 20, 8:36 AM

Jeff Mateer

More to follow via email
— but cyber attack oc-
curring via an email pur-
portedly from DocuSign
do not click on link.

Subject
Completed: Please Do-
cuSign: Scan 18.pdf Tra-
cy Fleck

JM

You can click but don't
click



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Sat, Mar 21, 12:33 PM

Jeff Mateer

Happy Saturday! Wanted to again express how much I appreciate each of you, your teams and your incredible efforts this past week. Here's a poem by one of my favorite authors (and a former SMU law professor) Alexander McCall Smith:

JM

In a time of distance

The unexpected always



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In a time of distance

The unexpected always
happens in the way

The unexpected has al-
ways occurred:

While we are doing
something else,

While we are thinking of
altogether

Different things – matters
that events

Then show to be every
bit as unimportant

As our human concerns
so often are;



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so often are;
And then, with the unexpected upon us,
We look at one another
with a sort of surprise;
How could things possibly turn out this way
When we are so competent, so pleased
With the elaborate systems we've created –
Networks and satellites,
intelligent machines,
Pills for every eventuality
– except this one?

And so we turn again to



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– except this one?

And so we turn again to
face one another
And discover those
things
We had almost forgotten,
But that, mercifully, are
still there:
Love and friendship, not
just for those
To whom we are closest,
but also for those
Whom we do not know
and of whom
Perhaps we have in the
past been frightened;



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past been frightened;
The words brother and
sister, powerful still,
Are brought out, dusted
down,
Found to be still capable
of expressing
What we feel for others,
that precise concern;
Joined together in adver-
sity
We discover things we
had put aside:
Old board games with
obscure rules,
Books we had been
meaning to read,



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meaning to read,
Letters we had intended
to write,
Things we had thought
we might say
But for which we never
found the time;
And from these discover-
ies of self, of time,
There comes a new reali-
sation
That we have been in too
much of hurry,
That we have misused
our fragile world,
That we have forgotten
the claims of others
Who have been left be



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That we have forgotten
the claims of others
Who have been left be-
hind;
We find that out in our
seclusion,
In our silence; we commit
ourselves afresh,
We look for a few bars of
song
That we used to sing to-
gether,
A long time ago; we give
what we can,
We wait, knowing that
when this is over
A lot of us – not all per-



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A lot of us – not all per-
haps – but most,
Will be slightly different
people,
And our world, though di-
minished,
Will be much bigger, its
beauty revealed afresh.

JM

David Maxwell



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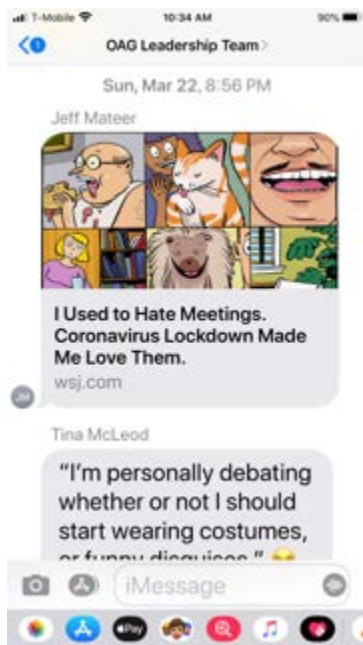
Sun, Mar 22, 8:56 PM

Jeff Mateer



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TM

I'm personally debating whether or not I should start wearing costumes, or funny disguises." 😂

Tue, Mar 24, 11:08 AM

Jeff Mateer



JM

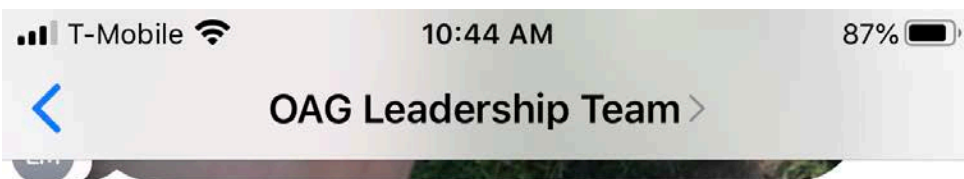
Our 11 call will now start at 11:15

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Thu, Mar 26, 10:12 AM



Thu, Mar 26, 2:02 PM

Any word on time of
press conference?

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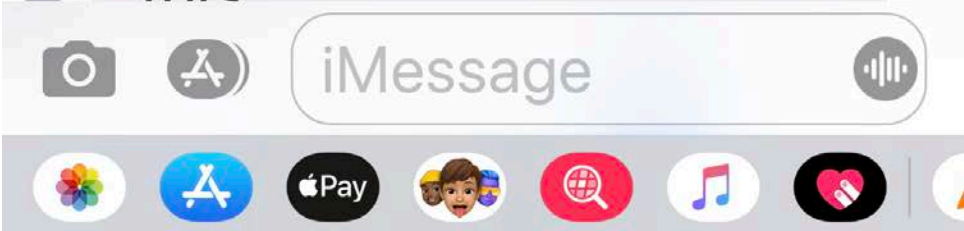
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Thanks

Sat, Mar 28, 8:55 AM

Jeff Mateer

Thanks to Blake, starting
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the office, please wear
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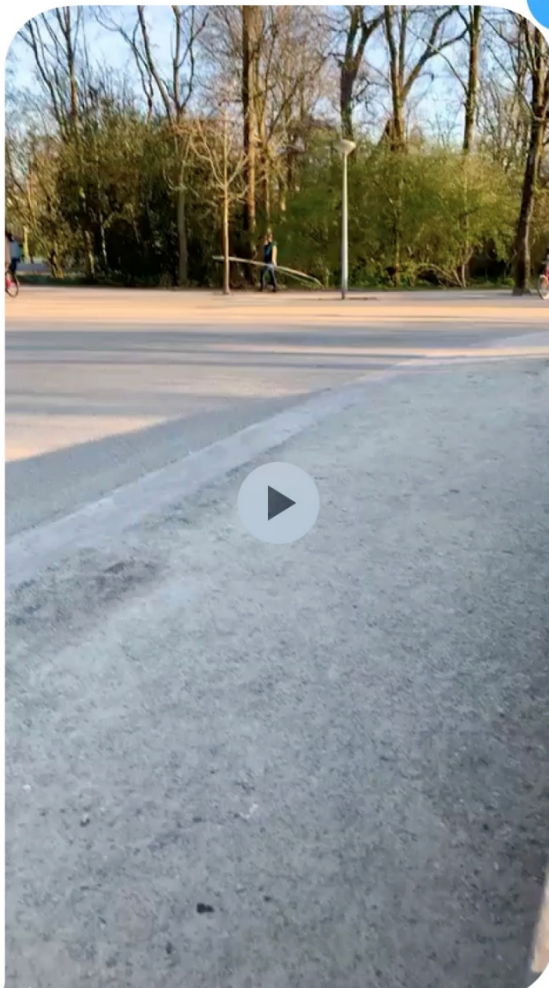




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Sat, Mar 28, 11:48 AM

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Sat, Mar 28, 1:59 PM

David Maxwell

DM

I remember that ad! 😎



Marc Rylander

MR

Lacey, you haven't changed a bit.



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Marc Rylander



Lacey, you haven't changed a bit.

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Sun, Mar 29, 5:53 PM



Trump announces 30-day extension of coronavirus social-distancing guidelines

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Tue, Mar 31, 11:22 AM

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From Roddy



**Zoom is under privacy scrutiny
from the NY Attorney General**

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Tina McLeod

Zoom updated their policy two days ago

TM

Lacey Mase



Zoom hackers use porn and racist messages to cut in on video conference calls

google.com



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video conference calls

google.com

**Greg Fenves** ✓
@gregfenves

We are investigating the racist Zoom bombing of a meeting of UT students, staff & faculty. It was reprehensible. If the perpetrators are members of the UT community, they will be disciplined. We will also increase online security for all UT staff to prevent similar incidents.

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**FBI warns of "Zoom-bombing,"
where hackers hijack video
conferences after two schools
affected**

[newsweek.com](#)

Wed, Apr 1, 9:11 AM



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Some good news #1



Potential coronavirus vaccine 'generates enough antibodies to fight off virus'

[independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk)



Some good news #2



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Fri, Apr 3, 9:56 AM

Lacey Mase

I just sent everyone an email about getting me a headcount of employees who aren't telecommuting. I need the information to ensure we have enough masks in our inventory in the event people are ever required to wear masks in public. Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or need help getting the info.

LM



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Fri, Apr 3, 11:20 AM

Blake Brickman

RT @dallasnews:
#Breaking: Dallas County
extends coronavirus
stay-at-home order until
May 20

BB

Fri, Apr 3, 3:10 PM

Jeff Mateer

Anyone watching GA
conference? I'm tied up
on con call.

JM

Me



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Ryan Fischer

I've been watching inter-
mittently. What Missy
said. Nothing earth shat-
tering.

RF

Pushing flattening curve

PPE supply chain discus-
sion - will need private
sector help

Fri, Apr 3, 5:16 PM

AlSD will close all schools
indefinitely due to
COVID-19 pandemic



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Fri, Apr 3, 5:16 PM

AISSD will close all schools indefinitely due to COVID-19 pandemic
kxan.com



Ryan Fischer

RF

Lord help us.

Prayers

Tina McLeod

TM

For all of you with kids at home 🙏🙏🙏

Ruth Anne Thornton

HA HA



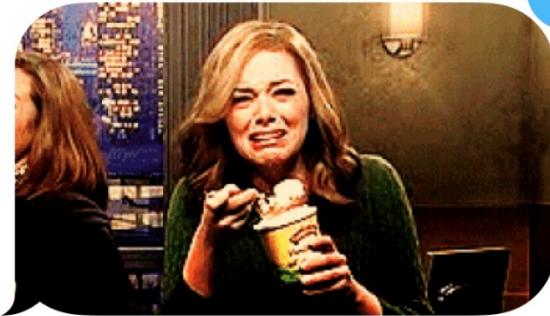
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Mon, Apr 6, 10:02 AM

Ryan Fischer



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Workforce Commission**

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RF

Tue, Apr 7, 2:23 PM

David Maxwell



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Tue, Apr 7, 2:23 PM

David Maxwell



My standard dress code
for swearing in new offi-
cers.

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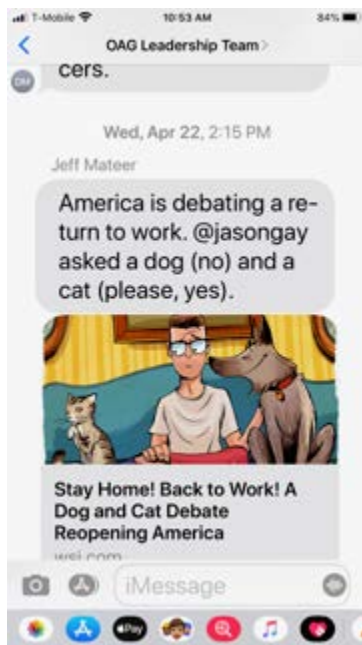
Wed, Apr 22, 2:15 PM

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Jackson, Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: 3M Follow Up Information

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Date: April 3, 2020 at 12:08:08 PM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: 3M Follow Up Information

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants, and Consumer Protection Chiefs:

Please see the below from 3M as follow-up to yesterday's call. Contact information for 3M is also included below.

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We have also created a new 3M COVID-19 Fraud hotline for the U.S. and Canada that end-users and purchasers of 3M products can call for information to help detect fraud and avoid counterfeit products. The hotline number is: 1 (800) 426-8688.

In addition to the hotline, people can report a concern at www.go.3m.com/covidfraud.

If someone needs help identifying 3M authorized distributors and dealers in his or her area, we have set up a hotline for that too. He or she can contact 3M Help

Center at www.3m.com/3M/en_US/company-us/help-center or 1 (888) 364-3577 in the United States. In Canada, please contact 3M Canada Customer Service at 1 (800) 364-3577.



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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Maxwell, David; Smirl, Cody
Subject: Fwd: Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline

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To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Please see the below announcement from the Department of Homeland Security regarding the REAL ID enforcement deadline being extended by 12 months to October 2021 in response to challenges related to COVID-19.

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From: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) <IGA@messages.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline

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Office of Public Affairs

Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline

“Due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency declaration, the Department of Homeland Security, as directed by President Donald J. Trump, is extending the REAL ID enforcement deadline beyond the current October 1, 2020 deadline. I have determined that states require a twelve-month delay and that the new deadline for REAL ID enforcement is October 1, 2021. DHS will publish a notice of the new deadline in the Federal Register in the coming days.

“The federal, state and local response to the spread of the Coronavirus here in the United States necessitates a delay in this deadline. Our state and local partners are working tirelessly with the Administration to flatten the curve and, therefore, we want to remove any impediments to response and recovery efforts. States across the country are temporarily closing or restricting access to DMVs. This action will preclude millions of people from applying for and receiving their REAL ID. Extending the deadline will also allow the Department to work with Congress to implement needed changes to expedite the issuance of REAL IDs once the current health crisis concludes.

“Protecting both the health and national security of the American people continues to be the top priority for the President of the United States and the Department of Homeland Security.”

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:14 PM
To: Simpson, Greg
Subject: Fwd: Action Required – Additional Information required to review your Deloitte Employment Application - Claudia Escobar

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From: Claudia Escobar < >
Date: April 8, 2020 at 9:48:38 PM CDT
To: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Action Required – Additional Information required to review your Deloitte Employment Application - Claudia Escobar

Missy,

I hope this email finds you and your family well, especially considering the current pandemic situation. The reason I am reaching out to you is because I have an opportunity to work with Deloitte and they are ready to make me an offer. However, I am being asked by Deloitte to provide an "ethics" letter affirming that I don't have any employment restriction by the OAG. This request is related to the revolving door policy by Texas state law. I sent the attached email to them, but they are looking for a letter from my previous employer stating that I had no direct business where I recommended or approved any work with them during my tenure as CISO for OAG. Although, they know this is my position, they need the letter before an offer can be made.

I have reached out to Henry De la Garza, however, he is not familiar with drafting such a letter. Can you please assist me or guide me with who in the OAG that I can work with? I have learned that my peer and colleague - former CISO for HHSC- received an ethics letter from HHSC when she went to work for KPMG. I looked for a template but I couldn't find any. I am respectfully requesting your assistance to have HR or General Counsel prepare a letter attesting that I have no employment restrictions with respect to Deloitte regarding the revolving door policy.

I would really appreciate any help you can provide.

thank you and best regards

Claudia.

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From: Claudia Escobar < >
Date: Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 10:38 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Action Required – Additional Information required to review your Deloitte Employment Application - Claudia Escobar
To: James, Michael <mijames@deloitte.com>

Michael,

I am in receipt of your request and I have contacted my former employer to ask for an "ethics letter" Generally, I am unaware of my employer, or any other employer with the state issuing such letter; however, i will await a response to my request. In the meantime, per the Texas Ethics Commission (see: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/Bdoor.pdf>), there are generally 3 provisions that need to be considered in my situation:

1-After 9/1/2017 any employee that participated in a procurement or negotiation with a particular person may not accept employment from that person for a period of two years after the date the contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn. This clause does not apply to me as first, I did not participate in any procurement in this time frame; and second, had I done so the to year window has expired. In any event, I did not in my capacity at the state, participate in a procurement or negotiation with Deloitte in this time frame. Moreover, in my tenure with the state, I have not participated in any procurement or negotiations with Deloitte.

2- Second provision applies to Board members and Executive Directors; neither of which have I been.

3-The third provision has two clauses: the first does not apply to me as Office of Attorney General (OAG) has no Board for me to be a part of. The second clause for certain former employees does apply to me. While my compensation exceeded the threshold; the clause suggests the concept of participation in a "particular matter." Texas law narrowly defines a particular matter to mean "an investigation, application, contract, rule-making, or other administrative proceeding" in which Deloitte was a part of. As such, in my tenure with the state I have not participated in a particular matter involving Deloitte, nor made any recommendation involving Deloitte.

As such, I am in communication with my former employer and seeking to obtain your requested "letter of ethics." However, as noted above, I am unsure as to whether that is a standard practice or will otherwise be forthcoming from the state. That said, as outlined above, I am confident that none of the revolving door policies, as promulgated from the Texas Ethics Commission, apply to me; I am certain that my previous experience and deep understanding of state processes will be a huge benefit to the Deloitte.

Please let me know, short of deliver of your requested "letter of ethics" how we might proceed.

All the best,
Claudia.

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 12:25 PM Claudia Escobar

wrote:

I didn't received any letter. But i don't have any restrictions supporting the state of Texas.

Should I state the letter? DO you need it from my previous employer?

Claudia

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 12:22 PM James, Michael <mijames@deloitte.com> wrote:

Claudia,

Did you receive an ethics letter when you left your state government role? Do you have any restrictions on employment of supporting the State of Texas?

Michael James

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To: James, Michael <mijames@deloitte.com>
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Michael,

what do i need on the Ethics letter?

DOCUMENTS

* Resume []

* Ethics Letter

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Date: Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 11:45 AM

Subject: Action Required – Additional Information required to review your Deloitte Employment Application - Claudia Escobar

To:

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Cc:

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Hi Claudia Escobar,

Thank you for submitting your employment application. Based on the responses you provided, additional details are required for us to review your employment application. Please [click here](#) to provide the additional required details.

If you have any questions please contact your Recruiter directly.

Thank you,
Deloitte Talent Support



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Clau Escobar

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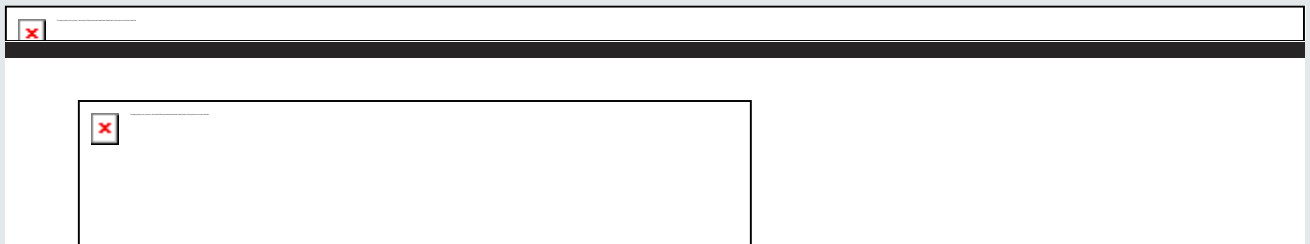
From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Jackson, Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: AG Symposium and April/May NAGTRI Trainings Canceled

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Subject: AG Symposium and April/May NAGTRI Trainings Canceled
Reply-To: announcements@naag.org

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Given the most recent developments in the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, including the CDC's most recent guidance to cancel all in-person events of more than 50 people, the NAAG Executive Committee voted this morning to cancel the Attorney General Symposium scheduled for April 20-22 in Denver. The meeting will not be rescheduled.

In addition, the co-chairs of the NAGTRI Training Committee met earlier today and decided to cancel all in-person trainings through May 31. As I noted in my message on Friday, the NAGTRI team is working to provide online training opportunities on topics relating to COVID-19. You can help us identify the topics of most interest to you and your staff by responding to this survey by Wednesday, March 11: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nagtriwebinartopics>

In addition to training, the NAAG staff is available to support you and your staff during these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to reach out to let me know how we can be of service.

Stay well.

V/r,
Chris

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Fruth, Matthew; McLeod, Tina
Subject: Fwd: CISA and NCSC Joint Activity Alert – COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors

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Date: April 8, 2020 at 10:48:09 AM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: CISA and NCSC Joint Activity Alert – COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors

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Please see the below being forwarded on behalf of DHS' Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

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From: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) <IGA@messages.dhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: CISA and NCSC Joint Activity Alert – COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors

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Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) regarding a joint activity alert on COVID-19 exploitations by malicious cyber actors, found [here](#).

April 8 2020

CISA Alert



CISA and NCSC Joint Activity Alert - COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors

Partners,

As the nation and the world continues to fight against this newest coronavirus, COVID-19— the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) continues to monitor how the crisis is affecting the American public on the cybersecurity and infrastructure security front.

Today, CISA and United Kingdom's National Cyber Security Centre issued an activity alert titled, *COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors*. This joint alert seeks to address the growing use of COVID-19-related themes by malicious cyber actors and it can be found here: <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-099a>.

CISA and NCSC see the surge of reporting about malicious cyber activity using COVID-19 to prey on people's goodwill, curiosity and concern, and exploit organizations that establish remote work options. Specifically, this alert discusses the exploitation of virtual private networks, phishing email and text messages about COVID-19, and websites deceptively advertised as COVID 19 sites.

We are sharing this information to help you and your team effectively assess your cybersecurity posture and ensure appropriate mitigation is in place. The alert provides many resources to help detect and prevent COVID-19 malicious activity on your networks. Industry partners played a key role in helping CISA and NCSC teams determine which IOCs to include in this alert and they continue to be integral to CISA's mission as the nation's risk advisor.

We encourage you to share this alert with anyone who might be able to use it. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

For authoritative information and resources on COVID-19 -- including situation reports, guidance, and more, visit the CDC's website and [CISA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cisa.gov/coronavirus).

Thank you,
CISA

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From: Cary, Katherine
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To: Kitterman, Shawn
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19

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From: "Maxwell, David" <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 7:12:08 AM CDT
To: "Mateer, Jeff" <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>, "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>, "Mase, Lacey" <Lacey.Mase@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19

This is what i sent to all of my employees yesterday after Deputies. Lacey i am having FSU give me a daily report of who and how many people they check in who are not employees of the agencies using our buildings so we can evaluated that aspect of our restrictions. Stay dry today.

David M. Maxwell
Director of the Law Enforcement Division
Texas Attorney General's Office
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512-936-5907

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Date: April 2, 2020 at 11:17:59 AM CDT
To: Law Enforcement Division - All <Law_Enforcement_Division-All@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: COVID-19

In my discussions with the First Assistant Jeff Mateer he asked me to pass on some policy changes that will be in affect during the remainder of this pandemic. From now until these restrictions are rescinded we will not be hosting any meeting from outside the agency. The exception to this would be hiring interview boards where the applicants would be required to appear in person. For those of you that do come to the office to work you cannot bring your children or any family members to the office. We do have a mandatory telecommuting policy in place for all employees as of today. You are not required to have a certain number of people at the office in order to keep the office open. That being said we will consider and approve employees reporting to the office for work on a case by case basis. Everyone should have the ability to work for home and if there is an issue that would prevent you from being productive at home, please let your chain of command know and we will consider options on a case by case. It is conceivable that some of you may be using your personal phone for work

and your WIFI. In stances where this burden has cause you to exceed your data plan on either one and there is a cost associated with that then please forward your documentation to your supervisor. OAG has gotten an opinion from the Comptrollers Office that these charges are reimbursable and we are developing the mechanism to pay you for the overage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the hard work you do daily and the contribution that you make to Texas. These are difficult times unlike anything that I have seen in my lifetime. Let your actions be guided by common sense and science, not fear. This too will pass and a year from now will be a memory. Be courtesy and thoughtful to those around you, take care of your loved ones and let me know if there is anything I can do for you. God bless you!

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Tanner, Lisa; Penley, Mark; Goodwin, Angela
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19 Webinar Wellness Series & Daily Pause Sessions | Register Today!

If you are interested in attending or particular staff see below

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Subject: COVID-19 Webinar Wellness Series & Daily Pause Sessions | Register Today!
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COVID-19 Webinar Wellness Series
Hosted by the NAGTRI Center for Leadership Development

During these uncertain times, it is increasingly important to prioritize your mental health in the workplace. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a stressful and anxious environment. You may be overwhelmed trying to figure out how to work from home, manage childcare, care for elderly parents, and worry about what's ahead.

On Thursday, April 23rd, NAGTRI will begin hosting a weekly Wellness Webinar Series for 5 weeks. This series will cover a wide range of topics, from mindfulness to reducing stress and anxiety, and will be presented by Jeena Cho, partner with JC Law Group PC, a San Francisco law firm and co-author of the best seller book, *The Anxious Lawyer, An 8-Week Guide to a Joyful and Satisfying Law Practice Through Mindfulness and Meditation* (ABA). The titles for each webinar and the links are below.

CLE credit will be offered for the webinars. Click [here](#) to view NAGTRI's CLE policy.

Beginning on Monday, April 20th, NAGTRI will begin a Wellness Series with a 10 minute ["daily pause" session](#) designed to offer a brief stop during the workday to practice mindfulness and improve focus. The daily pause sessions will run Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. EDT and end on May 15th.

Attorney general staff can access the webinar and daily pause recordings on NAAG's members-only page. Access to this page can be requested by completing [this form](#). Please note that requests may take up to 24 hours to process.

Daily Pause Sessions

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 12:30 p.m. ET

Cost: FREE

[Click here](#) to register.

April 23: Better Lawyering Through Mindfulness

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

Cost: FREE

[Click here](#) to register.

April 30: The Unintended Consequences of Lawyering - Managing Vicarious Trauma and Other Mental Health Issues

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

Cost: FREE

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Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

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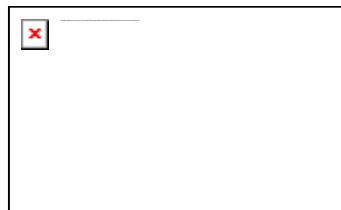
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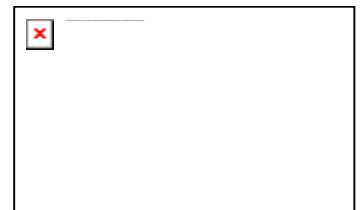
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During these uncertain times, it is increasingly important to prioritize your mental health in the workplace. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a stressful and anxious environment. You may be overwhelmed trying to figure out how to work from home, manage childcare, care for elderly parents, and worry about what's ahead.

On Thursday, April 23rd, NAGTRI will begin hosting a weekly Wellness Webinar Series for 5 weeks. This series will cover a wide range of topics, from mindfulness to reducing stress and anxiety, and will be presented by Jeena Cho, partner with JC Law Group PC, a San Francisco law firm and co-author of the best seller book, *The Anxious Lawyer*, An 8-Week Guide to a Joyful and Satisfying Law Practice Through Mindfulness and Meditation (ABA). The titles for each webinar and the links are below.

CLE credit will be offered for the webinars. Click [here](#) to view NAGTRI's CLE policy.

Beginning on Monday, April 20th, NAGTRI will begin a Wellness Series with a 10 minute ["daily pause" session](#) designed to offer a brief stop during the workday to practice mindfulness and improve focus. The daily pause sessions will run Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. EDT and end on May 15th.

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Daily Pause Sessions

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Cost: FREE

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April 23: Better Lawyering Through Mindfulness

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

Cost: FREE

[Click here](#) to register.

April 30: The Unintended Consequences of Lawyering - Managing Vicarious Trauma and Other Mental Health Issues

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020

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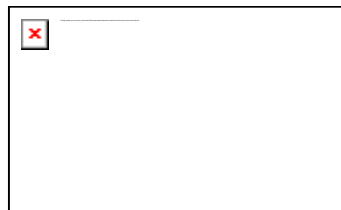
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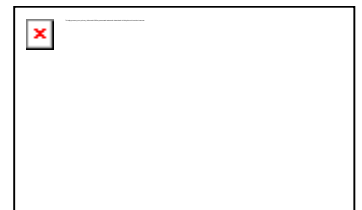
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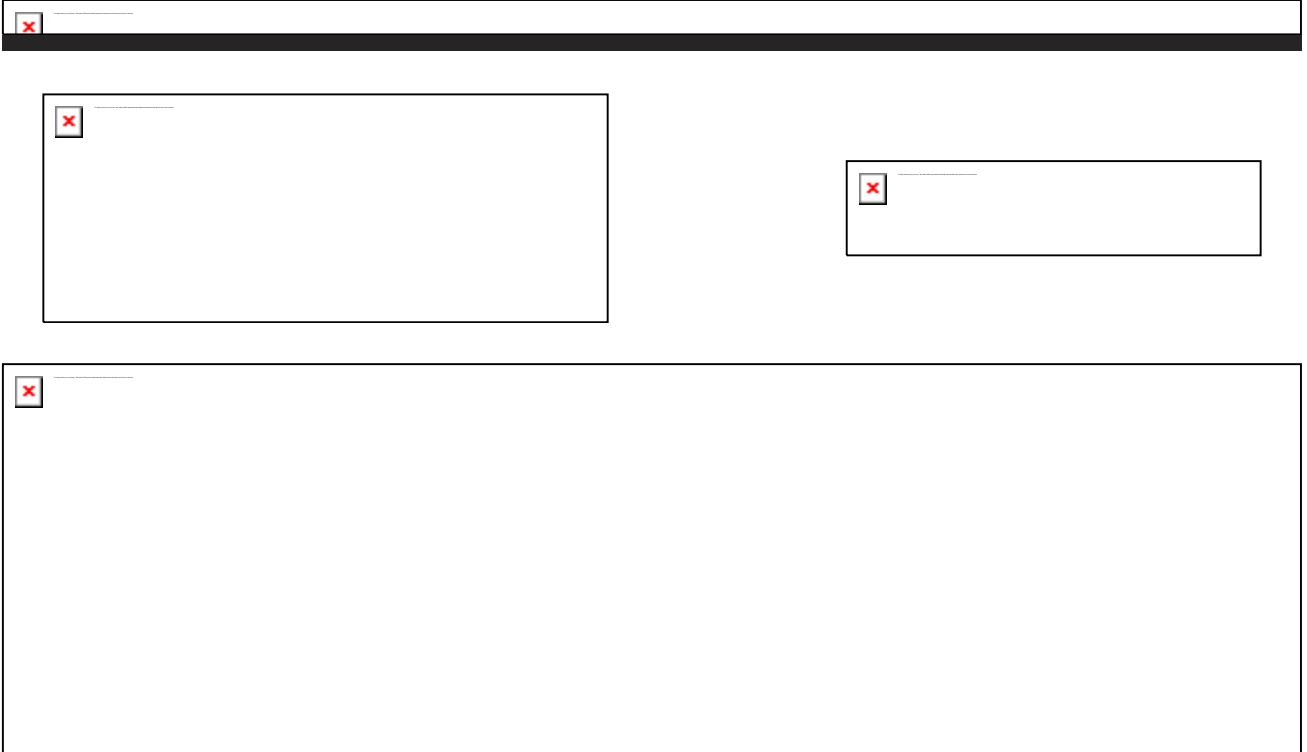
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COVID-19 Webinar | Assessing the Cyber Threatscape During the COVID-19 Crisis

Monday, April 27, 2020

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Faisal Sheikh, NAGTRI Program Counsel, National Association of Attorneys General

Presenters:

- Christopher Kelly, Director, Digital Evidence Laboratory, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
- Herbert J. Stapleton, Section Chief, FBI Cyber Division

COVID-19 has disrupted daily lives and forced an unprecedented shift to remote work. Cybercriminals and foreign adversaries are exploiting this chaos, targeting individuals, businesses, governments, and critical infrastructure. Domestic and international law enforcement, including the FBI and DHS, have issued advisories warning of malware threats, disinformation campaigns, and ransomware attacks. Join those leading the cyber response as they discuss the cyber threatscape, including prevention and response strategies. Webinar participants will also discuss ways that attorney general offices can educate and protect the public, as well as themselves and other state and local government entities.

This webinar is open to all AGO staff.

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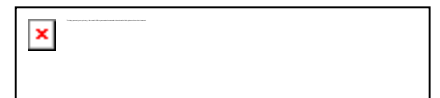
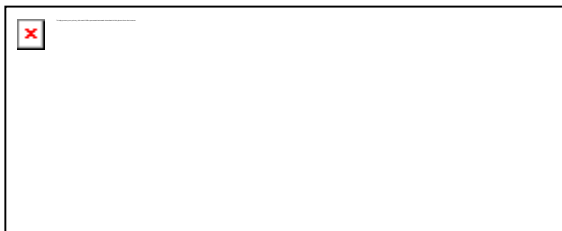
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Thursday, April 30, 2020

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

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Presenter:

- Jeena Cho, Partner, JC Law Group PC

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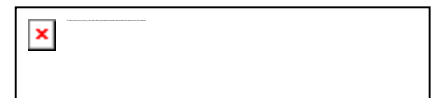
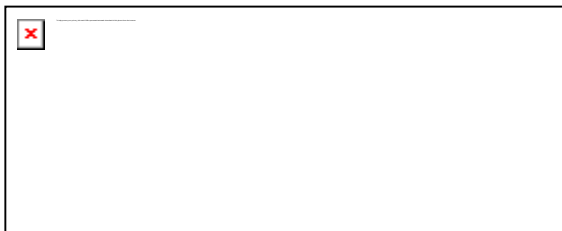
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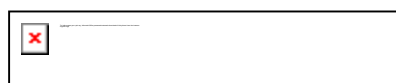
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COVID-19 Webinar | Correctional Legal Challenges in the Age of a Global Pandemic

Thursday, April 16, 2020

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Bereket Tesfu, Program Counsel, NAGTRI

Presenters:

- Andrew Bruck, Executive Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Attorney General's Office
- Eric Haskell, Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
- Mindy Klenoff, Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
- TBA, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office

This webinar will provide a discussion of how state attorneys general throughout the country are dealing with the various claims and legal theories being relied on by individual detainees and inmates, third party advocacy groups, public defender services, and legal aid societies as these parties seek various forms of relief. In the course of the discussion, the webinar will address the constitutional and statutory approaches being taken by these actors and how state attorneys general can effectively respond in ways that balance the health of detainees and inmates with the public safety concerns raised by the prospect of large-scale releases of incarcerated persons.

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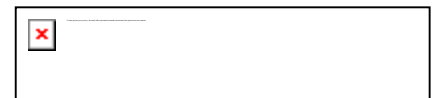
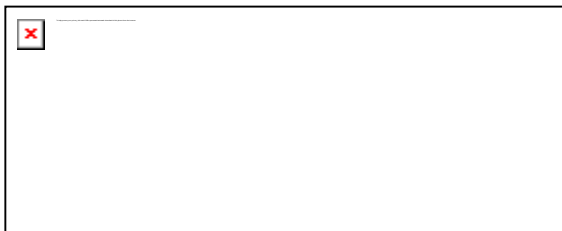
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Friday, April 24, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Ari Telisman, Director, NAGTRI Center for Legal Advocacy and Faculty Development, National Association of Attorneys General

Presenters:

- Robert M. Stein, Lena Gohlman Fox Professor of Political Science, Rice University
- Professor Michael Morley, The Florida State University College of Law

The coronavirus pandemic is changing how elections are being held in America. In this webinar, elections experts Robert Stein and Michael Morley will discuss the practical and legal issues that states and territories are facing in this election cycle.

The following topics will be covered:

- How states and territories can hold elections in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic
- The hidden challenges of administering elections primarily by mail
- Navigating the different laws governing the electoral process
- Legal flashpoints

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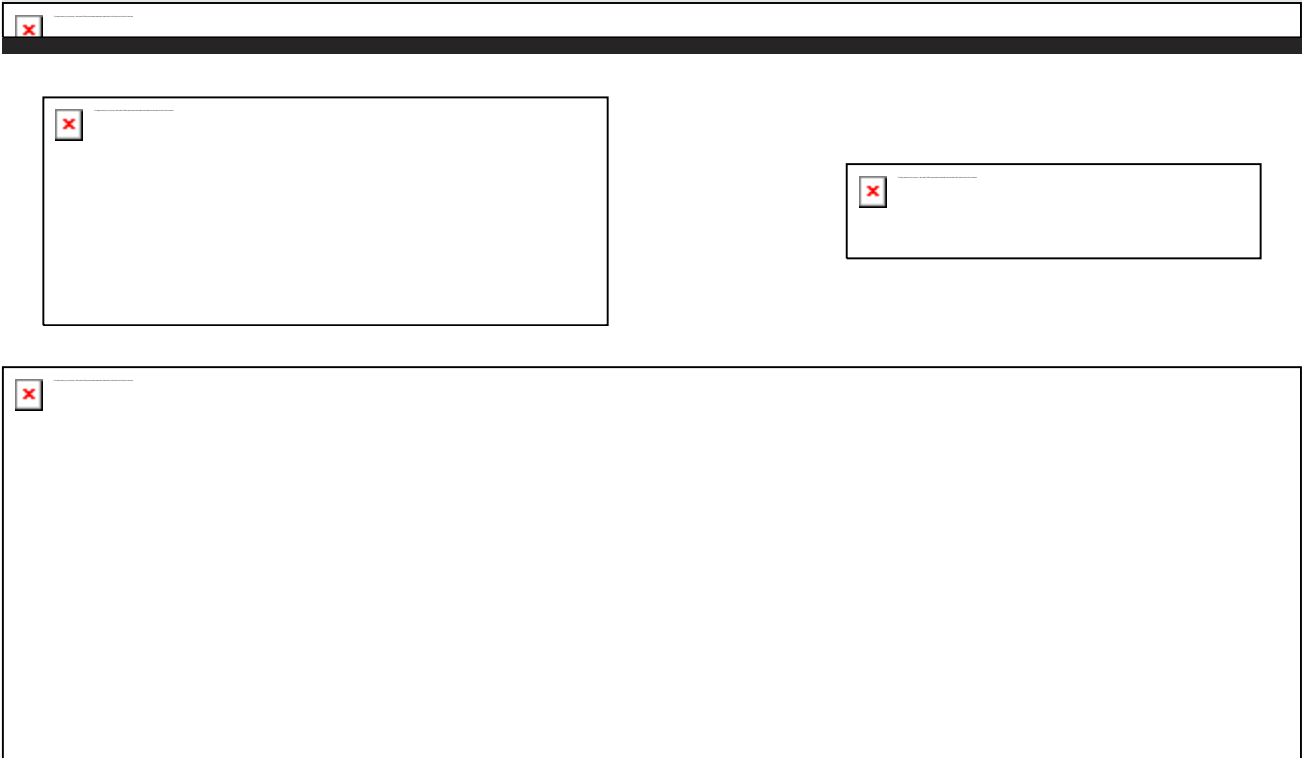
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COVID-19 Webinar | Impact on Domestic Violence Q&A

Monday, April 20, 2020

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. ET

Hosted by the NAGTRI Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration.

Moderator:

- Gina Cabrejo, NAGTRI Criminal Justice Instructor for Latin American Programs, Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration.

Presenters:

- Sarah Connell, Assistant Attorney General, Domestic Violence and Special Victims Section, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia
- Gabrielle Logaglio, Assistant Attorney General, Domestic Violence and Special Victims Section, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Disasters often escalate domestic violence. A pandemic is forcing people to stay at home, creating a time of unusual isolation and stress. Survivors of domestic violence may face higher risk and economic hardship. In a Q&A session, experts from the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia will discuss the impact that quarantine and isolation might have on family violence, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. The webinar will provide some recommendations to address current challenges and will describe interagency efforts and coordination to improve a state's response to domestic violence.

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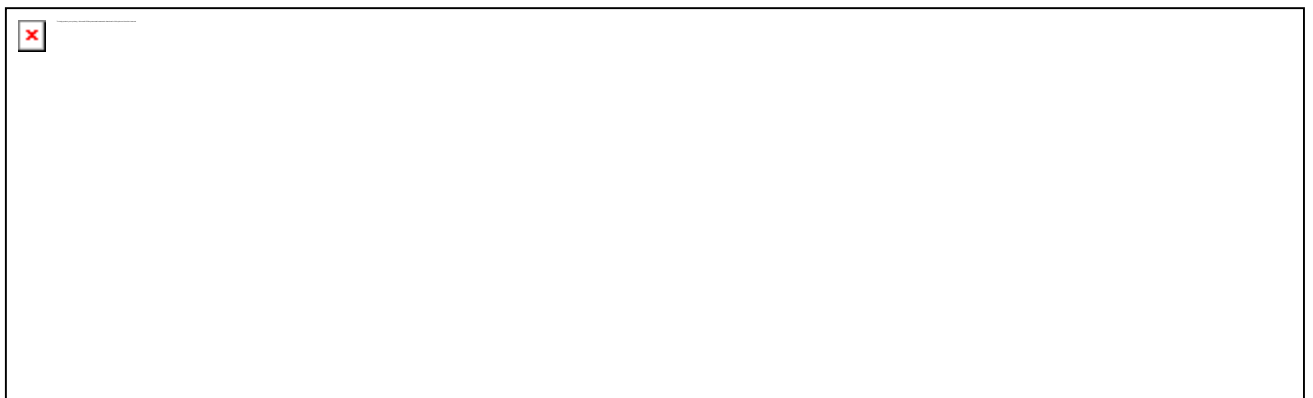
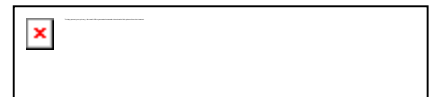
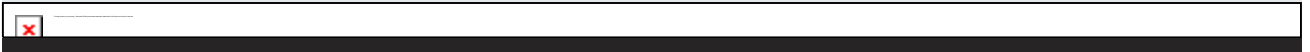
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Presenter:

- Jeena Cho, Partner, JC Law Group PC

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Jeena Cho is a partner with JC Law Group PC, a San Francisco law firm. She is the co-author of the best seller book, *The Anxious Lawyer, An 8-Week Guide to a Joyful and Satisfying Law Practice Through Mindfulness and Meditation* (ABA). She is a regular contributor to ABA Journal, and Above the Law.

She has completed the teacher training course for mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR). In addition, she has completed two compassion-cultivation training programs at Stanford University as well as attended over a dozen multi-day silent meditation retreats.

Jeena has presented over 100 mindfulness workshops at law firms, as well as bar associations, including the American Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association. She regularly speaks and leads workshops on mindfulness, meditation, women's issues, diversity, wellness, resiliency and productivity.

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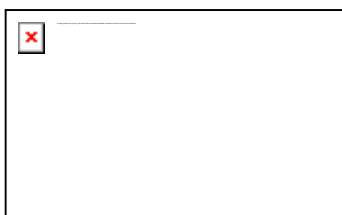
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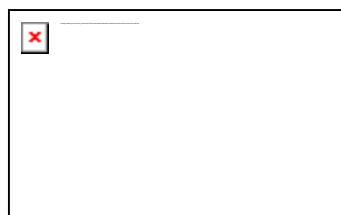
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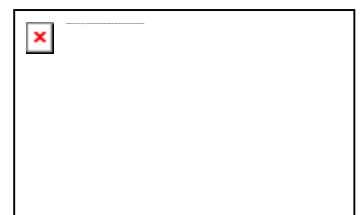
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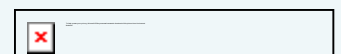


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This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

Good morning,

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy during these challenging times. Recently, I have received a few inquiries about requests circulated by NAAG on behalf of Consumer Chiefs/Directors (CP Chiefs) to their peers in the AG community, asking for AG support/signature. To clarify, these requests represent a practice amongst CP Chiefs and is not affiliated with the NAAG sign-on letter process. Requests of this nature do not contemplate that any of the information shared or views expressed reflect or are intended to become NAAG policy. Rather, the requests are being forwarded on by NAAG as a service to its members, with NAAG's role being that of a courier. If a request seeks the approval of or participation of another Attorney General or their CP Chief, participation is discretionary and not something that NAAG staff would track or otherwise facilitate.

As you are aware, one of NAAGs many duties is to assist with communications between AGOs and this effort is intended to provide that assistance to your CP Chiefs. That being said, we also want to ensure that the appropriate people in each office receive and are aware of requests asking for AG support/signature. Going forward, in situations where a CP Chief asks NAAG to distribute a request for AG support/signature, we will forward that request to all Chief Deputies or their designee, in addition to the CP Chiefs. Should you not wish to receive these emails, please let me know. I encourage you to communicate with your CP Chief directly about the current process, the benefit that they receive from it and ways that NAAG can better support this important work, now and in the future. Please let me know if you have any questions or how I may be of additional assistance.

All the best,

Al

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Officials,

I am incredibly concerned with the leaked emails from Norwegian Cruise Line that note some concerning findings.

Norwegian Cruise Line sales managers instructed employees to downplay the risks of the Coronavirus and in some cases mislead potential customers to secure bookings during the outbreak, [according to a Miami New Times report](#). One sales talking point was to advise customers, "The Coronavirus can only survive in cold temperatures, so the Caribbean is a fantastic choice for your next cruise."

The reporting party, leaked emails, and article suggest unethical business operation, consumer fraud, misleading and deceptive sales methods, and certainly risk relating to individuals' health and welfare -- noting that cruise lines have been the primary source of entry.

This advertising was targeted across the entire country and therefore, I present this case for consideration by the the United States Attorney General, and each state Attorney General.

Respectfully,

Caleb Merendino

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This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is making \$10 million available to help local communities more effectively combat terrorism and targeted violence across the United States. Please see below for more information on these grants and eligibility. The application period will close on May 29, 2020.

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**DHS Makes \$10 Million in Funding Available for
Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grants**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is making \$10 million available to help local communities more effectively combat terrorism and targeted violence across the United States. The \$10 million appropriated by Congress under the Fiscal Year 2020 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program will support the development of a nationwide terrorism and targeted violence prevention framework. DHS strongly encourages all eligible entities to apply for this funding opportunity to build capabilities in their communities and online.

“Attacks by domestic terrorists, those inspired by foreign terrorist organizations, and acts committed by violent individuals with no clear ideological motivation have occurred in communities across America with tragic outcomes,” said Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf. “These grants will improve local communities’ ability to prevent individuals from mobilizing or radicalizing to violence and create locally-based prevention frameworks to address these emerging threats.”

The TVTP Grant Program helps DHS to fulfill its commitment to addressing the threat posed by terrorism and targeted violence at home and builds on the promising practices identified in previous grant programs. It is the only federal grant program dedicated to enhancing prevention capabilities in local communities. In its first year, the TVTP Grant Program has three priorities: (1) establishing and enhancing local prevention frameworks with an emphasis on threat assessment and management capabilities; (2) preventing domestic terrorism; and (3) finding innovative solutions for preventing targeted violence and terrorism.

“I want to thank Congress for funding for this mission in a bipartisan way over the last few years, most recently and most significantly, in the Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Act. We look forward to working with Congress to continue to advance this effort.” Wolf continued.

Eligible activities under the TVTP Grant Program cover all aspects of prevention, including building resilience, intervention, recidivism prevention, and reintegration programs at the local level. The program directly supports the objectives of the [DHS Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence](#), which DHS released in September 2019. Making these funds available for local prevention partners is a key milestone in the implementation of the Strategic Framework.

TVTP Grant Program funds will support the development of local prevention capabilities at a time when DHS is observing an uptick in online efforts for terrorism recruitment and radicalization from a variety of sectors. DHS is committed to expanding the program and the President has requested an additional \$20 million for TVTP grant funds next fiscal year.

The application period will close on May 29, 2020. Applicants should consult the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more specific information about the process. Applying for this grant is a multi-step process and it is recommended that applicants begin that process early in order to allow sufficient time to complete the interim steps.

For more information, please see the TVTP Grant Program site at <https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>.

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Understand. Appreciate all your doing.

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On Apr 22, 2020, at 5:03 PM, Amanda Crawford <amanda.crawford@dir.texas.gov> wrote:

Jeff:

I hate to do this but we need to reschedule the DIR briefings with y'all tomorrow. We are all hands on deck working on a technology issue for the C19 response and we won't be able to have our key players in both places (virtually) at once. I know scheduling this was a superhuman task and I hate to cancel on you at the last minute. On the plus side, you just got two hours back so there's that...

Anyway, I appreciate your understanding and look forward to visiting with Team OAG soon. We are also going to reformat the presentation and combine the CSD and A&L discussion points to be more respectful of your time.

Mandy

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This is being sent to all attorneys general, chief deputies/chiefs of staff, and executive assistants:

Generals,

I am providing information from Generals Maura Healey and Lawrence Wasden that relates to the management of excess casualties as a result of COVID-19 and measures taken to reduce its spread. In short, the attached dear colleague letter and other attachments:

- Identify types of statutes that may unintentionally cause bottlenecks at medical examiner/coroner offices by requiring the investigation and/or autopsy of certain categories of death and
- Suggest legal and logistical mechanisms to consider if statutory compliance is not in the public interest

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V/r,
Chris

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Statutory Requirements for Autopsy/ Investigation & COVID-19

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I. Policy or Regulation

A. State Laws

Some state laws require the investigation or autopsy of certain categories of bodies that may prove problematic in a pandemic. Some of those laws require that a county coroner (“CC” or “coroner”) or county medical examiner (“CME”) or a state medical examiner (“SME”) visually inspect the body at the scene,¹ take custody or control of the body,² or have the body transported to a specific location.³ The categories of laws that may cause unintentional bottlenecks and create potential public health or wellness issues are described briefly below; they are referred to together as “Covered Deaths.”

For a draft spreadsheet designating which states appear to have laws in these and other categories, see **Attachment A**.

1. Bodies of People Believed to have Died from a Disease that May Cause a Threat to Public Health

Approximately 29 states and territories have statutes that require investigations, autopsies, or some other specific response to bodies of people who are believed to have died from a disease posing a risk to public safety or health (referred to herein as “Potential Public Hazard Deaths”).

Statutory language differs, and can include requiring that the SME be notified and perform an investigation if a death appears to have “resulted from a disease that constitutes a threat to public health”⁴ or that a CC “inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of... deaths known or suspected as due to contagious disease and constituting a public hazard.”⁵ Some laws do not allow for the movement of a Potential Public Hazard Death until the responding coroner or ME responds to the scene, and some require that the coroner or ME take physical custody of such bodies.⁶

¹ ALA. CODE § 15-4-2(a) (“[T]he coroner shall forthwith proceed to the place where the dead person is lying, examine the dead body to ascertain the cause of death”); LA. STAT. ANN. § 13:5713(A)(13) (“The coroner shall either view the body or make an investigation into the cause and manner of death in all cases involving the following: . . . Deaths due to virulent contagious disease that might be caused by or cause a public hazard. . .”).

² IOWA CODE § 331.802(1) (“The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the city or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body.”); MO. REV. STAT. § 58-720(1) (“[T]he medical examiner or his designated assistant shall take charge of the dead body and fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death.”); N.J. STAT. § 26:6B-10(c)(1) (Medical examiner “shall immediately proceed to the place where the dead body is located and take charge of the body.”)

³ MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 38, § 4 (“The medical examiner shall be responsible for making arrangements for transport of the body”); MISS. CODE ANN. § 41-61-61(4) (“[I]f an autopsy is to be performed, the body shall be transported directly to an autopsy facility in a suitable secure conveyance”); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 611-B:15 (“If the medical examiner determines that an external examination of the body is necessary to determine the manner and cause of death, the medical examiner may arrange for the body to be transported to a funeral home or other facility where an examination can be conducted.”)

⁴ ALASKA STAT. §§ 12.65.005(a)(5), 12.65.020.

⁵ CAL. GOV’T CODE § 27491.

⁶ See, e.g., COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 30-10-606(1)(e), 30-10-606(1.2)(a).

For a draft summary of state laws on this issue, see Attachment B.

2. Bodies of People Who Were Unattended by Physician

Approximately 36 states and territories require investigation of deaths that were unattended by a physician. Preliminary data suggests that we should be prepared for a larger-than-normal number of at-home deaths from COVID-19 as compared to the percentage of at-home deaths during, as an example, seasonal flu. Accordingly, statutes of this nature may prove problematic during a mass fatality event.

Once again, statutory language differs; some laws provide that as long as a physician saw a decedent within a certain number of hours or days⁷ before death, no investigation or autopsy is required; others appear to require investigations of all unattended deaths.⁸

Finally, as noted in Attachment A, some states have laws that require investigation or autopsy of other health or health-related categories of death, including nine that require investigation of deaths of decedents who were not under the current care of a healthcare provider. These laws, too, could pose issues with the processing of bodies during a mass fatality event.

3. Bodies from Institutions

a) Jail/ Police Custody

Approximately 42 states and territories require investigation of bodies of people in jail or police custody. On the federal side, as of April 8, 2020, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”) has reported that 31 BOP facilities and six Residential Reentry Facilities have confirmed cases of COVID-19.⁹ Florida and other states have also confirmed COVID-19 infections at multiple prisons.¹⁰ Accordingly, COVID-19 outbreaks in prisons appear to be a real possibility and it is possible that laws that require specific handling of the bodies of those who die in custody may prove problematic in a mass fatality situation.

Much as in other areas, the statutory requirements differ. Typically, if not always, the requirement to investigate applies broadly to all inmate deaths,¹¹ while the requirement or recommendation to

⁷ See, e.g., ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 14-15-301 & 12-12-315(a)(1)(P) (requiring coroner to investigate death and gather and review background information “where a physician was not in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or, in prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days”).

⁸ See, e.g., FLA. STAT. ANN. § 406.11(a)(5) (requiring district medical examiner to “determine the cause of death and ... for that purpose, make or have performed such examinations, investigations, and autopsies as he or she shall deem necessary or as shall be requested by the state attorney” for any person who dies “[u]nattended by a practicing physician or other recognized practitioner”).

⁹ COVID-19 Coronavirus, FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Page, <https://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp> (last visited April 8, 2020).

¹⁰ See, e.g., *Coronavirus Impact: COVID-19 in Florida Prisons Puts Inmates, Families on Edge*, 4 CBS MIAMI (Apr. 8, 2020), <https://miami.cbslocal.com/2020/04/08/coronavirus-impact-covid-19-in-florida-prisons-puts-inmates-families-on-edge/>.

¹¹ See, e.g., GA. CODE ANN. § 45-16-24(a)(7) (requiring CC or CME to order an “ME inquiry” of deaths of any “inmate of a state hospital or a state, county, or city penal institution”); D.C. CODE § 5-1405(b)(9) (requiring investigation by the OCME of “[d]eaths of persons while in legal custody of the District”).

autopsy, in **approximately 11 states**, applies to all deaths in state custody in some states¹² but is discretionary or limited to non-natural deaths in others.¹³

b) State Facility/ Mental Health Institution

Approximately 29 states and territories require investigation or autopsy of bodies of people the non-punitive custody or care of the state. As media coverage of deaths in nursing homes in Washington,¹⁴ Oregon,¹⁵ and Texas¹⁶ reflect the potential for widespread sickness and death in similar settings, these laws may also cause unintentional bottlenecks in a mass fatality situation.

Much as in other areas, the statutory requirements are state-specific.

4. **Bodies to be Cremated**

If cremations are required for public health reasons, it should be noted that laws in **15 states and territories** require the CC or ME to authorize cremation of bodies or other procedures that will render the bodies unavailable for investigation, and may also require them to investigate the death. These laws, too, are state-specific.¹⁷

B. **Regulations Governing Transport/ Internment**

Some states or municipalities will have regulations that govern the transport and/or interment of bodies. These regulations may include requirements that permits be obtained, or limitations and how bodies may be transported or stored. For example, New York City municipal regulations require that, absent an appropriate interim disposition permit, bodies must be buried, cremated, or transported out of New York City within four days of death—or may be placed in a vault within those four days, but can only be held in that vault for ten days.¹⁸

It may be necessary to seek permission not to comply with these regulations in a mass disaster situation.

¹² 55 IL. COMP. STAT. ANN. § 5/3-3015(a) (requiring autopsy “where a death has occurred while being pursued, apprehended, or taken into custody by or while in the custody of any law enforcement agency”).

¹³ See, e.g., COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 30-10-606.5(1)(a) (requiring autopsy “when the death is apparently nonnatural and occurs in a facility”).

¹⁴ Eric Boodman, *First Covid-19 Outbreak in a U.S. Nursing Home Raises Concerns*, STAT NEWS (Feb. 29, 2020), <https://www.statnews.com/2020/02/29/new-covid-19-death-raises-concerns-about-virus-spread-in-nursing-homes/>.

¹⁵ Fedor Zarkhin, *29 Residents and Staff Sick with Coronavirus at Portland Senior Care Home*, KGW8 (Apr. 3, 2020), <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/health/29-residents-and-staff-sick-with-coronavirus-at-portland-senior-care-home/283-174dcb02-3d14-4d21-a786-d943080b55a8>.

¹⁶ Randy Wallace, *COVID-19 Hitting Greater Houston Area Nursing Homes Hard*, Fox 26 Houston (Apr. 7, 2020), <https://www.fox26houston.com/news/covid-19-hitting-greater-houston-area-nursing-homes-hard>.

¹⁷ See, e.g., D.C. CODE § 5-1405(b)(4) (requiring investigation by the OCME of “[d]eaths of persons whose bodies are to be cremated, dissected, buried at sea or otherwise disposed of so as to be thereafter unavailable for examination...”).

¹⁸ 24 REG. CITY NEW YORK 205.13(a).

II. Implications to Consider

A. Current Shortage of Medical Examiners/ Pathologists

Data from 2015 reflected that approximately 2.6 million people die in the U.S. every year, resulting in an average of 1 million deaths referred to ME/coroner offices.¹⁹ Approximately half of those cases are typically accepted.²⁰

Even before the COVID-19 outbreak, in many locations, the medical examiner system in the United States was already at or over capacity. As a recent report to Congress by the National Institute of Justice observed, coroner and ME systems across the country, pre-pandemic, were suffering from “inconsistent staffing and limited budgets, resources, and supplies that make it difficult to effectively and efficiently perform death investigations.”²¹ The same report highlighted the “national shortage of trained, board-certified forensic pathologists that threatens the quality and consistency of [medicolegal death investigation] services....”²² The NIJ’s concerns are shared by many, including the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (“ASTHO”), which noted in March 2019 that “the lack of forensic pathologists has national implications and affects many other areas of public health, such as... emerging infections...”²³

B. It May Be Impractical, Impossible, or Counterproductive in a Mass Fatality Situation to Meet Statutory Requirements

As summarized above, requirements that specific people or specific positions investigate Covered Deaths may be impracticable, impossible, or counterproductive in a mass fatality situation. For example, in small jurisdictions, there may be only one coroner.

In states with laws requiring specific responses to Potential Public Hazard Deaths, it may be somewhat easier to predict if leaders should seek mechanisms to permit noncompliance. If there is a COVID-19 outbreak with mass fatalities, it may be impossible for coroners/ MEs to respond as required by statute.

In states with laws that govern responses to unattended deaths, if preliminary data from urban areas with COVID-19 outbreaks is predictive, requirements that coroners or medical examiners respond to the scene or take custody of bodies may prevent the use of outside assistance to locate and retrieve bodies. Care should be taken to ensure that the retrieval of bodies from non-hospital/ non-institutional settings is done in a way to obtain and maintain as much identifying information as possible so that those bodies can be identified and returned to their loved ones when possible. However, the ability to use federal resources to assist with these efforts may be curtailed by laws requiring specific people or positions to respond to scenes or take custody of bodies.

In states with laws that govern deaths in institutions, a localized outbreak in such an institution may require a response that is inconsistent what is required by statute.

¹⁹ Exec. Off. Pres., Nat’l Sci. & Tech. Council, *Strengthening the Medicolegal Death-Investigation System: Improving Data Systems* (2016), at 2, <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/NIJ/251423.pdf> (citations omitted)

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ National Institute of Justice, *Report to Congress: Needs Assessment of Forensic Laboratories and Medical Examiner/ Coroner Offices* (2019), at 5 <https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1228306/download> on April 8, 2020.

²² *Id.* at 69.

²³ Assoc. State & Terr. Health Offs., *Forensic Pathologist Shortages: Context and Consideration for State Public Health Agencies* (Mar. 2019), <https://www.astho.org/ASTHOBriefs/Forensic-Pathologist-Shortages/>.

III. Potential Roadblocks

A. State Laws

In an urban area responding to an outbreak in a state with no Potential Public Hazard Death requirements, an ME recently stated that such requirements would have crippled the ability to respond to the pandemic. Thus, in states where these laws exist and may required bodies to be examined, immediate backlogs could occur.

Pandemic surges in bodies risk completely overwhelming these already stretched systems. As noted, approximately 500,000 bodies pass through ME/coroner offices in a typical year.²⁴ The current White House predictions are for 100,000 to 240,000 fatalities from COVID-19; a large proportion of these deaths will be statutorily required to pass through the ME/coroner system in the next several months as Potential Public Hazard Deaths and/or other Covered Deaths. It is difficult to see a scenario in which the ME/coroner system is able to absorb these excess deaths.

In non-pandemic times, the role ME/coroner plays an important role in many states of locating and investigating Potential Public Hazard Deaths; however, in the midst of a pandemic, the threat is known and diverting resources to confirm COVID-19 deaths may well pose additional risks to public health.

B. Regulations

If regulations governing the transportation or interment of bodies limit how or when bodies can be transported or interred, or who can transport or inter them, they may prevent the use of federal or other resources to assist, or slow down the process in a way that could prove problematic.

C. Communications with Coroners/ Medical Examiners

Twenty-eight states and territories have a SME, in the following areas of state government:

- **13:** the state's health department²⁵
- **5:** a statewide investigative entity, including a department of public safety²⁶
- **3:** the state crime lab²⁷
- **3:** the attorney general's office²⁸
- **2:** a stand-alone medical examiner's office²⁹
- **1:** affiliated with a state college³⁰
- **1:** the executive branch generally.³¹

²⁴ Exec. Off. Pres., Nat'l Sci. & Tech. Council, *Strengthening the Medicolegal Death-Investigation System: Improving Data Systems* (2016), at 2, <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/NIJ/251423.pdf> (citations omitted)

²⁵ Alaska (Health & Social Services), Guam (Dep't of Health), Iowa (Dep't of Public Health), Maryland (Dep't of Health & Mental Hygiene), North Carolina (Dep't of Health and Human Services), North Dakota (Dep't of Health), New Jersey (Dep't of Health), New Mexico (Dep't of Health & Human Services), Rhode Island (Dep't of Health), Tennessee (Dep't of Health), Utah (Dep't of Health), Virginia (Dep't of Health), Vermont (Dep't of Health).

²⁶ Georgia (Georgia Bureau of Investigation), Massachusetts (Exec. Office of Public Safety), Mississippi (Dep't of Public Safety), Oregon (Dep't of State Police), Puerto Rico (Dep't of Public Safety).

²⁷ Arkansas (State Crime Lab), Delaware (Division of Forensic Science), Montana (Lab of Criminalistics; appointed by AG).

²⁸ Maine, New Hampshire, U.S. Virgin Islands.

²⁹ Kentucky (Office of the Ky. State Medical Examiner), Oklahoma (Board of Medicolegal Investigations).

³⁰ Connecticut (U. Conn. Health Center).

³¹ Washington, D.C. (executive branch generally).

Other states have CCs, CME, or a combination of both. Several states have regional or district MEs.³² And some states have both SMEs and local coroners/ medical examiners.

These diverse structures may pose challenges to every level of response, as they may well require different forms of outside assistance and make impractical—if not impossible—a one-size-fits-all approach to providing logistical assistance or addressing legal barriers. This variety of state and local authorities may also mean that if any of the potential solutions are sought and implemented, it may be a challenge to communicate the new requirements to respond to Covered Deaths.

IV. Potential Solutions

A. Legal

1. Executive Orders Permitting Noncompliance

Executive orders permitted noncompliance with statutes requiring the investigation or autopsy of bodies in situations that could cause bottlenecks to develop should be considered. In New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued several Executive Orders that permit or require noncompliance with a variety of statutes.³³ Those Orders typically temporarily suspend, for a period of time, “any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster,” and then list specific laws to which such suspension or modification applies.

As an example, in an April 9, 2020, order, New York authorized, *inter alia*,

- Funeral directors licensed and in good standing in any state or territory of the United States to practice as a funeral director in New York;
- Funeral directors licensed in New York, but not registered in New York, to practice in New York;
- Persons deputized by the Commissioner of Health to be agents authorized by a funeral director or undertaker to supervise and arrange for the delivery of bodies (with a copy of a filed death certificate) to cemeteries, crematoria, or a common carrier;
- The State Registrar to register death certificates and issue burial and removal permits³⁴

2. Court Orders Permitting Noncompliance

In concept, an ME’s office or its counsel—including, in some states, an attorney general—could seek a court order permitting noncompliance with otherwise-applicable statutes or regulations. Recently in California, the Judicial Council passed an Emergency Eviction Rule to temporarily halt evictions for 90 days after the end of the state-declared state of emergency.³⁵

³² FLA. STAT. ANN. § 406.05.

³³ See, e.g., Exec. Order No. 202.15 Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (Apr. 9, 2020), <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20215-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>.

³⁴ *Id.*

³⁵ Veronica Morley, Judicial Council Emergency Rule Effectively Stops Evictions During COVID-19 Emergency (Apr. 7, 2020) <https://www.turnto23.com/news/coronavirus/judicial-council-emergency-rule-effectively-stops-evictions-during-covid-19-emergency>.

3. Health Department Orders Permitting Noncompliance

In some states, the health department may have the power to permit or order noncompliance with statutory requirements. For example, Puerto Rico's health department is requiring funeral homes take custody of bodies of those who are believed to have died from COVID-19, rather than having those bodies transported to the island's medical examiner's office.³⁶ The order also appears to address other statutory requirements that require the involvement of prosecutors at every death scene.³⁷

B. Logistical

1. Temporary Licensing of Out-of-State Pathologists

States have medical boards that license physicians, at least some if not many of which are in the state's department of health. Medical boards could consider providing temporary licenses to practice for out-of-state pathologists who desired to assist with the investigation and autopsy of bodies during a mass disaster.

2. Temporary Deputizing of Physicians or Others

In at least some states, the coroner or ME may be authorized to temporarily deputize physicians to act as a deputy and complete investigations and/or autopsies. This may also permit those deputized individuals to respond to scenes to which the coroner or ME would otherwise be obligated to respond.

3. Develop Communications Now Across Coroners/ Medical Examiners' Organizations

Outreach to and preliminary communications with organizations that serve medical examiners, pathologists, and coroners should be continued and expanded, as that will better allow tracking of "hot spots" for fatality management that may be developing across the country and determine what resources—be they logistical or legal—may be needed to prevent bottlenecks from developing. Outreach to the states' departments of health may also be warranted.

4. Disseminate Guidelines to Clinical Doctors and Medical Autopsy Services Regarding Acceptable Certification of Death and Proper Handling and Documentation After Death for COVID-19 Cases

Empowering clinicians dealing directly with patients to provide certification of death with clinical data and testing results, thus bypassing the ME system, may play an extremely important role in reducing the burden on MEs and coroners. Providing medical autopsy facilities with guidelines for handling bodies in clinical settings and documenting with testing after death would allow for certification of death without involving the ME system. If they are nonetheless required to investigate a death, coroners and MEs may, if permitted by law and in appropriate cases, choose to rely upon information provided by medical records or clinical pathologists, rather than obtaining additional information through investigation or autopsy.

³⁶ Lorraine M. Martinez, *Health Releases Protocol for COVID-19 Deaths*, NOTICEL (Mar. 22, 2020), <https://www.noticel.com/gobierno/top-stories/20200322/tras-denuncias-de-funerarias-emiten-protocolo-para-fallecidos-por-covid-19/> (translated).

³⁷ *Id.*

State by State Requirements for Contagious Deaths—Investigation, Body Movement, Autopsy

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Please Note: research is cursory and preliminary. It is designed to provide an overview of expected issues; readers are recommended to directly consult statutes in the relevant states.

1. Alabama

a. System:

- i. County Coroner (Ala. Code § 11-5-1);
 - 1. 3 counties have County ME (Bibb (Ala. Code § 45-4-60), Escambia (Ala. Code § 45-27-60), and Jefferson (1979 Ala. Laws Act 1979-454 (H.B. 847)));
 - 2. No state ME
- ii. Elected

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (a) When a coroner has been informed that a person is dead in the county and that such **person died without being attended or examined by a legally qualified physician, the coroner shall forthwith proceed to the place where the dead person is lying, examine the dead body** to ascertain the cause of death and report same in the same manner as inquests are reported.
(b) When a coroner is unable to determine the cause of death, he may summon any physician or surgeon, who shall make an external postmortem examination of the dead body and report his opinion of the cause of death to the coroner in writing.
Ala. Code § 15-4-2.

c. Autopsy

- i. If the surgeon or physician is unable to determine the cause of death from an external postmortem examination and the coroner has reasonable cause to believe that deceased came to his death by unlawful means, the coroner may in such cases order any physician or surgeon to perform an autopsy or internal examination on the dead body, and report the findings of such autopsy to the coroner in writing.
Ala. Code § 15-4-2.

d. Custody of Body: silent

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroner required to physically examine body where death unattended

2. Alaska

a. System

- i. State ME, located in Health & Social Services. Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.65.015.
- ii. Not elected; is a doc

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. ME must be notified when the death appears to have *“resulted from a disease that constitutes a threat to public health.”* Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.65.005(5).
- ii. When a death is reported to the state medical examiner under Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.65.005, the **state medical examiner or the deputy medical examiner shall perform a medical death investigation**. When a person dies under circumstances that, in the opinion of the state medical examiner, warrant an investigation, the state medical examiner or the deputy medical examiner may perform a medical death investigation.
Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.65.020.

c. Autopsy

- i. Optional/ discretionary. Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.65.020.

d. Custody of Body: silent

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. State ME/ deputy required to perform med death investigation for every case

3. Arizona

a. System

- i. County ME; must be forensic path. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 11-592. Likely to be only one in at least some counties, as board of supervisors decides if there should be add'l. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 11-592.
- ii. No state ME
- iii. Not elected

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The county medical examiner or alternate medical examiner **shall direct a death investigation** [when] *Death believed to present a public health hazard*. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 11-593(8), 11-594.

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion of CME. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 11-594.
- ii. **Prosecutor Order:** If the county attorney or a superior court judge of the county where the death occurred requests an autopsy, the county medical examiner shall perform the autopsy, or, in the case of an alternate medical examiner, an autopsy shall be performed by a forensic pathologist. . . .
Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 11-597.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. CME must direct death investigation for public health hazard deaths

4. Arkansas

a. System

- i. CC. Ark. Code Ann. § 14-15-301.
- ii. SME. § 12-12-306
 - 1. State crime laboratory is where SME is located. § 12-12-306
 - 2. **ASCLD**
- iii. Elected (one or both?) Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-1302.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The county coroner, prosecuting attorney, and either the county sheriff or the chief of police of the municipality in which the death of a human being occurs shall be promptly notified by any physician, law enforcement officer, undertaker or embalmer, jailer, or coroner or by any other person present or with knowledge of the death if ... (S)(i) *The death poses a potential threat to public health or safety . . .*
 - ii. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-315(1)(S)(i).When a death is reported to the coroner, he or she shall conduct an investigation concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual and gather and review background information, including, but not limited to, medical information and any other information which may be helpful in determining the cause and manner of death.
Ark. Code Ann. § 14-15-301.
 - iii. **Prosecutor Order:** Prosecuting attorney can request investigation/ autopsy. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-307(2)(a)(ii).
- c. **Autopsy**
 - i. **Prosecutor Order:** Prosecuting attorney can request investigation/ autopsy. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-307(2)(a)(ii).
- d. **Custody of Body**
- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
 - i. Coroner required to conduct investigation when notified of death posing potential threat to public health

5. American Samoa—no statutes found

6. California

- a. **System**
 - i. CC Cal. Gov't Code § 24010.
 - 1. Appt or elected
 - ii. CME Cal. Gov't Code § 24010.
 - 1. Appt
 - iii. No state ME
- b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. It shall be the duty of the coroner to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of... *deaths known or suspected as due to contagious disease and constituting a public hazard* ... and any deaths reported by physicians or other persons having knowledge of death for inquiry by coroner.
Cal. Gov't Code § 27491
- c. **Autopsy**
- d. **Custody of Body**
- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
 - i. Coroner must inquire into public hazard deaths

7. Colorado

- a. **System**
 - i. CC Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-601.
 - ii. CME (Denver only)

- iii. Elected (at least CC) Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-601.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The coroner, in cooperation with law enforcement, shall make all proper inquiry in order to determine the cause and manner of death of any person in his or her jurisdiction who has died under any of the following circumstances: ... *(e) From a disease which may be hazardous or contagious or which may constitute a threat to the health of the general public;*
Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-606(1)(e).
- ii. When a person dies as a result of circumstances specified in subsection (1) of this section or is found dead and the cause of death is unknown, the person who discovers the death shall report it immediately to law enforcement officials or the coroner, and the **coroner shall take legal custody of the body.**
Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-606(1.2)(a).
- iii. (b) The body of any person who dies as a result of circumstances specified in subsection (1) of this **section shall not be removed from the place of death prior to the arrival of the coroner or his or her designee** or without the authority of the coroner or his or her designee unless it is necessary to identify the victim, to protect the property from damage or destruction, or to preserve and protect evidence, or protect life, health, or safety. The coroner, in consultation with the district attorney or local law enforcement agency, shall facilitate the timely removal of the body to preserve and protect evidence. The coroner may order the removal of the body for further investigation or release the body to the next of kin if no further investigation is required by law enforcement.
- iv. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-606(1.2)(b).

c. Autopsy

- i. The coroner shall perform a forensic autopsy or have a forensic autopsy performed as required by section 30-10-606.5 or upon the request of the district attorney.
Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-606.
- ii. The coroner shall perform a forensic autopsy or have a forensic autopsy performed in accordance with the circumstances in the most recent version of the “forensic autopsy performance standards” adopted by the national association of medical examiners, when the death is apparently nonnatural and occurs in a facility or during services regulated by the department of human services, and when the death is the result of an automobile accident and a hospital physician has not documented the extent of the injuries . . .
Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 30-10-606.5(1)(a).

d. Custody of Body: coroner

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroner must take legal custody of body and investigate; body generally cannot be removed until coroner shows up

8. Connecticut

a. System

- i. SME. Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 19a-406.
- ii. University of Connecticut Health Center/Commission on Medicolegal Investigations. Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 19a-402; Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 19a-403.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The Chief Medical Examiner shall investigate all human deaths in the following categories: ... *deaths related to disease which might constitute a threat to public health.*
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-406(a)(6).

c. Autopsy

- i. The Chief Medical Examiner may require autopsies in connection with deaths in the preceding categories when it appears warranted for proper investigation and, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, an associate medical examiner or an authorized assistant medical examiner, an autopsy is necessary. The autopsy shall be performed at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or by a designated pathologist at a community hospital.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-406(a)
- ii. Any state's attorney or assistant state's attorney shall have the right to require an autopsy by a pathologist so designated in any case in which there is a suspicion that death resulted from a criminal act.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-406(b)

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Chief medical examiner is required to investigate public health threat deaths

9. Delaware

a. System

- i. SME. Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 4704.
- ii. Under Div. of Forensic Sciences, which is under Dept. of Safety and Homeland Sec.; appointed by Dr. of DFS. Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, §§ 4703, 4704.

1. ASCLD

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. When any person shall die in this State ... *from an undiagnosed cause which may be related to a disease constituting a threat to public health* ... it shall be the duty of the person having knowledge of such death... immediately to notify the Chief Medical Examiner, an Assistant Medical Examiner or a Deputy Medical Examiner, as the case may be, who in turn shall notify the Attorney General of the known facts concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of such death.
Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 4706(a).
- ii. Immediately upon receipt of such notification, **the Medical Examiner shall take charge of the dead body if either the Medical Examiner or the Attorney General shall deem it necessary.**
Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 4706(b).

- iii. **The Medical Examiner shall fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death and may take the names and addresses of as many witnesses as may be practicable** to obtain and shall reduce such facts as the Medical Examiner may deem necessary to writing and file the same in the Division of Forensic Science.

Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 4706(c).

c. Autopsy

- i. **Prosecutor Order:** AG can request. Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 4707.

d. Custody of Body: if ME or AG deems if necessary, ME “takes charge” of the body.

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ME required to “fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death” and may take charge of the body—if ME or AG deems that necessary

10. District of Columbia

a. System

- i. SME (chief medical examiner), executive branch. D.C. Code § 5-1402.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The Chief Medical Examiner shall investigate those types of deaths enumerated in D.C. Official Code § 5-1405(b)(2001), which includes the following: ... **Deaths related to disease which might constitute a threat to public health** and (11) Deaths for which the Metropolitan Police Department, or other law enforcement agency, or the United States Attorney’s Office requests, or a court orders investigation...
- ii. D.C. Code § 5-1405(6), (11).

c. Autopsy

- i. **Prosecutor order:** If, in the opinion of the CME, or the United States Attorney, further investigation as to the cause or manner of death is required or the public interest so requires, a medical examiner shall either perform, or the CME shall arrange for a qualified pathologist to perform, an autopsy on the body of the decedent . . .
D.C. Code § 5-1409.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues:

- i. OCME required to investigate public threat deaths; all such cases pass through MEO

11. Florida

a. System

- i. District ME. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 406.05.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. In any of the following circumstances involving the death of a human being, the medical examiner of the district in which the death occurred or the body was found **shall determine the cause of death** and shall, for that purpose, make or have performed such examinations, investigations, and autopsies as he or she

shall deem necessary or as shall be requested by the state attorney: ...11. *By disease constituting a threat to public health.*

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 406.11(a)(11).

ii. **Prosecutor order:** investigation (see above)

c. Autopsy

i. Discretion of district ME. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 406.11.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

i. DME required to determine cause of death in threat to public health cases

12. Georgia

a. System

i. CC (elected). Ga. Code Ann. § 45-16-80.

ii. CME (appointed). Ga. Code Ann. § 45-16-80.

iii. SME, in GA Bureau of Investigation. Ga. Code Ann. § 35-3-153.

b. Investigations of Deaths

i. When unattended, other categories; no explicit public health requirements. Ga. Code Ann. § 45-16-24.

c. Autopsy

i. ME discretion. Ga. Code Ann. § 45-16-22.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

13. Guam

a. System

i. Chief Medical Examiner heads Office of Post-Mortem Examination in the Health Dept. 10 G.C.A. § 81102

b. Investigations of Deaths

i. No general public health factor for investigations but see autopsies.

c. Autopsy

i. Autopsies may be conducted by the Office of Post-Mortem Examinations in the following cases:... (e) *Deaths related to disease which might cause a threat to public health. ...* The Office of Post-Mortem Examinations shall further conduct autopsies whenever so ordered by the Attorney General or a court of competent jurisdiction.

10 GCA § 81105

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

14. Hawaii

a. System

i. CC. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 841-1. Chief of police is CC in Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai

ii. CME. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 841-1.

b. Investigations of Deaths

i. When unattended, other categories; no explicit public health requirements. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 841-3

c. Autopsy

- i. Silent re requirements for contagious disease. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 841-14
 - d. **Custody of Body**
 - e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
- 15. **Idaho**
 - a. **System**
 - i. CC. Idaho Code Ann. § 34-622.
 - ii. Elected or appointed
 - b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. Unattended and can't be certified by doctor requires coroner to refer investigation of death to sheriff/ chief of police; no explicit public health requirements. Idaho Code Ann. § 19-4301.
 - c. **Autopsy**
 - i. The coroner or the **prosecuting attorney** may order an autopsy performed if it is deemed necessary accurately and scientifically to determine the cause of death. Idaho Code Ann. § 19-4301B.
 - d. **Custody of Body**
 - e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
 - i. Conceptual possibility that referral back to law enforcement of unattended deaths that can't be certified by a doctor might cause a slowdown in processing of bodies.
- 16. **Illinois**
 - a. **System**
 - i. CC. 55 Il. Comp. Stat. Ann. § 5/3-3003.
 - ii. CME. 55 Il. Comp. Stat. Ann. § 5/3-3003.
 - b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. When unattended, other categories; no explicit public health requirements. 55 ILCS 5/3-3013
 - c. **Autopsy**
 - i. Where a death has occurred and the circumstances concerning the death are suspicious, obscure, mysterious, or otherwise unexplained and in the opinion of the examining physician or the coroner the cause of death cannot be established definitely except by autopsy... 55 ILCS 5/3-3015(a)
 - d. **Custody of Body**
 - e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
- 17. **Indiana**
 - a. **System**
 - i. CC. Ind. Code Ann. § 36-2-14-2.
 - 1. Elected
 - ii. Also statutes providing for district MEs, but it isn't clear if they actually exist. Ind. Code Ann. § 4-23-6-6.
 - b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. Coroner required to notify LEA to assist him in determining cause, manner, and mechanism of death; applies when person is "found dead." "The coroner shall hold the human remains until the investigation of how the person died and the

medical investigation of the cause of death are concluded.” No specific public health requirements
Ind. Code Ann. § 36-2-14-6

c. Autopsy

- i. **Prosecutor order:** When acting under this section, if the coroner considers it necessary to have an autopsy performed, is required to perform an autopsy under subsection (f), or is requested by the **prosecuting attorney of the county** to perform an autopsy...
- ii. Ind. Code Ann. § 36-2-14-6(e)

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

18. Iowa

a. System

- i. CME. Iowa Admin. Code r. 641-127.1.
 - 1. Appointed
- ii. SME, in Iowa Department of Public Health, appt by DPH. Iowa Code Ann. § 691.5.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. A death affecting the public interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:... *Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious which may constitute a public hazard.*
- ii. Iowa Code § 331.802(3)(d)
- iii. **If a person’s death affects the public interest**, the county medical examiner shall conduct a preliminary investigation of the cause and manner of death, prepare a written report of the findings, promptly submit the full report to the state medical examiner on forms prescribed for that purpose, and submit a copy of the report to the county attorney.
Iowa Code § 331.802(2)(a)

c. Autopsy

- i. A county medical examiner **shall** perform an autopsy or order that an autopsy be performed in the following cases:...**All cases in which the manner of death is undetermined.** 641 IAC 127.3(1)(d)
- ii. It is **recommended** that a county medical examiner should perform an autopsy or order that an autopsy be performed in the following cases:... *Deaths due to a possible public health hazard.* 641 IAC 127.3(2)
- iii. Discretion of ME (except for SIDS). Iowa Code § 331.802(4)
- iv. County Attorney can order in criminal cases. 641 IAC 127.3(4)(a)

d. Custody of Body

- i. 1. A person’s death which affects the public interest as specified in subsection 3 shall be reported to the county medical examiner or the state medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer, or any other person present. **The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the city or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body.**

Iowa Code § 331.802

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. County or state MEs will be taking custody of and required to investigate every COVID-19 case

19. Kansas

a. System

- i. District Coroner. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22a-226.
 - 1. Appointed, has to be doc (uncommon for coroners) Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22a-226.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner discretion; includes “when the determination of the cause of death is held to be in the public interest,” but no explicit public health requirement... If the coroner of the county of the cause of death requests an investigation, the coroner of the county of death shall be responsible for the investigation and the certification of death. Kan. Stat. § 22a-231.
- ii. Coroner takes charge of the body in such cases. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22a-232.

c. Autopsy

- i. **Prosecutor order:** Discretion of coroner/ if “requested in writing by the county or district attorney.” Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22a-233(a).

d. Custody of Body

- i. Coroner takes charge if investigation

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

20. Kentucky

a. System

- i. CC. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 72.410.
- ii. SME. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 72.240.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. List of 19; don’t include public health risk. Ky Rev. Stat. § 72.025

c. Autopsy

- i. County or commonwealth’s attorney may petition court to order autopsy; appears to be limited to criminal cases. Ky Rev Stat, § 72.445

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

21. Louisiana

a. System

- i. CC. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13:5701.
- ii. Elected, required to be a doctor. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13:5701.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The coroner shall either view the body or make an investigation into the cause and manner of death in all cases involving the following: ... **(13) Deaths due to virulent contagious disease that might be caused by or cause a public hazard, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome.**
- ii. La. R.S. § 13:5713(A)(13)

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion. La. R.S. § 13:5713(B)

d. Custody of Body

- i. (3) The coroner may hold any dead body for any length of time that he deems necessary. La. R.S. § 13:5713(B)(3)
- ii. (1) The coroner shall furnish a death certificate based on his examination, investigation, or autopsy, and he shall state as best he can the cause and manner of death. . La. R.S. § 13:5713(E)(1)

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroners required to at least view public health death bodies, likely take custody. Also required to do death certificate, timelines of 10 days generally (La. R.S. § 13:5713(G)).
- ii. “It shall be the duty of the coroner who makes the final investigation to release the body for burial.” Also somewhat complex fee/ transportation requirements for outside of parish deaths. La. R.S. § 13:5706(B)3).

22. Maine—*relatively complex statutes*

a. System

- i. SME, in AGO. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 3022.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. 3. Certification and completion of reports of deaths. **The Office of Chief Medical Examiner shall be responsible for certification and completion of reports of deaths identified as medical examiner cases by section 3025.** This shall be accomplished by examination of bodies and useful objects and by investigation and inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner may compile and preserve records and data relating to criminal prosecution, public health, public safety and vital statistics, as these relate to his responsibilities.
Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 3022.
- ii. ***A medical examiner case may exist and must be reported*** as provided in section 3026 when remains are found that may be human and raise suspicion that death has occurred under any of the following circumstances:... ***Death suspected of being due to a threat to the public health when the authority of the medical examiner is needed to adequately study the case for the protection of the public health;***
22 M.R.S. § 3025(1)(F)
- iii. If ME decides not to go to scene, law enforcement still required to handle it. 22 M.R.S. § 3028(2): When death is not suspected to be the result of physical injury attributable to criminal conduct, the medical examiner may elect not to proceed to the scene, or the Chief Medical Examiner may elect not to dispatch a medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator to the scene. If the medical examiner elects not to proceed to the scene, or the Chief Medical Examiner elects not to dispatch a medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator to the scene, **the law enforcement officer in charge of the scene shall:**

A. Investigate, take photographs and take possession of useful objects as directed by the medical examiner, medicolegal death

investigator or the Office of Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to subsection 4;

B. Deleted. Laws 2001, c. 291, § 2.

C. Remove the body in accordance with the instructions of the medical examiner, medicolegal death investigator or the Office of Chief Medical Examiner; and

D. Make a report of the investigation available to the medical examiner, medicolegal death investigator or the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

c. Autopsy

- i. If, in any medical examiner case, in the opinion of the medical examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner, the district attorney for the district in which the death has occurred or the Attorney General, it is advisable and in the public interest that an autopsy be made, the autopsy must be conducted by the Chief Medical Examiner or by a physician that the medical examiner, with the approval of the Chief Medical Examiner, may designate. The medical examiner, with the approval of the Chief Medical Examiner, may elect to perform the autopsy. The person who performs the autopsy shall make a complete report of the findings of the autopsy and shall transmit the report to the medical examiner and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, retaining one copy of the report.

22 M.R.S. § 3028(8)

d. Custody of Body

- i. Movement or alteration of body prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in this section: ... A. In any medical examiner case a person may not move or alter the body or any objects at the scene of death prior to the arrival, or without the express authorization, of the medical examiner or Office of Chief Medical Examiner

22 M.R.S. § 3027(1)(A)

- ii. 2. Preservation or removal of body. : In any medical examiner case in which the body is in danger of being destroyed or lost or **the location of the body renders it a serious threat to the safety or health of others**, a person may take **whatever steps are reasonably necessary for the retention or preservation of the body** prior to the arrival or authorization of the medical examiner or the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. The person shall first, if practicable, exactly mark the location and position of the body. ... A. **When death occurs in a medical facility such as a hospital or an ambulance, the body may be removed to a mortuary under the following conditions:**

- (1) The incident causing the death did not occur in the medical facility;
- (2) The body is transported to a secure place in the same condition as when death occurred; and
- (3) The only alterations are the disconnecting of fixed medical equipment.

22 M.R.S. § 3027

- iii. **Waiver procedure:** In all other medical examiner cases the procedure in this subsection may be waived concurrently by the medical examiner and the district attorney for the district in which the body is located or the district attorney's authorized representative.

22 M.R.S. § 3027(3)

- iv. 11. Final release of body. In any medical examiner case the body shall not be finally released for embalming or burial except by order of the medical examiner in charge of the case, or by the Chief Medical Examiner. No medical examiner may release a body without first ensuring that the case has been reported to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

22 M.R.S. § 3028(11)

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. COVID-19 cases likely to be "medical examiner cases" which mean that ME will have to release for embalming/ burial and will have to complete reports. But there is a waiver procedure, if necessary, that involves DA & ME.

23. Maryland

a. System

- i. State ME, in Dept of Health & Mental Hygiene. Md. Code Ann., Health–Gen. § 5-302, 305, 306.
- ii. May be county MEs appointed by state ME. Md. Code Ann., Health–Gen. § 5-306.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. A medical examiner shall investigate the death of a human being if the death occurs:... In any suspicious or unusual manner.
Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. Section 5-309(a)(1)(v).
- ii. If, during the investigation of a death under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, a communicable disease is identified, it shall be reported by the medical examiner in writing within 24 hours to the health officer in the appropriate jurisdiction and to the deputy State health official, on the forms supplied by the Maryland Department of Health, in accordance with COMAR 10.06.01.04.
COMAR 10.35.01.15

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion of ME. Md. Code Ann., Health–Gen. § 5-310(b)(1).
- ii. Opp for decedent's family to object. Md. Code Ann., Health–Gen. § 5-310(b)(2)
- iii. If the medical examiner who investigates a medical examiner's case considers an autopsy necessary, the Chief Medical Examiner, a deputy chief medical examiner, an assistant medical examiner, or a pathologist authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner shall perform the autopsy.
Md. Code Ann., Health–Gen. § 5-310.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

24. Massachusetts

a. System

- i. SME, in Exec. Off. Of Public Safety. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 38, § 2.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. List of circs, including “suspicious/ unusual,” etc., but no contagious diseases/ public health. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 38, § 3.
- ii. The medical examiner shall be responsible for making arrangements for transport of the body. The district attorney or his law enforcement representative shall direct and control the investigation of the death and shall coordinate the investigation with the office of the chief medical examiner and the police department within whose jurisdiction the death occurred. Either the medical examiner or the district attorney in the jurisdiction where death occurred may order an autopsy. Cases requiring autopsy shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the office for such purpose. *As part of his investigation, the chief medical examiner or his designee may, in his discretion, notwithstanding any other provision of law, cause the body to be tested by the department of public health for the presence of any virus, disease, infection, or syndrome which might pose a public health risk.*
Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 38, § 4

c. Autopsy

d. Custody of Body

- i. The medical examiner shall be responsible for making arrangements for transport of the body... If the medical examiner is unable to respond and take charge of the body of the deceased in an expeditious manner, the chief of police of the city or town wherein the body lies, or his representative, may, after conferring with the appropriate district attorney, move the body to another location until a medical examiner is able to respond. Before moving the body the police shall document all facts relevant to the appearance, condition and position of the body and every fact and circumstance tending to show the cause and circumstances of death.
Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 38, § 4

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

25. Michigan

a. System

- i. CME, appointed. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 52.201.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Categories include unexpected ,without medical attendance; if attending physician can determine accurately the cause of death, no need for investigation by ME. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 52.202(1).

c. Autopsy

- i. Bodies ME chooses to autopsy go to “public morgue” or to “If there is no public morgue, the body may be removed to a private morgue designated by the county medical examiner.” Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 52.205.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

26. Minnesota

a. System

- i. CC. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.005.
- ii. CME. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.005.
- iii. Both have to be docs

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. All sudden or unexpected deaths and all deaths that may be due entirely or in part to any factor other than natural disease processes must be promptly **reported to the coroner or medical examiner for evaluation**. Sufficient information must be provided to the coroner or medical examiner. Reportable deaths include, but are not limited to: **(14) deaths of persons not seen by their physician within 120 days of demise; (15) deaths of persons occurring in an emergency department;**

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(1)

The coroner or medical examiner staff shall make inquiry regarding the cause and manner of death and, in cases that fall under the medical examiner's or coroner's jurisdiction, prepare written findings together with the report of death and its circumstances, which shall be filed in the office of the coroner or medical examiner. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(8)

c. Autopsy

- i. The coroner or medical examiner shall determine the extent of the coroner's or medical examiner's investigation, including whether additional investigation is needed by the coroner or medical examiner, jurisdiction is assumed, or an autopsy will be performed, subject to subdivision 2b. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(1).
- ii. Subd. 2. Autopsies. — Subject to subdivision 2b, the coroner or medical examiner may order an autopsy, at the coroner or medical examiner's sole discretion, in the case of any human death referred to in subdivision 1, when, in the judgment of the coroner or medical examiner the public interest would be served by an autopsy. The autopsy shall be performed without unnecessary delay. A report of the facts developed by the autopsy and findings of the person performing the autopsy shall be made promptly and filed in the office of the coroner or medical examiner. ... Every autopsy performed pursuant to this subdivision shall, whenever practical, be performed in the county morgue. Nothing herein shall require the coroner or medical examiner to order an autopsy upon the body of a deceased person if the person died of known or ascertainable causes or had been under the care of a licensed physician immediately prior to death or if the coroner or medical examiner determines the autopsy to be unnecessary. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(1).
- iii. Requirements to contact decedent's loved one and give them time to object to autopsy. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(2b)

d. Custody of Body

- i. Upon notification of the death of any person as defined in this section, the coroner or medical examiner staff or their designee may proceed to the body, take charge of it, and arrange for transfer of it, when appropriate.
Minn. Stat. § 390.11(8)

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroner/ ME will need to “evaluate” many COVID-19 deaths—but it doesn’t appear that bodies have to go to their office unless they request.
- ii. Decedent loved one contact requirements for autopsy may slow down any necessary autopsies—both for COVID-19 and other deaths
- iii. Requirement to give med records to coroner/ ME may pose burden on hospitals. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 390.11(7a)

27. Mississippi

a. System

- i. CC. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-61-57.
- ii. CME
- iii. SME, in Dept of Public Safety. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-61-55.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (1) A person’s death that affects the public interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any other person present.
The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body. ... (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious that may constitute a public hazard. Miss. Code. Ann. §§ 41-61-59(1), (2)(d).
- ii. (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency.
Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-61-59(3).
- iii. (2) In addition, the medical examiners shall: (a) **Upon receipt of notification of a death affecting the public interest, make inquiries regarding the cause and manner of death, reduce the findings to writing and promptly make a full report** to the State Medical Examiner on forms prescribed for that purpose.
Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-63
- iv. **(1) No person knowing or having reason to know that a death may be under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner shall embalm, bury or cremate the body without the permission of the medical examiner.** Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment

for not more than six (6) months in the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-69(1)

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion of ME. Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-65
- ii. 2) In order to provide proper facilities for investigating deaths as authorized in Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, the State Medical Examiner may arrange for the use of existing public or private laboratory facilities. The State Medical Examiner may **contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support services for autopsies**, studies and investigations not inconsistent with other applicable laws.

Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-77

d. Custody of Body

- i. MEs will be “taking charge” of all COVID-19 bodies. Miss. Code. Ann. §§ 41-61-59(1), (2)(d).
- ii. Limits on moving bodies: The medical examiner shall then notify the State Medical Examiner, in accordance with Section 41-61-63(2)(a). **No person shall disturb the body at the scene of such a death until authorized by the medical examiner, unless the medical examiner is unavailable and it is determined by an appropriate law enforcement officer that the presence of the body at the scene would risk the integrity of the body or provide a hazard to the safety of others.** For the limited purposes of this section, expression of an opinion that death has occurred may be made by a nurse, an emergency medical technician, or any other competent person, in the absence of a physician.

Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-61(1)

(4) Upon oral or written authorization of the medical examiner, **if an autopsy is to be performed, the body shall be transported directly to an autopsy facility in a suitable secure conveyance**, and the expenses of transportation shall be paid by the county for which the service is provided. The county may contract with individuals or make available a vehicle to the medical examiner or law enforcement personnel for transportation of bodies.

- iii. Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-61(4).

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. It appears that MEs have to take COVID-19 bodies; ME or LEO will have to approve moving bodies, bodies required to go directly to “autopsy facility”; ME to make a full report to SME. ME has to give permission to dispose of all COVID-19 bodies or those who dispose of them face criminal liability. Miss. Code Ann. § 41-61-69(1)

28. Missouri

a. System

- i. CC, elected. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.010.
- ii. CME, appt. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.705.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. 1. When any person dies within a county having a medical examiner as a result of: ... *(4) Disease thought to be of a hazardous and contagious nature or which*

might constitute a threat to public health... the police, sheriff, law enforcement officer or official, or any person having knowledge of such a death shall immediately notify the office of the medical examiner of the known facts concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of the death. Immediately upon receipt of notification, the medical examiner or his designated assistant shall take charge of the dead body and fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.720.

- ii. 5. When the cause of death is established by the medical examiner, he shall file a copy of his findings in his office within thirty days after notification of the death.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.720(5).

- iii. In counties with coroner, no requirement to investigate public health deaths; do have “In any unusual or suspicious manner” and unattended by doc provisions.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.451

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion of ME. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.725

d. Custody of Body

- i. the medical examiner or his designated assistant shall take charge of the dead body and fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 58.720.

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ONLY in counties with MEs, MEs will have to take charge of all COVID-19 bodies; may be a challenge to drill down on which counties are ME counties and which are coroner counties.

29. Montana

a. System

- i. CC
- ii. SME
- iii. AG appts SME, which is in DOJ. Mont. Code § 44-3-201.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner to (8) inquire into any human death when no physician or surgeon licensed in the state will sign a death certificate; Mont. Code § 7-4-2911
- ii. “Coroner shall inquire into and determine the cause and manner of death and all circumstances surrounding” *(c) by an agent, disease, or medical condition that poses a threat to public health;*

Mont. Code § 46-4-122(1)(c)

c. Autopsy

- i. **Discretion or prosecutor order:** (1) If in the opinion of the coroner a postmortem examination is advisable, the coroner shall order one performed on any dead human body for which the death requires an inquiry and shall retain a medical examiner or associate medical examiner to perform it. Performance of postmortem examinations is within the discretion of the coroner except that the county attorney or attorney general may require one.

Mont. Code § 46-4-103(1)

d. Custody of Body

- i. (4) If a county does not provide a morgue or other facility for postmortem examination, the county coroner may order the use of a funeral home or an appropriate hospital facility for the examination. Mont. Code § 46-4-103(4)

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroners required by law to “inquire into and determine the cause and manner of death and all circumstances surrounding” COVID-19 deaths

30. Nebraska

a. System

- i. CC. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1820. (except is really county attorney, with a “coroner’s physician”)

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Only “unlawful means,” fleeing from police, and kids. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1801.

c. Autopsy

- i. Same as investigations. The county coroner or coroner’s physician shall perform, at county expense, an autopsy on any person less than nineteen years of age who dies a sudden death, except that no autopsy needs to be performed if (a) the death was caused by a readily recognizable disease or the death occurred due to trauma resulting from an accident and (b) the death did not occur under suspicious circumstances. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1824.

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Not totally clear whether COVID-19 deaths can be investigated by CC (presumably can be by medical profs)

31. Nevada

a. System

- i. CC, elected. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 259.010. (sheriffs are ex officio)

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. No public health provision. “When a coroner or the coroner’s deputy is informed that a person has been killed, has committed suicide or has suddenly died under such circumstances as to afford reasonable ground to suspect that the death has been occasioned by unnatural means, the coroner shall make an appropriate investigation.”
Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 259.050(1).

c. Autopsy

- i. Limited rights to conduct autopsy; must be provided by statute, in will of decedent, if district attorney, judge authorizes inquest (and is limited), when spouse authorizes, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 451.010, 259.050
- ii. DA could authorize inquest about coronavirus and allow autopsies of all: A single inquest may be held with respect to more than one death, where all the deaths were occasioned by a common cause.
Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 259.050
- iii. Very specific requirements about death & disposal of remains.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 440.350-440.590

- iv. Coroner required to make death certificate if inquest. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 440.430(1).

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. May need to have coroner's inquest called by DA to be able to "investigate" causes of death

32. New Hampshire

a. System

- i. SME
- ii. AG appts SME, which is in DOJ; is controlled by AG in matters relating to the enforcement of the criminal law.
- iii. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 611-B:2

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. II. A medical examiner shall make investigations in medico-legal cases. A medico-legal case exists when death is pronounced or remains are found indicating that a human has died and that death is known or suspected to have resulted from: ... (j) *Disease or agent which constitutes a public health hazard or environmental hazard.*
N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 611-B:11(II)(j).
- ii. SME has clear power to bring on others to help. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 611-B:9.

c. Autopsy

- i. I. If the supervising medical examiner, attorney general, or county attorney deems that an autopsy is necessary, he or she shall direct that one be made. The commissioner of the department of health and human services may, pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, V, request an autopsy of any individual who dies while admitted to, a resident of, or receiving care from New Hampshire hospital, Glencli home, or any other residential facility operated by the department or a contract service provider.
N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 611-B:17(II.)

d. Custody of Body

- i. Whenever the medical examiner has notice of the body of a person whose death is supposed to have been caused in a manner described in RSA 611-B:11, the medical examiner shall take charge of the body and may go to the place where such body lies. The medical examiner may authorize the moving of the body.
N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 611-B:13
- ii. I. If the medical examiner determines that an **external** examination of the body is necessary to determine the manner and cause of death, **the medical examiner may arrange for the body to be transported to a funeral home or other facility where an examination can be conducted.** In the event that the decedent's family or next of kin does not employ the services of the funeral home or other facility used to transport the body, the cost of that transport shall be billed to the state.

II. In the event an **autopsy is ordered, the medical examiner shall arrange for the body to be transported to the morgue.** The cost of that transport shall be billed to the state.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 611-B:15

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ME has to take charge of all COVID-19 bodies, have external exams in funeral homes or other facilities, have autopsy in morgue.

33. New Jersey

a. System

- i. SME, who has “significant statutory authority and operational oversight to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the entire medical examiner system in New Jersey;” N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-2 (enacted 2018)
 - 1. Gov appts SME; SME is head of Office of Chief State ME, conceptually in Dept of Health, but independent from it. N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-4
- ii. CME. N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-9

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. a. A medical examiner shall conduct a medicolegal investigation of a death in this State, as determined to be necessary to establish identity and the cause and manner of death, and to resolve any issues or potential issues of public health and of legal concern, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Chief State Medical Examiner, in any of the following instances: (4) **death from causes that might constitute a threat to public health or safety;** N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-10(a)(4).
- ii. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act to the contrary, a county or intercounty medical examiner may request the Chief State Medical Examiner or Deputy Chief State Medical Examiner, or other person authorized and designated by the Chief State Medical Examiner, to conduct an examination or perform an autopsy whenever it is deemed necessary or desirable. N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-10(8).

c. Autopsy

- i. Prosecutor can order: a. The Chief State Medical Examiner, a county or intercounty medical examiner, an assignment judge of the Superior Court, a county prosecutor, the Attorney General, or the commissioner may deem an autopsy necessary after a preliminary death investigation is performed. N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-11(a).
- ii. Ability for family to object, but overruled if compelling public necessity—still **must give 48 hours notice before performing autopsy, “however, the court may dispense with the waiting period upon ex parte motion if it determines that the delay may prejudice the accuracy of the dissection or autopsy, or may precipitate or prolong an immediate and substantial threat to public health or safety.”** N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-11(b)
 - 1. “compelling public necessity” includes “that the discovery of the cause of death is necessary to meet an immediate and substantial threat to

the public health, and that a dissection or autopsy is essential to ascertain the cause of death; N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-3(b)

- iii. SME can authorize other competent forensic paths to do autopsies. N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-10(6)(c)
- iv. (5) If the cause of death is established within a reasonable degree of medical certainty and no autopsy is deemed necessary, the county or intercounty medical examiner, assistant county or intercounty medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator, as the case may be, shall reduce the findings to writing and promptly make a full report thereof to the Chief State Medical Examiner and to the county prosecutor in a format to be prescribed by the Chief State Medical Examiner for that purpose.
N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-10
- v. **Note:** it is possible that N.J.A.C. 13:49-1.1 is still in effect; if so, “All deaths from causes which might constitute a threat to public health,” are required to be autopsied. Seems inconsistent with current statutory requirements and like it may have been repealed, but 48 N.J.R. 1828(a), authorization from Dr. Andrew L. Falzon on July 28, 2016 to extend until July 28, 2023 the rules in NJAC 13:49 setting forth when autopsies are mandated. Current State ME should know the status

d. Custody of Body

- i. Req'ment of notification, then CME “shall immediately proceed to the place where the dead body is located and take charge of the body.” N.J. Stat. § 26:6B-10(c)(1).

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. CME is to “take charge” of body, 48 hour waiting period for autopsies (note can get a court order, but will likely need to involve AGO), need to talk with current ME about whether NJAC 13:49 is still in effect

34. New Mexico

a. System

- i. SME, Office of the Medical Investigator, in Univ. of NM School of Medical. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 24-11-2.

b. Investigations of Deaths

c. Autopsy

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

35. New York

a. System

- i. CC. N.Y. County Law § 671.
- ii. CME. N.Y. County Law § 400.

b. Investigations of Deaths [note: spelling out more conditions here than in other states]

- i. 1. A coroner or medical examiner has jurisdiction and authority to investigate the death of every person dying within his county, or whose body is found within the county, which is or appears to be: ... **(c) A death occurring in a**

suspicious, unusual or unexplained manner; (d) A death while unattended by a physician, so far as can be discovered, or where no physician able to certify the cause of death as provided in the public health law and in form as prescribed by the commissioner of health can be found; (e) A death of a person confined in a public institution other than a hospital, infirmary or nursing home.

N.Y. County Law § 673

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion of ME: (a) In the course of the investigation, the coroner or coroner and coroner's physician, or the medical examiner, shall make or cause to be made such examinations, including an autopsy, as in his or their opinion are necessary to establish the cause of death, or to determine the means or manner of death, or to discover facts, the ascertainment of which is requested in writing by a district attorney, or a sheriff, or the chief of a police department of a city or county, or the superintendent of state police;

N.Y. County Law § 674(3)(a)

d. Custody of Body

- i. 1. When a coroner or medical examiner is informed of the occurrence of a death within his jurisdiction as defined in section six hundred seventy-three of this article, he shall go at once to the place where the body is and take charge of it. ... Notwithstanding any general, special or local law, the coroner, or coroner and coroner's physician, or the medical examiner, shall have authority to the extent required for the investigation to remove and transport the body upon taking charge of it. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in a county with a population of less than two hundred thousand, a coroner who is not a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state may, with respect to deaths specified in paragraph (e) of subdivision one of section six hundred seventy-three of this article, take charge of, remove and transport the body, without first notifying and designating a coroner's physician when, in the opinion of the coroner, it would be impossible or impractical to at once notify and designate a coroner's physician to go to the place where the body is; provided, however, that the coroner shall notify and designate a coroner's physician to act with him in such case as soon as practicable, and in any event within twenty-four hours, after taking charge of the body.

N.Y. County Law § 674(1).

- ii. The coroner, or the coroner and coroner's physician, or the medical examiner, shall fully investigate the essential facts concerning the death, taking the names and addresses of as many witnesses thereto as it may be practicable to obtain, and before leaving the premises shall reduce all such facts to writing. He or they shall take possession of any portable object which, in his or their opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause or means of death.

N.Y. County Law § 674(1).

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. *In addition to above, state and municipal laws re: handling of bodies—not summarized above, but statutes provided*

36. North Carolina

a. System

- i. SME, Dep. Health & Human Svc.. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 130A-377.
- ii. Also CC and CME; CDC said in 2014 that more CMEs than CCs. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 130A-382, N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 152-1.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (a) Upon the death of any person resulting from violence, poisoning, accident, suicide or homicide; occurring suddenly when the deceased had been in apparent good health or **when unattended by a physician**; occurring in a jail, prison, correctional institution or in police custody; occurring in State facilities operated in accordance with Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes; occurring pursuant to Article 19 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes; or occurring under any **suspicious, unusual or unnatural circumstance**, the medical examiner of the county in which the body of the deceased is found shall be notified by a physician in attendance, hospital employee, law-enforcement officer, funeral home employee, emergency medical technician, relative or by any other person having suspicion of such a death. **No person shall disturb the body at the scene of such a death until authorized by the medical examiner unless in the unavailability of the medical examiner it is determined by the appropriate law enforcement agency that the presence of the body at the scene would risk the integrity of the body or provide a hazard to the safety of others.** For the limited purposes of this Part, expression of opinion that death has occurred may be made by a nurse, an emergency medical technician or any other competent person in the absence of a physician. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 130A-383

c. Autopsy

- i. Discretion: (a) If, in the opinion of the medical examiner investigating the case or of the Chief Medical Examiner, it is advisable and in the public interest that an autopsy or other study be made; or, if **an autopsy or other study is requested by the district attorney of the county or by any superior court judge, an autopsy or other study shall be made by the Chief Medical Examiner** or by a competent pathologist designated by the Chief Medical Examiner. N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 130A-389

d. Custody of Body

- i. (a) Upon receipt of a notification under G.S. 130A-383, the medical examiner shall take charge of the body, make inquiries regarding the cause and manner of death, reduce the findings to writing and promptly make a full report to the Chief Medical Examiner on forms prescribed for that purpose. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 130A-385
- ii. (b) The medical examiner shall complete a certificate of death, stating the name of the disease which in his opinion caused death. If the death was from external causes, the medical examiner shall state on the certificate of death the means

of death, and whether, in the medical examiner's opinion, the manner of death was accident, suicide, homicide, execution by the State, or undetermined. The medical examiner shall also furnish any information as may be required by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics in order to properly classify the death. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 130A-385

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

37. North Dakota

a. System

- i. SME (called “state forensic examiner”), in Dept of Health. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 23-01-05.4.
- ii. CC. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 11-09-27.

b. Investigations of Deaths

c. Autopsy

- i. SME required to autopsy when requested by coroner or local state’s attorney. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 23-01-05.4.
- ii. [A]n individual died as a result of criminal or violent means, died suddenly when in apparent good health in a suspicious or unusual manner, or died as the result of any other reportable circumstance, N.D. Cent. Code, § 11-19.1-01, which include “Unexplained death or death in an undetermined manner;” . . . N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 11-19.1-07.o.

d. Custody of Body

- i. The state forensic examiner may order an autopsy and exercise all powers and authority bestowed upon the office of the coroner and, at any time, may assume jurisdiction over a deceased human body. Whenever requested to do so by the local coroner, acting coroner, or the local state’s attorney, the state forensic examiner or the examiner’s designee shall assume jurisdiction over a deceased human body for purposes of investigating the cause of death, the manner of death, and the mode in which the death occurred. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 11-19.1-18.

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

38. Northern Mariana Islands—no statutes located

a. System

b. Investigations of Deaths

c. Autopsy

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

39. Ohio

a. System

- i. CC, has to be doc. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 313.01, .02
- ii. CME (Cuyahoga & Summit Counties)
- iii. Elected

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (A) When any person dies as a result of criminal or other violent means, by casualty, by suicide, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, when any person,

including a child under two years of age, dies suddenly when in apparent good health, or when any person with a developmental disability dies regardless of the circumstances, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 313.12.

c. Autopsy

- i. 48 hour waiting period if relative or friend objects, even for autopsies necessary to establish the cause of the deceased person's death for the purpose of protecting against an immediate and substantial threat to the public health. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 313.131(C)

d. Custody of Body

- i. (A) The coroner, any deputy coroner, an investigator appointed pursuant to section 313.05 of the Revised Code, or any other person the coroner designates as having the authority to act under this section may go to the dead body and take charge of it. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 313.13

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. 48 hour waiting period if autopsy necessary if objection

40. Oklahoma

a. System

- i. SME, Board of Medicolegal Investigations. Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 933.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. A. All human deaths of the types listed herein shall be investigated as provided by law:....**3. Deaths related to disease which might constitute a threat to public health;** Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 938.
- ii. Upon receipt of notice of death of any person which under this act is subject to investigation, the medical examiner shall immediately conduct an investigation into the cause and manner of death . . . Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 941.
- iii. Upon receipt of notice of death of any person which under Section 931 et seq. of this title is subject to investigation, a representative Death Investigator from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall **immediately initiate an investigation and shall document in detail, by the end of his or her assigned shift, all the known and available facts of the death scene in the electronic database of the Chief Medical Examiner.** Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 941.

c. Autopsy

- i. When necessary in connection with an investigation to determine the cause and/or manner of death and when the public interest requires it, the Chief Medical Examiner, his or her designee or a district attorney shall require and authorize an autopsy to be conducted. In determining whether the public interest requires an autopsy the medical examiner or district attorney involved shall take into account but shall not be bound by request therefor from private persons or from other public officials.
- ii. Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 944

d. Custody of Body

- i. Upon completion of an investigation by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the body of the deceased shall be released to the person legally entitled to the custody thereof, or his or her representative, unless:

- ii. 1. A release is signed by the person legally entitled to the custody of the body; or
- iii. 2. The attending physician has notified the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Oklahoma, or his or her designee, of the need for further investigation into the cause of death, or has notified the appropriate district attorney of such need; or
- iv. 3. The laws of this state or the regulations of the Board of Medicolegal Investigations require additional information or examination that cannot be obtained or completed within the above period of time.
- v. Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 941a
- vi. The body of the deceased shall be turned over to the funeral director designated by the person responsible for burial within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the decedent unless a longer period is necessary to complete the required investigation. Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 941

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Documentation requirement in Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 941.

41. Oregon

a. System

- i. SME, Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.065. Department of State Police. Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.035.
- ii. DME (which SME has to maintain list of). Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.035(4)(b).
- iii. CME Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.065

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The medical examiner shall investigate and certify the cause and manner of all human deaths: ... *(g) Related to disease which might constitute a threat to the public health* Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.090(1)(g).
- ii. (1) **The district medical examiner and the district attorney for the county where death occurs**, as provided by ORS 146.100 (2), shall be responsible for the investigation of all deaths requiring investigation. (2) The medical examiner shall certify the manner and the cause of all deaths which the medical examiner is required to investigate. The report of death shall be submitted to a county registrar as required by ORS 432.133. (3) The medical examiner shall make a report of death investigation to the Chief Medical Examiner as soon as possible after being notified of a death requiring investigation. (4) Within five days after notification of a death requiring investigation, the medical examiner shall make a written report of the investigation and file it in the district medical examiner's office. Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.095

c. Autopsy

- i. (1) A medical examiner or district attorney may order an autopsy performed in any death requiring investigation. This authorization for an autopsy shall permit the pathologist to remove and retain body tissues or organs from the deceased for the purpose of the legal or medical determination of the manner or cause of death, or other purposes approved under policies established by the State Medical Examiner Advisory Board. Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.117

d. Custody of Body

- i. (1) No person shall bury or otherwise dispose of the body of a person whose death required investigation, without having first obtained a burial or cremation permit, or a report of death completed and signed by a medical examiner.
- ii. (2) When a medical examiner investigates the death of a person whose body is not claimed by a friend or relative within five days of the date of death, the sheriff or, in counties having a population of 400,000 or more, the medical examiner shall dispose of the body according to the provisions of ORS 97.170 to 97.210. Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 146.121

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ME has to investigate and certify cause and manner of all public health deaths within 5 days. DA plays big role.

42. Pennsylvania

a. System

- i. CC 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 3092.
- ii. CME

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (a) Duty. The coroner having a view of the body shall investigate the facts and circumstances concerning a death that appears to have happened within the county, notwithstanding where the cause of the death may have occurred, for the purpose of determining whether or not an autopsy or inquest should be conducted in the following cases: ... *(7) A death known or suspected to be due to contagious disease and constituting a public hazard.* 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 1218-B(a)(7)
- ii. Req'd to learn cause and manner of death, determine ID, and notify NOK.
- iii. It shall be the duty of the coroner or the deputy coroner of any county in this Commonwealth, in all cases where death is sudden or violent or is of a suspicious nature and character, to cause a careful investigation of the facts concerning said death to be made, to ascertain whether the death was due to other than natural causes, and to make or cause to be made such an autopsy as the facts of the case may demand. 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 9521(b)(2).

c. Autopsy

- i. (a) Autopsy. If, after investigation, the coroner is unable to determine the cause and manner of death, the coroner shall perform or order an autopsy on the body. 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 1218-B(a)
- ii. It shall be the duty of the coroner or the deputy coroner of any county in this Commonwealth, in all cases where death is sudden or violent or is of a suspicious nature and character, to cause a careful investigation of the facts concerning said death to be made, to ascertain whether the death was due to other than natural causes, and to make or cause to be made such an autopsy as the facts of the case may demand. 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 9521.

d. Custody of Body

- i. (a) General rule. Except as provided under subsection (b), if a coroner has jurisdiction to investigate the facts and circumstances of death, the body and the surroundings of the body shall be left untouched until either:
 - 1. (1) The coroner has conducted an initial investigation of the scene of death, including viewing and photographing the scene in the manner that most fully discloses how the individual died.
 - 2. (2) The coroner directs or authorizes the touching of a body and the surroundings of a body, except as provided by law or as circumstances may require.
 - ii. (b) Exception. A body on a public thoroughfare or other place may be moved if necessary for the administration of emergency care and as a precaution against a traffic accident or another serious consequence that might reasonably be anticipated if the body was left in place. The removal of the body shall be done so as to not substantially destroy or alter possible evidence.
- 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 1222-B

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Coroner has to investigate every COVID-19 case and body can't be moved until s/he sees it or authorizes someone else to move it (except as provided by law or circumstances might require). May have to issue lots of death certificates. 16 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 1226-B

43. Puerto Rico

a. System

SME, in Forensic Science Bureau. 25 L.P.R.A. § 3581

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. (a) It shall be the duty of the Forensic Science Bureau to investigate and determine the cause and manner of death of any person who dies under any of the following circumstances: ... (13) *While suffering from a contagious disease that could pose a threat to the public health. In such cases, the forensic pathologist may limit the post-mortem examination to the essential diagnostic tests in order to minimize the exposure to contagious diseases.*
- 25 L.P.R.A. § 3588(a)(13)

c. Autopsy

- i. **Prosecutor order:** In the remaining cases listed in subsection (a), the autopsy shall be mandatory when ordered by the prosecutor.
- 25 L.P.R.A. § 3589

d. Custody of Body

- i. **In all cases, the removal of the body shall be authorized by the prosecutor investigating the case.** The order shall specify whether the body shall be transferred to the Bureau in order to perform an autopsy or to conduct any subsequent investigations, or if the body is to be delivered to the family of the deceased. **The Bureau's forensic pathologists and crime scene investigators investigating a death scene shall have the same authority when they determine with reasonable certainty that the person did not die under any of the criminal or violent circumstances enumerated in this subchapter.**

25 L.P.R.A. § 3594

- ii. When the autopsy is not mandatory, it shall not be necessary to transport the body to the facilities of the Bureau, unless it so ordered by the Commissioner, a forensic pathologist, a forensic pathologist assistant, or a prosecutor.

25 L.P.R.A. § 3589

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. Prosecutors required generally to order removal of body—or BFS’s paths or crime scene investigators. Can mean that bodies stay in same place for long time.
- ii. Also system capacity issues revealed during Hurricane Maria

44. Rhode Island

a. System

- i. SME, in Dept. of Health. R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 23-4-2.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. The office of state medical examiners shall have the **authority** to make postmortem examinations, to undertake inquests, and to perform autopsies where there may be in its judgment a reasonable belief that the manner of death could be pronounced as: (6) *Death due to an infectious agent capable of spreading an epidemic within the state*. R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 23-4-4(6).
- ii. AG can request inquests, R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 23-4-3(2).
- iii. (c) When any person may appear to have met death when unattended by a physician, or in any unnatural manner, or as the apparent result of the negligence of another person, or as the consequence of any physical or toxic injury incurred while employed, or from the use of any addictive or unidentifiable chemical agent, or from accidental hypothermia, **or from an infectious agent capable of spreading an epidemic within the state**, it shall be the duty of any physician, law enforcement officer, funeral director, hospital official having knowledge of the death, or of any other person having responsibility for burial or cremation of the deceased person to **notify the office of the state medical examiners**. R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 23-4-7(c)

c. Autopsy

d. Custody of Body

- i. (a) When the office of state medical examiners has notice that there has been found or is lying within this state the body of a person who is supposed to have come to his or her death by violence, or in any manner as stated in § 23-4-7, an agent of the office of state medical examiners ***shall immediately proceed to the place where the body lies and take charge of it, view it, and make personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death. If the body is found at the residence of the deceased, the agent of the office of state medical examiners shall not remove the body from the residence unless necessary for further postmortem examination or autopsy.***
- ii. Responsible for burying bodies for which there is no other existing legal responsibility

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ME will have to take custody of and investigate all COVID-19 deaths

45. South Carolina

a. System

- i. County Coroner (S.C. Const. Art. V, § 24, S.C. Code Ann. § 17-5-5)
- ii. Counties with 100,000+ population may have a medical examiner (S.C. Code § 17-5-220)
- iii. Coroner is elected (S.C. Const. Art. V, § 24), ME is chosen and employed by ME Commission (appointed by Governor) (S.C. Code 17-5-230). Coroner and ME may appoint deputies.
- iv. In counties which have both a coroner and a medical examiner, “coroner has the ultimate responsibility for carrying out the duties required” and “medical examiner's duties must be specified in an annual written contract between the county governing body and the medical examiner.”

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner must be notified of deaths . . .” (4) when unattended by a physician; (6) while an inmate of a penal or correctional institution; (8) in a health care facility . . . other than nursing homes, within twenty-four hours of entering a health care facility” and any death of a child.
- ii. The coroner or medical examiner shall make an immediate inquiry into the cause and manner of death and shall reduce the findings to writing on forms provided for this purpose. If the inquiry is made by a medical examiner, the medical examiner shall retain one copy of the form and forward one copy to the coroner. In the case of violent death, one copy must be forwarded to the county solicitor of the county in which the death occurred.

c. Autopsy

- i. Can be ordered by coroner or medical examiner (in addition to other officials)
- ii. Required in death of child (S.C. Code 17-5-520); If any person dies while detained, incarcerated, or under the jurisdiction of a municipal, county, or regional holdover facility, unless prior illness or condition is certified by two independent doctors. (S.C. Code 17-7-10)

d. Custody of Body

- i. Identified body must be released to the person lawfully entitled to it for burial. If no one claims it, coroner must dispose of it.

- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Death of child must be examined, death of person in custody requires independent certification of natural causes.

46. South Dakota

a. System

- i. County coroner, elected (S.D. Code 7-7-1.1) or appointed in counties of 75,000 or more (serves at pleasure of country commissioners (S.D. Cod 7-7-1.4). Coroner may appoint special death investigators

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner shall investigate if a determination of the cause and manner of death is in the public interest. Death in the public interest includes

1. “All deaths of inmates of any state, county, or municipally operated correctional facility, mental institution, or special school;
2. *All deaths believed to represent a public health hazard*; (S.D. Code § 23-14-18)

c. Autopsy

- i. Autopsy ordered by state's attorney, sheriff, or coroner S.D. Code § 21-14-9.1
- ii. If in the public interest, the county coroner may order an autopsy on those deaths falling within the county coroner’s jurisdiction S.D. Codified Laws § 23-14-9.1)

d. Custody of Body

- i. the county coroner and law enforcement agency exercising investigative control over such death shall jointly take charge of and exercise complete control over all dead bodies and all effects affixed thereto to determine the physiological cause of death.

- e. Potential Bottleneck Issues**—coroner **shall** investigate all deaths in the public interest, including those that are potential public health hazard

47. Tennessee

a. System

- i. County legislature may elect a coroner for a two-year term. (No Tennessee counties appear to do this). If the county has a medical examiner, the coroner’s duties may be invested in the medical examiner and no coroner need be elected. Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-9-101
- ii. Medical examiner, in dept. of health, is appointed by the county mayor, subject to confirmation by the county legislative body. Must be an M.D. (Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-7-104)
- iii. **State** medical examiner, must be doctor and pathologist, appointed by commissioner of health, heads “a post-mortem examination division or service. The division or service shall have as its functions the investigation of certain deaths as defined in this part, and the keeping of full and complete records of all reports on investigations and examinations made pursuant to this part.” Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-7-102.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Anyone with knowledge of “deaths of prisoners or persons in state custody, . . . *deaths believed to represent a threat to public health*” must report the death to the county medical examiner.
- ii. **State** medical examiner “shall have investigative authority for certain types of death that are in the interests of the state, including mass fatality incidents, for the identification, examination and disposition of victims' remains, and *instances that represent a threat to the public health or safety, or both.*” Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-7-103.

c. Autopsy

- i. Medical examiner **may** perform autopsy in deaths believed to represent a threat to public health or safety. (Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-7-106)

d. Custody of Body

- i. Body shall not be moved in circumstances above without authorization from medical examiner.
 - ii. The body or remains of any dead human subject to an autopsy or pathology examination pursuant to this part shall be delivered to the next of kin as soon as practicable after the completion of the autopsy or pathology examination. Tenn. Code § 38-7-118
- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Both state medical examiner and county medical examiner have jurisdiction over deaths that are a threat to public health or safety” but jurisdiction is permissive, rather than mandatory.

48. Texas

- a. **System**
 - i. Justice of the Peace (may be several JP precincts within a county) investigates suspicious deaths and orders autopsies. Elected, 4-year term.
 - ii. Medical examiner: must have one for counties over 2 million people, may have them in any county, counties may join in one district. Appointed by Commissioners Court, must be MD.
- b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. It is the duty of the medical examiner to hold inquests with or without a jury when a person shall die within twenty-four hours after admission to a hospital or institution or in prison or in jail or if unattended by physician.
- c. **Autopsy**
 - i. Justice of the peace shall order an autopsy if he/she determines that it is necessary to determine the cause of death.
 - ii. “A justice of the peace may not order a person to perform an autopsy on the body of a deceased person whose death was caused by a communicable disease during a public health disaster.”
- d. **Custody of Body:**
 - i. Medical examiner must authorize movement of body in cases described.
 - ii. The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within 48 hours unless the death certificate indicates death was caused by one of several communicable diseases or the time requirement is waived by the medical examiner. “In a public health disaster, the commissioner of public health may designate other communicable diseases for which cremation within 48 hours of the time of death is authorized.”
- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Likely none: autopsies could be waived because of communicable nature of illness.

49. Utah

- a. **System**
 - i. State medical examiner, appointed by Director of Dept. of Health Utah Code § 26-4-4
 - ii. Counties may also appoint county medical examiners. Utah Code § 26-4-5
- b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. Medical examiner to assume custody of deceased body of unattended deaths (only if requested by county or district attorney or law enforcement) . .

.resulting from diseases that may constitute a threat to the public health. Utah Code § 26-4-7

c. Autopsy

- i. The medical examiner *shall perform an autopsy to disclose hazards to public health.* (Utah Code § 26-4-13)
- ii. Autopsy may be authorized by district attorney, county attorney, or medical examiner.

d. Custody of Body

- i. Where a body is held for investigation or autopsy the body shall, if requested by the [next of kin] be released for funeral preparations no later than 24 hours after the arrival at the office of the medical examiner or regional medical facility. An extension may be ordered only by a district court.

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues: ME “shall” do autopsy to disclose hazards to public health. Body must be released within 24 hours.

50. Vermont

a. System

- i. State Chief Medical Examiner in Dept of Health appoints regional medical examiners throughout the state. 18 Vt. Stat. Ann. § 507

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. When a person dies when unattended by a physician or when in jail or prison, or any psychiatric hospital or *in circumstances involving a hazard to public health*, welfare, or safety, medical examiner must be notified. 18 Vt. Stat. Ann. §5205.

c. Autopsy

- i. Superior Judge or the Attorney General can order an autopsy, which will be done by the Chief Medical Examiner, or under his or her direction, unless, for good cause shown, such judge or the Attorney General otherwise directs. 18 VSA 506-508, 13 V.S.A. §5162.
- ii. The State's Attorney or Chief Medical Examiner, if either deem it necessary and in the interest of public health, welfare, and safety, or in furtherance of the administration of the law, may order an autopsy to be performed by the Chief Medical Examiner or under his or her direction. Upon completion of the autopsy, the Chief Medical Examiner shall submit a report to such State's Attorney and the Attorney General and shall submit a report of death to the State Registrar. 18 Vt. Stat. Ann. §5205.

d. Custody of Body

- i. In cases of death by certain communicable diseases as defined by the Commissioner, the municipal or county clerk, a deputy registrar, a funeral director, a crematory owner or manager, or a law enforcement officer **shall not issue a burial-transit permit except in accordance with instructions issued by the Commissioner.**
- ii. The person in charge of the body shall not release for cremation the body of a person who died in Vermont until the person in charge has received a certificate from the chief, regional, or assistant medical examiner that the medical examiner has made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is

satisfied that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning it is necessary.

- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Medical Examiner must okay all cremations.

51. U.S. Virgin Islands

a. System

- i. SME, in Dept of Justice. 3 V.I. Code § 115
- ii. Gov appoints

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Required to investigate the death of every person dying within the Virgin Islands, or whose body is found within the Virgin Islands which is or appears to be: ... a death while unattended by a physician, so far as can be discovered, or where no physician able to certify the cause of death as provided by law can be found; § 115(2)(v)

c. Autopsy

- i. ME must perform within 24 hours after he has taken charge of a body. §115 (d)

d. Custody of Body

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. ME requirements to investigate & write up all unattended deaths

52. Virginia

a. System

- i. Statewide—Office of Chief Medical Examiner, appointed by Health Commissioner
- ii. CME appoints one or more medical examiner for each county and city for terms of three years. (VA. Code Ann. § 32.1-282)

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. “or when unattended by a physician” but no public health requirement
- ii. when specified type of death reported, ME takes custody of body and prepares investigatory report.
- iii. A locality may establish “adult fatality review teams” for purposes of studying patterns and developing interventions, teams may review deaths of anyone over 60.

c. Autopsy

- i. Autopsy performed “If, in the opinion of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, it is advisable and in the public interest that an autopsy be made as part of the investigation of the death, or if an autopsy is requested by the attorney for the Commonwealth or by a judge of the circuit court of the county or city wherein such body is or where death occurred. Va Code § 32.1-285

d. Custody of Body

- i. If human remains are hazardous to the public health, as determined by the Commissioner of Health, the Commonwealth is responsible for safe handling, identification, and disposition of the remains. “Hazardous,” with regard to human remains, means those remains contaminated with an infectious, radiologic, chemical, or other dangerous agent.

- ii. Best efforts to be made to find next of kin, and they may remove body. IF no one claims the body in 10 days, the body shall be disposed of. **BUT** No dead body that is the subject of an investigation pursuant to § 32.1-283 or autopsy pursuant to § 32.1-285 shall be transferred for purposes of disposition until such investigation or autopsy has been completed.

- iii. Medical Examiner must authorize all cremations and burials at sea.

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

- i. No public health factor in investigations/autopsies. Custody of hazardous human remains is responsibility of the state.

53. Washington

a. System

- i. County coroner, elected in counties of more than 40,000, if less than 40,000, prosecuting attorney is coroner.
- ii. In a county with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or more, the county legislative authority may replace the office of coroner with a medical examiner system and appoint a medical examiner. Wash. Rev. Cod Ann. § 36-16-030, 36-24-190.

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner has jurisdiction over deaths *“where death is due to a violent contagious disease or suspected contagious disease which may be a public health hazard.”*
- ii. It shall be the duty of every person who knows of the existence and location of human remains coming under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner to notify the coroner, medical examiner, or law enforcement thereof in the most expeditious manner possible,

c. Autopsy

- i. The coroner, in his or her discretion, may make or cause to be made by a competent pathologist, toxicologist, or physician, an autopsy or postmortem in any case in which the coroner has jurisdiction of a body. Autopsy must be performed within five days.

d. Custody of Body

- i. Bodies cannot be embalmed if subject of coroner investigation without consent of coroner.

- e. Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Coroner has jurisdiction over deaths from public health hazard, but appear discretionary.

54. West Virginia

a. System

- i. Statewide—Chief Medical Examiner W.V. Code § 61-12-3
- ii. The chief medical examiner shall appoint for each county in the state a county medical examiner to serve for a term of three years under the supervision of the chief medical examiner. W.V. Code § 61-12-7
- iii. Also, the county commission of every county appoints a coroner for the county, The county coroners shall be certified in medicolegal investigations,

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Deaths to be reported to medical examiner: when unattended by a physician, or when an inmate of a public institution, or *from some disease which might constitute a threat to public health*. W.V. Code § 61-12-8
 - ii. County medical examiner **shall** investigate and report to chief medical examiner. W. V. Code § 61-12-8
- c. **Autopsy**
 - i. If in the opinion of the chief medical examiner, or of the county medical examiner of the county in which the death in question occurred, it is advisable and in the public interest that an autopsy be made, or if an autopsy is requested by either the prosecuting attorney or the judge of the circuit court. W.V. Code § 61-12-10
- d. **Custody of Body**
 - i. Upon notice of a death under this section, the chief medical examiner or the county medical examiner shall take charge of the body and any objects or articles which, in his or her opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause or manner of death, and deliver them to the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the case. W.V. Code § 61-12-8 Note that in admin. Rules issued by Health Dept., CME “may decline to take charge of the body.” W.V. Code R. 64-84-7.
- e. **Potential Bottleneck Issues**
 - i. County medical examiner “shall” investigate deaths which might constitute a threat to public health (but this is not listed in admin rules issued by Dept. of Health.

55. Wisconsin

- a. **System**
 - i. County coroner elected in each county in which there is a coroner, for the term of 4 years. The office of coroner is abolished in counties of 500,000 or more. Wis. Const. Art VI, sec. 4. No coroner shall be elected in counties having a population of 750,000 or more or in counties in which a medical examiner system is instituted. Medical examiner is appointed. Wis. Stat. Ann. §59.34
- b. **Investigations of Deaths**
 - i. No public health factor But
 - ii. If a coroner or medical examiner is aware of the death of a person who, at the time of his or her death, *had an illness or a health condition that is a public health emergency* (Wisc. Stat. Ann. s. 323.02 (16) (a)-- the occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition that is believed to be caused by bioterrorism or a novel or previously controlled or eradicated biological agent.) or if the coroner or medical examiner knows or suspects that the person had a communicable disease that, under rules promulgated by the department of health services, *must be reported to a local health officer or to the state epidemiologist, the coroner or medical examiner shall report the illness, health condition, or communicable disease to the department of health services and to the local health department*, Wis. Stat. Ann. §979-012
- c. **Autopsy**

- i. As with death investigations, public health threats are not a reason to seek an autopsy. Wis. Stat. Ann. §979-02

d. Custody of Body

- i. Coroner or medical examiner responsible for having unclaimed body interred. Wisc. Stat. Ann. §979.09
- ii. No body may be cremated without authorization from the medical examiner or coroner. Wis. Stat. Ann. §979.10

e. Potential Bottleneck Issues

56. Wyoming

a. System

- i. County coroner, elected, 4-year term, Wyo. Stat. § 7-4-101

b. Investigations of Deaths

- i. Coroner shall investigate all cases within the definition of coroner's case. "Coroner's case" means a case involving a death which was **not anticipated** and which may involve any of the following conditions . . . The deceased was unattended by a physician or other licensed health care provider (within the last 60 days); deceased was a prisoner, trustee, inmate or patient of any county or state corrections facility or state hospital, whether or not the death is unanticipated; **A public health hazard is presented.** Wyo Stat. Ann. § 7-4-104

c. Autopsy

- i. Autopsy to be performed when coroner or jury in inquest think it requisite. Wyo. Stat. Ann. §7-4-209.
- ii. In the event that the coroner determines that a person's death was caused by an infectious disease . . . or any other cause which may constitute a public health emergency . . . the coroner shall release to the state health officer all information and records required. Wyo. Stat. Ann. §7-4-105.

d. Custody of Body

- i. When the coroner investigates the death of a person whose body is not claimed by a friend or relative within five (5) days of the date of discovery and whose death does not require further investigation, he shall cause the body to be decently buried. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-4-207.
- ii. If there is a public health emergency (Public health emergency" means an occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition caused by an epidemic or pandemic disease, a novel and highly fatal infectious agent), public health official may adopt and enforce measures to provide for the safe disposal of corpses including the embalming, burial, cremation, interment, disinterment, transportation and disposal of corpses. Public health official may take possession or control of any corpse and order the disposal of any corpse of a person who has died of an infectious disease through burial or cremation within twenty-four (24) hours after death. Wyo. Stat. Ann. §35-1-241.

- e. Potential Bottleneck Issues:** Since only unanticipated deaths are to be investigated, likely no bottleneck. Also, public health officials have authority to take control in public health emergency.

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to share information that may be of use if your state experiences an increase in deaths and/or a slowdown in the processes needed to investigate, autopsy, and inter/cremate as a result of COVID-19 and measures taken to reduce its spread.

This guidance arises from work NAAG has been doing in coordination with HHS, FEMA, the CDC, the National Guard, various pathologist organizations, and others to address ways to respond to and handle mass fatalities in a manner that is consistent with public health and the rule of law. The expertise that we and NAAG bring to the table arises from our work assisting Puerto Rico with related issues in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

As the attached memo and accompanying attachments note, many states have statutes that require investigation, autopsy, or some other specific response to certain types of death that could prove problematic in mass COVID-19-related fatality situations, including:

- Deaths believed to have been caused by a disease posing a risk to public safety or health (~ 29 states and territories)
- Unattended deaths (~ 36 states and territories)
- Deaths of people in institutions, including
 - o Jail/ police custody (~ 42 states and territories)
 - o State-run facility/ mental health institution (~ 29 states and territories)
- Bodies that will be cremated (~ 15 states and territories)

As many of you may already know, there is a nationwide shortage of medical examiners and forensic pathologists. This fact may make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to comply with statutory requirements like those summarized above while also maintaining public health.

The attached memo contains several legal and logistical mechanisms to consider if statutory compliance is not in the public interest, including:

- Legal:
 - o Executive orders
 - o Court orders
 - o Health department orders
- Logistical:
 - o Temporary licensing of out-of-state pathologists or funeral directors to allow them to assist
 - o Temporary deputizing of pathologists by coroner/ ME offices to allow them to carry out tasks statutorily delegated to those offices
 - o Ongoing and additional communications with coroner/ ME organizations
 - o Use of clinical pathologists to assist

While we expect that the federal government may well be issuing similar guidance in the future, it is not clear when and if the guidance will be released to you and we believed it was important to share what we could with you now.

If you have any questions, please contact NAAG's Amie Ely at aely@naag.org or 646-831-9934 (cell).

Very Truly Yours,

Maura Healey,
Attorney General of Massachusetts

Lawrence Wasden,
Attorney General of Idaho

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Morales, Cynthia; Ginn, Lesli; Massock, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: FDA Updates Guidance Documents to Reflect New Premarket Review Submission Date; Tobacco 21 Legislation

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Cc: "Campbell, Christopher" <Christopher.Campbell@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: **FDA Updates Guidance Documents to Reflect New Premarket Review Submission Date; Tobacco 21 Legislation**

Good afternoon-

FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team wanted to share with you that today the Agency updated three guidance documents to reflect the new Sept. 9th premarket review submission date and new statutory minimum age of sale for tobacco products. On July 12, 2019, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland ordered FDA to require manufacturers of e-cigarettes, cigars and other deemed new tobacco products that were on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016 to submit applications for premarket review by May 12, 2020. Last week, the court [granted FDA's request for a 120-day extension](#) – which FDA made solely as a result of the coronavirus pandemic – for manufacturers subject to the May 12, 2020 date. Applications that were originally due on May 12, 2020 are now due Sept. 9, 2020.

FDA strongly encourages applicants who are able to submit applications in advance of the Sept. 9 deadline to do so as soon as possible. Those who plan on submitting applications for a large number of products are encouraged to contact the agency as soon as possible to discuss their plans and method of submission. To help manufacturers preparing and submitting tobacco product applications by Sept. 9, FDA recently posted a [compilation of information and resources](#) on FDA's website.

In accordance with this new date for submission of premarket applications to the Agency and the new statutory minimum age of sale for tobacco products, today FDA issued changes to three guidance documents:

1. **Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization**

FDA revised the guidance for industry, "[Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems \(ENDS\) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization \(Revised\)](#)." This is a revision to the January 2020 guidance which describes, among other things, how FDA intends to prioritize its enforcement resources with regard to ENDS products that do not have premarket authorization.

[The guidance](#) outlines FDA's intention to prioritize, as of Feb. 6, 2020, earlier enforcement against certain illegally marketed ENDS products that may be used by or appeal to youth. The guidance also originally stated that FDA intends to independently prioritize enforcement for any other ENDS product that was on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016 that is offered for sale after May 12, 2020, and for which the manufacturer has not submitted a premarket application (or after a negative action by FDA on a timely submitted application). The guidance also set forth FDA's enforcement priorities for other deemed new tobacco products beginning May 12, 2020. The date for prioritized enforcement of premarket requirements for these products without a submitted application (excluding ENDS subject to earlier enforcement) has now been changed to Sept. 9, 2020.

The revised guidance does not in any way alter the fact that it is illegal to market any new tobacco product without premarket authorization. FDA is continuously evaluating new information and adjusting its enforcement priorities in light of the best available data, and it will continue to do so. FDA will take appropriate action regarding tobacco products that are marketed without premarket authorization, including as warranted based on changed circumstances, new information, or to better address minors' use of those products.

2. FDA Deems Certain Tobacco Products Subject to FDA Authority, Sales and Distribution Restrictions, and Health Warning Requirements for Packages and Advertisements

FDA revised the guidance for small businesses, "[FDA Deems Certain Tobacco Products Subject to FDA Authority, Sales and Distribution Restrictions, and Health Warning Requirements for Packages and Advertisements \(Revised\)](#)*." This Small Entity Compliance Guide is intended to help small businesses understand and comply with FDA's Deeming Rule. FDA revised this guidance to reflect the new premarket review submission deadline of Sept. 9, 2020 for new deemed tobacco products on the market as of Aug. 8, 2016. The revisions also include updates to reflect that the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products has been increased to 21, and that FDA has been instructed to issue a final rule to, among other things, update all references to persons younger than 18 years of age to 21.

3. Extension of Certain Tobacco Product Compliance Deadlines Related to the Final Deeming Rule

FDA withdrew the guidance, "[Extension of Certain Tobacco Product Compliance Deadlines Related to the Final Deeming Rule](#)" which was originally issued in May 2017. FDA withdrew the guidance because the compliance deadlines contained in the guidance have passed, have been vacated or stayed, or are otherwise described in other guidance.

View FDA's Tobacco Guidance Page: <https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/rules-regulations-and-guidance/guidance>

If you have questions related to this or other tobacco-related issues, please let me know if I can assist you further. My contact information is below.

For general FDA-related inquiries, please feel free to contact FDA's IGA staff at IGA@fda.hhs.gov.

Chris

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
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To: Massock, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

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Date: March 24, 2020 at 9:28:12 AM CDT
To: "Williams, Ben" <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

Ok thanks

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy,

See the following and attached. IBM is offering some tools at no cost to help with constituent interaction.

Ben

From: Michael Garcia < >
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

Ben,

We are making our AI Watson Assistant for Citizens available to government with pre-built COVID responses for **90 days at no charge** to help with the current situation and off-load strained agency employees.

IBM has developed a multilingual, conversational Virtual Assistant that can field both **voice calls and web chats** regarding inquiries about COVID-19 as well as answer questions about how to get services or what may be changing in how agencies deliver services. We have pre-built COVID-19 responses to help agencies get started quickly to provide consistent information and relieve the pressure on agency employees. This can be extended / trained to include Texas Agency-specific information and responses.

Included at no charge for 90 days is unlimited access to Watson Assistant, Voice Integration and Discovery services, initial set-up and deployment, access to Expertise Connect services, and the pre-trained COVID intents in English and Spanish.

Web chat can be up in a day. Voice integration can be done in 4-5 days.

Michael Garcia
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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Kitterman, Shawn
Subject: Fwd: Importance of Occupancy Counts

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Subject: Importance of Occupancy Counts

Please see below for a message from my COO regarding the importance of daily occupancy updates. I appreciate those who have been sending me daily or weekly numbers and please continue to send any changes. If you have any questions you are welcome to reach out to me.

"Dear Tenants,

Since agencies first started to reduce onsite staff in response to the spread of COVID-19, we have been asking for occupancy counts from each of you. In addition to assisting TFC with our staffing decisions, we also share the data with the Office of the Governor .

It is critical that your agency make a good faith effort to ascertain and report the best numbers you have available for how many of your agency's employees are currently working on site in state

buildings maintained by our agency. We understand that everyone is extremely busy, but we would not be asking if it weren't important under this declared disaster.

Please send a daily email to your TFC Property Manager, even if it is just to let us know that nothing has changed. For our agencies that occupy multiple buildings, we appreciate you breaking these numbers down by building. You are also encouraged to provide notes or context like "we currently have 245 employees working on site, but plan to have this number reduced by half in the next three days". All the information helps us make rapid strategic and staffing decisions based on facts, allowing us to serve you in the best possible way. We also use this data to help us manage the inventory of essential cleaning supplies that are in high demand.

Thank you so much for your assistance and understanding. We truly appreciate your prompt and ongoing response to this important matter.

--

***Joel Speight
Chief Operations Officer
Texas Facilities Commission"***

Thank you,

KASEY LIRA, CTCM
Property Manager

Texas Facilities Commission
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Please Tell Us What You Think: To provide feedback, please go to the following Website:
<http://portal.tfc.state.tx.us/survey/> We appreciate and value your input.

Please note my office hours are 7:30 AM-4:30 PM M-F and I am located in WPC 130.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Bunker-Henderson, Nichole
Subject: Fwd: Information Request: Overflow Health Care Facilities

I assume we would not have any of this information at OAG

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Subject: Information Request: Overflow Health Care Facilities

This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

Michigan is in the process of setting up an overflow health care facility and/or a step-down facility. They are requesting any information from other states who have set up similar alternative care facilities, things like, organization structure, contracting, staffing etc.

Please submit your responses to Jessica McGivney mcgivneyj@michigan.gov and Ryan Greenstein at rgreenstein@naag.org by Wednesday, April 8th.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Mase, Lacey
Subject: Fwd: Internship Opportunities

Lacey,

I just got this. How do you want to proceed?

Missy

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From: Andrew Boone < >
Date: April 27, 2020 at 2:47:09 PM CDT
To: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: "Wicker, Drew" <Drew.Wicker@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Internship Opportunities

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I am an aspiring law student interested in constitutional law and politics. I am taking the LSAT in May and applying to law schools this fall. I was residing in New York City, but came to the Dallas area for the summer because of the pandemic. My desire is to get some experience in the office of an attorney or an elected official--or in this case, both. Any opportunities you have would be of great interest to me.

Thank you for your time!

Andrew Boone

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

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Drew- I need to talk to Lacey about how to proceed before someone replies. Missy

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Andrew Boone

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Bangert, Ryan
Subject: Fwd: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 PM Eastern Time)

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This is being sent to all attorneys general/chief deputies/chiefs of staff, and executive assistants:
Please see the below invitation from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for their weekly call for state and local leaders.

Ryan Greenstein
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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

On **Wednesday, April 15, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time (note time change)**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The focus of this week's call will be to provide pertinent updates on COVID-19 response and coordination efforts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* guidelines development and implementation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and how Federal-State-Local-Tribal social resources and programs are being fully leveraged to support our fellow citizens.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Time (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
- If you are attempting to register but cannot "submit" your information, please try again at a later time.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.

Recent Announcements

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19:** On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More [here](#).
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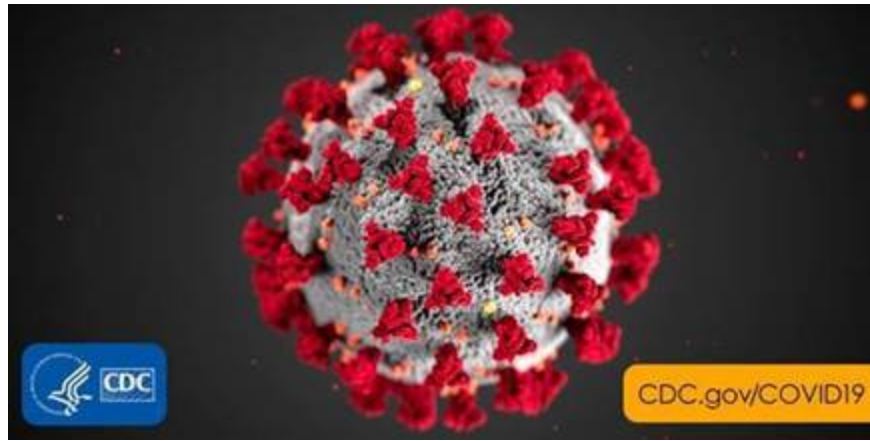
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- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources:** USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

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Date: March 18, 2020 at 4:47:53 PM CDT
To: "Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO" <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Re: INVITATION: White House Briefing Call with Attorneys General on COVID-19

This was very well done! Will there be notes coming out of it? I missed the first part so curious if there is a recap going out by chance. Thanks for all you're doing in these most uncertain of times!

On Mar 17, 2020, at 9:52 AM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
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Attorneys General –

On **Wednesday, March 18, at 4:30 PM ET**, please join U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Registration instructions are below. Please note that this is a principal-level call. Appropriate staff are also welcome.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: 4:30 PM ET (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.

Press: Please note that this call is off-the-record and not intended for press purposes.

Below, please find additional information. We do want to highlight the recently released [The President's Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread](#). Also note that the CDC's official coronavirus website – www.coronavirus.gov – is the best resource for up-to-date information and guidance. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a

reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information

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Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response ([**President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans**](#)). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website ([here](#))
- HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation ([here](#))
- Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others ([here](#)).
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live ([here](#))
- You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

What You Need To Know

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. ([here](#))
- Situation Summary ([here](#))
- Travel Information ([here](#))
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities ([here](#))
- Higher Risk & Special Populations ([here](#))
- Healthcare Professionals ([here](#))
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities ([here](#))

- Resources for Health Departments ([here](#))
- Laboratories ([here](#))
- Communication Resources ([here](#))

Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President’s Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. *The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread* can be found [here](#). “My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts,” President Trump stated. “With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made.”

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Provides More Regulatory Relief During Outbreak, Continues to Help Expedite Availability of Diagnostics

As part of our ongoing and aggressive commitment to address the coronavirus outbreak, the FDA [updated](#) a policy originally issued on Feb. 29 on diagnostic testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S. The guidance provides more specific details for the laboratory and commercial manufacturer communities, including:

- First, FDA is putting in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by laboratories in their states, similar to the action the FDA granted to the New York State Department of Health last week. States can set up a system in which they take responsibility for authorizing such tests and the laboratories will not engage with the FDA.
- Second, FDA is expanding who the policy outlined in the Feb. 29 guidance applies to. The policy was originally applicable only to laboratories that are certified to perform high-complexity testing consistent with requirements under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. Under the update published today, the agency does not intend to object to commercial manufacturers distributing and labs using new commercially developed tests prior to the FDA granting an EUA, under certain circumstances.
- Finally, FDA’s updated policy provides recommendations for test developers who may wish to develop serological tests for use during this coronavirus outbreak. Serological tests measure the amount of antibodies or proteins present in the blood when the body is responding to a specific infection.

DHS Issues Notice of Arrival Restrictions on China, Iran and Certain Countries of Europe

In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations [9984](#), [9992](#), [9993](#), and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a Notice of Arrival Restrictions requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an

enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More [here](#).

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority ([President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus](#)). On Friday, March 13, President Trump [declared](#) a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”) ([Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act](#)). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President’s decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.. ***Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance.*** You can read more about the disaster recovery process [here](#).

Presidential Proclamation To Protect the Homeland from Travel-Related Coronavirus Spread

On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a [Presidential Proclamation](#), which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. *This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.*

HUD Releases Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response

CDBG grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. Grantees may use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The guide can be found [here](#).

SBA To Provide Disaster Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

On Thursday, March 12, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza issued the following statement: “The President took bold, decisive action to make our 30 million small businesses more resilient to Coronavirus-related economic disruptions. Small businesses are vital economic engines in every community and state, and they have helped make our economy the strongest in the world. Our Agency will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses that have been severely impacted by the situation. Additionally, the SBA continues to assist small businesses with counseling and navigating their own preparedness plans through our network of 68 District Offices and numerous Resource Partners located around the country. The SBA will continue to provide every small business with the most effective and customer-focused response possible during these times of uncertainty.” SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance for a small business. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. More information can be found [here](#).

CDC to Award Over \$560 Million to State & Local Jurisdictions in Support of COVID-19 Response

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation’s response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The \$8.3 billion dollar Supplemental passed by Congress included [statutory language](#) which prescribed the exact formula for disbursing the money: states will receive 90% of their [2019 CDC PHEP grants](#). This marks the first tranche of funding to states from the \$8.3 billion supplemental. Your state health officers are receiving a letter today from CDC outlining what is needed to receive the funding, essentially they need to submit a spend plan and they will receive guidance on what that spend plan should contain. More [here](#).

CDC Releases Mitigation Framework for States, Localities, and Communities

Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease 2019. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy. CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the United States. CDC’s all of community approach is focused to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts. Framework includes: (i) Local Factors to Consider for Determining Mitigation Strategies, (ii) Community mitigation strategies by setting and by level of community transmission or impact of COVID-19, and (iii) Potential mitigation strategies for public health functions. More [here](#).

White House Coronavirus Task Force Announces Community Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish C, WA Santa Clara, CA and New Rochelle, NY

The White House Coronavirus Task Force has recommended community mitigation strategies for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara County, California due to widespread transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These mitigation activities are designed to address the effects of COVID-19 on areas that are experiencing community spread. You can find the guidance for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara, California [here](#). The Task Force also announced

community mitigation strategies for New Rochelle, New York, which can be viewed [here](#).

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance

As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found [here](#) (3/9). The Press Release can be found [here](#) and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

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- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ([here](#))
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid ([here](#))
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Education ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Agriculture ([here](#))
- U.S. Small Business Administration ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Labor ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of State ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ([here](#))
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of the Interior ([here](#))
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([here](#))
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([here](#))

Contact Information – Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.

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- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email – killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email – sean.poole@dot.gov)
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- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email – Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittany@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email – lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Federal Agency Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.
- Wednesday, March 12, CDC [announced](#) the imminent release of almost \$600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are [here](#).
- CDC released their “[Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#).” This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission. Community mitigation strategies are often the most available interventions to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 in communities.
- The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing [here](#). We encourage review of the [Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019](#), as well as the recently updated the [FAQ website for laboratories](#) to determine best practices for testing.
- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America’s Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities [here](#).
- Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.
- CDC released updated [guidance](#) on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are fighting this outbreak on the front lines, and this guidance is intended to provide assistance to healthcare settings that are handling suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to all U.S. healthcare settings.
- The President’s emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state and local communities’ ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.
 - *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies:* The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow

providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit [here](#).

- *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities:* CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit [here](#).
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance:* As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found [here](#) (3/9). The Press Release can be found [here](#) and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental expanded the disaster definition for the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to include COVID-19. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are SBA loans that are available to eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most non-profits that have experienced substantial economic injury as a result of a disaster.
 - EIDLs are available in areas that are declared a disaster area by the SBA.
 - There has to be an SBA Disaster Declaration in an area for EIDL loans to be made available, which originates from a request made by the Governor.
 - To assist in the efforts, the SBA engages with States' Emergency Response Teams to help them comply with the requirements before a request is made.
- EIDL Loan Details
 - Entities that can apply for EIDL loans are eligible Small Businesses, Small agricultural cooperatives, and most private nonprofit organizations.
 - EIDL Loans are up to \$2million and have terms as long as 30 years.
- State and local officials who have been contacted by Small Businesses that may have been affected should share that information with their Governor or the State's Emergency Response Officials. More information on SBA's disaster loans, including eligibility and how to apply for loans, can be found here: www.SBA.gov/disaster

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)

- The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus [webpage](#), which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
 - The website includes [guidance](#) for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see [a letter from the Office for Civil Rights](#) that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
- The Department is working on additional information for families and communities including:
 - Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or “ESSA;”
 - Information regarding services to children with disabilities;
 - A fact sheet from our Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and
 - Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or “FERPA,” as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students.
- The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to COVID-19@ed.gov.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

- The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
- The U.S. government’s travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective ‘first layer’ of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
- DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
- External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
- On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The

declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more [here](#).

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 [planning guidance](#) for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), an independent agency that serves as the chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager for the Federal Government, issued [guidance](#) for Federal Agencies regarding COVID-19 and human resources policies.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more [here](#).
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement [guidance](#) for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more [here](#).

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country's most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson's highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More [here](#).
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: [Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers](#).
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found [here](#).
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.

- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
 - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
 - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue [announced proactive flexibilities](#) to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis. As of today, USDA has been asked to waive congregate feeding requirements in Washington, California, Maryland, Alaska, Utah, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Maine, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia and USDA has granted those requests.
- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: www.usda.gov/coronavirus.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.
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- FEMA has rostered 56 four-person Incident Management Assistance Teams.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with our Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

Local Preparedness Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information such as HHS/CDC [guidance for families, businesses, and schools](#).
- Reviewing Federal guidance such as the HHS/CDC [Community Mitigation Framework](#).
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Recent Task Force Actions

Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live [here](#))
 - March 10: [Video](#)
 - March 9: [Video](#)
 - March 6: [Video](#)
 - March 4: [Video](#)
 - March 2: [Video](#)
 - February 29: [Video](#)
- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Coronavirus Briefing with Health Insurers (March 10) ([transcript/video](#))
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (March 9) ([readout](#))
- Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Coronavirus Briefing with Cruise Line Executives and Port Directors (March 7) ([transcript](#))
- Remarks by President Trump After Tour of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 5) ([transcript](#))
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) ([transcript/video](#))
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) ([transcript/video](#))
- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) ([transcript](#))
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more [here](#))
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) ([transcript](#))
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) ([transcript/video](#))
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Subject: Jim McPherson

Generals,

Please be advised that former NAAG Executive Director Jim McPherson has been appointed as Acting Secretary of the Navy effective yesterday. There is currently a nominee for Secretary of the Navy, and once that nominee is confirmed Jim will return to his position as Undersecretary of the Army, a position for which he was confirmed by the Senate two weeks ago. Jim transitioned into the Undersecretary role from his previous position as General Counsel for the US Army.

V/r

Chris

Visit NAAG's [Members-Only COVID-19 Resource Page](#). AGO staff can request access to the page [here](#).

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To: Singer, Paul; Jackson, Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Letter from 40 orgs re COVID scams
Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; image002.png; ATT00002.htm; Letter to VP Pence re COVID-19 scams from 40 organizations - April 9 2020 (1).pdf; ATT00003.htm; Domain Industry Accountability One-Pager - COVID Scams and Illegal Drug Sales.pdf; ATT00004.htm

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To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: Letter from 40 orgs re COVID scams

This is being sent to Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

This morning, NAAG received the attached and below on behalf of 40 national trade associations and companies regarding COVID-19 scams. Please reach out to Libby Baney with any follow-up.

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Thursday, April 9, 2020

The Honorable Michael R. Pence
Vice President of the United States of America
Chair, White House Coronavirus Task Force
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

RE: COVID-19 Highlights the Importance of Evidence-Based Interventions and Top-Down Leadership to Combat Fraud, Patient Harms

Dear Vice President Pence:

On behalf of the 40 undersigned organizations, we write to thank you and your colleagues for your dedication in responding to the global COVID-19 pandemic and to recommend further critical steps to be taken now to protect the American public against frauds, scams, and disinformation regarding the pandemic and the economic and social dislocations it has caused.

The leadership displayed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and other national officials is a critical component of a comprehensive response to this pressing public health crisis. With infection and mortality rates rising daily, we further encourage the Administration to take swift, science-based actions to help flatten the curve and save lives.

Since day one of the coronavirus crisis, bad actors have been exploiting public fear and confusion to launch thousands of COVID-themed global scams and phishing attacks. Peddling pseudoscience and false hopes, bad actors online and offline are using the coronavirus crisis to profit at patients' expense. Indeed, in the past few weeks, more than 100,000 website domain names have been registered containing terms like "covid," and "corona," most of which have been found to be outright dangerous.¹ The risk here, however, is that illegal actors are not confined to a single domain name or search term; rather, illegal activity is occurring across various online marketplaces and social media platforms.

We applaud the Department of Justice (DOJ), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and state attorneys general for their recent actions to combat COVID-19 misinformation, financial and healthcare fraud, and sales of counterfeit medicines. Amongst many other actions, notable examples include:

- DOJ's swift enforcement against *coronavirusmedalkit.com*;²
- FDA and FTC's issuance of numerous warning letters to individuals and companies found offering for sale fraudulent COVID-19 products;³
- Commissioner Hahn's *USA Today* op-ed raising awareness of coronavirus-related scams online;⁴

¹ <http://interisle.net/sub/DomainRegistrationData.pdf>

² <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-its-first-enforcement-action-against-covid-19-fraud>

³ <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-update-fda-and-ftc-warn-seven-companies-selling-fraudulent-products-claim-treat-or>

⁴ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/03/17/fda-chief-stop-using-unapproved-products-claiming-prevent-coronavirus-column/5041971002/>

- U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California’s arrest of an individual on federal fraud charges stemming from an illegitimate investment scheme based on bogus claims of a COVID-19 cure;⁵
- New York State Attorney General Letitia James’ multiple efforts raising visibility and taking action against fraudulent COVID-19 treatment marketing⁶ and “coronavirus-killing device;”⁷
- The FDA, FTC, and State Attorneys General from New York and Missouri taking action against televangelist Jim Bakker for unfounded claims that “Silver Sol Liquid” could cure COVID-19; and⁸
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s seizures of multiple shipments of counterfeit COVID-19 testing kits, including at Los Angeles International Airport⁹ and O’Hare International Airport.¹⁰

We sincerely thank you for your attention to these and other COVID-19 related scams.

Sadly, these COVID-19 scams were entirely predictable. We have long called for increased regulation and enforcement against analogous illegal acts that result in public health harm. Like canaries in a coalmine, the illegal marketing of alleged CBD products fraudulently claiming to cure and mitigate disease without scientific evidence or, when appropriate, FDA-approval, the illegal online sales of opioids and other prescription drugs on the open web, and the consumer financial frauds related to these illegal acts sounded the alarm and provided the model for the COVID-19 frauds of today. In recent weeks, the FDA and FTC have issued multiple joint warning letters to companies for offering products containing CBD “intended to mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19,” in clear violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.¹¹

The current situation was also largely preventable. No-cost solutions to better protect consumers already exist. Now the Administration, States, and Congress must step-up to enact and enforce these policies. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we urge you to double-down against scams and fraud by focusing on the following recommendations:

1. STAY CENTERED IN SCIENCE: REMEMBER, CURES TAKE TIME; FRAUD IS FAST.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, consumers need to hear evidence-based information from our leaders, and they need to hear it often as false hope and fraud thrives on fear. This truth has been made poignantly clear in recent days, as Americans have been hurt or killed from actions taken in response to unsubstantiated statements regarding coronavirus treatments.¹² To combat pseudoscience, we recommend:

- **Repeat evidence-based messages:** Until science proves otherwise, we urge our leaders to repeat the message “there are currently no vaccines or drugs approved to treat or prevent COVID-19. Access to certain treatments is limited to those under FDA-approved Emergency Use Authorization or expanded access programs.” Government warnings and alerts, such as FDA’s recent *Beware of Fraudulent Coronavirus Tests, Vaccines and Treatments* are important and impactful.¹³ As allies in

⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/southland-man-arrested-federal-charges-alleging-fraudulent-investment-scheme-featuring>

⁶ <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/2020/attorney-general-james-orders-tv-host-stop-marketing-bogus-coronavirus-treatments>

⁷ <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/2020/ag-james-orders-companies-stop-selling-bogus-coronavirus-killing-devices>

⁸ FDA/FTC: <https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/warning-letters/jim-bakker-show-604820-03062020>; NY AG: https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/bakker_cease_and_desist_letter_notification.pdf; MO AG: <https://ago.mo.gov/home/news/2020/03/10/ag-schmitt-files-suit-against-jim-bakker-for-selling-fake-coronavirus-cure>

⁹ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-fake-covid-19-test-kits-lax>

¹⁰ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-o-hare-seize-prohibited-medical-test-kits>

¹¹ <https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/warning-letters/neuroxp-606236-03312020>

¹² <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/23/health/arizona-coronavirus-chloroquine-death/index.html>

¹³ <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/beware-fraudulent-coronavirus-tests-vaccines-and-treatments>

this cause, we (the undersigned) pledge to repeat and amplify your evidence-based messages to reach as broad an audience as possible. The more you do, the more we will do too.

- **Incentivize research for FDA-approved therapies.** Pseudoscience must not be tolerated; it prevents patients from getting the evidence-based therapies they quite literally need to survive. Now more than ever, we need policymakers to proclaim and produce public policy that prioritizes research, clinical evidence, and FDA-approved tests and treatments. COVID-19 has made all-too-clear just how essential it is to have FDA-approved medicines we can trust.

2. **ADDRESS SYSTEMIC, STRUCTURAL INTERNET POLICY PROBLEMS THAT ENABLE COVID-19 SCAMS ONLINE.**

We appreciate the efforts many internet commerce companies have taken to mitigate COVID-19 related consumer harms, including price gouging, the sale of counterfeit products, and related financial crimes.¹⁴ Still, more needs to be done as these frauds persist and will proliferate as consumers' reliance on the internet for goods and services increases as a consequence of social distancing and stay-at-home orders. Websites, social media, and online marketplaces will remain constant sources of healthcare scams unless policymakers take concrete action to address structural issues have enabled online frauds to proliferate. These scams will particularly impact senior citizens, who are often successfully targeted in Internet scams.

We recommend policymakers address a root cause of today's online fraud problem: the complete lack of domain name registrar accountability. In response to COVID-19 scams, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas observed that domain name registrars have the unique ability to "quickly and effectively shut down websites designed to facilitate these scams."¹⁵ We agree, but voluntary enforcement is not enough. Despite the clarion calls of FDA and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA),¹⁶ voluntary action has not stopped illegal online drug crime. We urge government leaders to require – not ask – for registrars to do more against online scams.

Two well-vetted policy solutions would have an immediate impact in reducing COVID-19 scams:

- **Require transparency to stop internet fraud at scale.** As Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) called for in a February 2020 House Resolution¹⁷, Congress should require registrars to validate domain name registration information and make registration data accessible.¹⁸ The U.S. DOJ, FTC, FDA, Department of Commerce, Europol, cybersecurity experts, public health leaders, and others agree that access to domain registration information is the essential for "tracking down cybercrooks and/or for disrupting their operations."¹⁹
- **Stop companies from profiting from domains used for public health scams.** While leaders at DOJ, FTC, FDA and in governments take action to monitor and stop COVID-19 scams, Congress could strengthen these efforts by requiring U.S.-based domain name registrars to immediately lock and suspend any domain name used to facilitate coronavirus and other public health scams. Especially during a global pandemic, there is simply no reason that domain name registrars should be able to

¹⁴ Google: <https://www.blog.google/inside-google/company-announcements/coronavirus-covid19-response/>; Facebook: <https://about.fb.com/news/2020/03/coronavirus/>; Twitter: https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/company/2020/An-update-on-our-continuity-strategy-during-COVID-19.html; eBay: <https://community.ebay.com/t5/Announcements/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Important-reminder-about-our-listing/ba-p/30716958>; Amazon: <https://blog.aboutamazon.com/company-news/price-gouging-has-no-place-in-our-stores>

¹⁵ *Id.* See Source 2.

¹⁶ <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/news-events-human-drugs/online-opioid-summits>

¹⁷ https://latta.house.gov/uploadedfiles/latta_whois_house_resolution.pdf

¹⁸ <https://latta.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=402281>

¹⁹ See <https://secureandtransparent.org/policy-and-advocacy/>

profit from the sale of domains used for COVID-19-related frauds and phishing attacks.

3. PREPARE FOR A WAVE OF SCAMS TARGETING THE COVID-19 RELATED ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

As we saw in the 2008-09 economic crisis, scammers come out of the woodwork to take advantage of consumers facing economic hardship. We have already seen a [dramatic uptick](#) in consumer complaints regarding coronavirus-related scams. We anticipate that those numbers will only go up in the weeks and months to come. To combat this coming wave of financial fraud, we urge you to consider the following recommendations:

- **Launch a nationwide public service campaign to educate consumers about common scams targeting the economically vulnerable.** Over the next several weeks, most consumers will receive checks of \$1,200 or more because of the recently-enacted CARES Act. Scammers are already defrauding consumers by claiming they can expedite the receipt of these funds. The FTC and IRS should dramatically increase their efforts to educate consumers about these scams, and the Department of Justice should prioritize investigation and prosecution of the criminals behind them.
- **Focus on cracking down on phishing campaigns leveraging consumers' fears about the economy.** The COVID-19 emergency is an [unprecedented opportunity](#) for scammers to trick consumers and businesses into giving up sensitive personal information via sophisticated phishing schemes. The FTC and Department of Justice should focus enforcement efforts on bringing the perpetrators of these schemes to justice.
- **Stop counterfeits before they reach Americans.** Department of Homeland Security (including CBP and ICE-HIS) must be provided with necessary resources to ensure that they are able to effectively interdict illicit shipments of counterfeit pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and personal protective equipment.

The COVID-19 pandemic makes your work against healthcare and financial fraud more important now than ever. As you marshal resources to protect consumers, please consider the undersigned organizations as resources and allies in this fight. Please reach out to Libby Baney (Libby.Baney@FaegreDrinker.com) with any follow-up to this letter.

Sincerely,

ACT | The App Association

Aimed Alliance

Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global)

Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacy in the EU

American Apparel & Footwear Association

American Pharmacists Association

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

AppDetex

BeMedWise Program at NeedyMeds

Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Bridge the Gap: SYNGAP Education & Research Foundation

Coalition for a Secure & Transparent Internet
Coalition for Online Accountability
Collaborative for CBD Science & Safety
Consumer Brands Association
Consumer Health Information Corporation
Council for Responsible Nutrition
DomainTools
Eli Lilly and Company
Entertainment Industries Council, Inc.
Gilead Sciences
Global Brand Owner and Consumer Protection Coalition
International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition
KnujOn
Kroll
LegitScript
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
National Association for Rural Mental Health
National Consumers League
National Cyber Forensics Training Alliance
NeedyMeds
Partnership for Safe Medicines
Professor Timothy K. Mackey
S-3 Research
The Gerontological Society of America
Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade
USP
Verisk Financial | G2
Young People in Recovery

cc: The Honorable Robert S. Adler, *Acting Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission*
The Honorable Alex M. Azar, II, *Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
The Honorable William P. Barr, *United States Attorney General, Department of Justice*
Dr. Deborah Birx, *Response Coordinator, White House Coronavirus Task Force*
Dr. Anthony Fauci, *Director, National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*
The Honorable Tim Fox, *Montana Attorney General and President, National Association of Attorneys General*

The Honorable Stephen M. Hahn, MD, *Commissioner of Food and Drugs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, *Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, *Majority Leader, United States Senate*

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *Speaker, United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Chuck Schumer, *Minority Leader, United States Senate*

The Honorable Joseph J. Simons, *Chairman, U.S. Federal Trade Commission*

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:50 PM
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FYI- I sent to Ryan Fisher

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From: Garry Jones <Garry.Jones@senate.texas.gov>
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To: Ken Paxton <Ken.Paxton@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>, "Williams, Ben" <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>, Beverly Powell <Beverly.Powell@senate.texas.gov>
Subject: Letter from Sen. Powell to AG Paxton on vote by mail

The Office of Attorney General Ken Paxton:

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Regards,
Garry

Garry Jones
Chief of Staff
State Senator Beverly Powell, District 10
Austin: 512-463-0110
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BEVERLY POWELL
TEXAS STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 10

April 16, 2020

The Honorable Ken Paxton
Texas Attorney General
PO Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548
VIA EMAIL

General Paxton:

Last week I and many Texans were horrified by images out of Wisconsin of voters standing in long lines wearing masks, gloves and hazmat suits in order to vote. No American or Texan should be forced to risk contracting COVID-19 when exercising their constitutional right to vote.

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Beverly Powell
Texas Senator, District 10

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:20 AM
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Subject: Letter to AG Paxton from Chairman Cain

All,

Please see the attached letter to Attorney General Ken Paxton from Chairman Briscoe Cain, Texas State Representative for House District 128 and Chairman of the Select Committee on Driver's License Issuance & Renewal.

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Justin W. Williamson | Chief of Staff
Representative Briscoe Cain | House District 128
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TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



BRISCOE CAIN

District 128

April 8, 2020

The Honorable Ken Paxton
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Investigation of Criminal Conduct related to the joint May 2, 2020 election by the City of Mont Belvieu and Barbers Hill ISD.

Dear General Paxton,

I am writing to request your office exercise the authority granted to it by the Texas Election Code to initiate an investigation to determine whether conduct in connection with a joint election being conducted by Barber's Hill ISD and City of Mont Belvieu scheduled for May 2, 2020 has occurred.¹

I have reason to believe that government actors associated with the above referenced election are intentionally causing voters to apply for a ballot by mail on the grounds of disability by telling voters that everyone is eligible to request a ballot by mail due to COVID-19.

Background.

The City of Mont Belvieu, located in Chambers County, is one of a handful of Texas political subdivisions that has to date not chosen to postpone its May 2, 2020 election to the next uniform election date of November 3, 2020 as authorized by Governor Abbott's proclamation of March 18, 2020 and the Secretary of State's Election Advisory No. 2020-12 which followed the Governor's proclamation.²

Facts.

¹ See Tex. Elec. Code § 273.001(b) ("the attorney general may conduct an investigation on the officer's own initiative to determine if criminal conduct occurred in connection with an election.").

² See https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/PROC_COVID-19_May_2_Election_Date_IMAGE_03-18-2020.pdf; and <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/adv-12-may-2-2020-uniform-election-date.pdf>



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



BRISCOE CAIN

District 128

The City of Mont Belvieu, through the use of its official Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofMontBelvieu>, and other government actors associated with the City are informing voters that *all* are eligible to apply to vote by mail on the grounds of disability in spite of the fact that a plain reading of the Election Code's definition of a disability requires the applicant to have, at the time of making the application, "a sickness or physical condition" that would, at a future date (election day), prevent the voter from appearing at the polling place "without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health."³

The misleading and potentially unlawful activities surrounding this election are vast. The following are a few examples:

At or about 9:00 PM on April 8, 2020, the City of Mont Belvieu published a post regarding its upcoming election on its official Facebook page informing the public that everyone may vote by mail. In relevant part, the post stated:

The City and our partners at Barbers Hill ISD are moving ahead with our joint election on May 2. While we understand the concerns about voting in person, the option to vote by mail is available to all residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.montbelvieu.net/election for more election Information including how to request a ballot by mail and a link to the fillable PDF application.⁴

On April 9, 2020, a resident of the City commented on the City's page asking whether "everyone has the option to vote by mail?" In response the City wrote:

Yes. due. To the COVID-19 outbreak everyone is considered "disabled" and may vote by mail if they so desire. You can find additional information and a link to the mail-in application at www.montbelvieu.net/election.⁵

The City of Mont Belvieu is not alone in its misinformation campaign, at least one of its city councilmembers not only asserts that everyone is allowed to vote by mail but also claims the State

³ See Tex. Elec. Code § 82.002(a).

⁴ See Exhibit "A".

⁵ See Exhibit "B".



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



BRISCOE CAIN

District 128

will not allow the election to be postponed. On or about April 2, 2020, a city councilmember went to Facebook. To wit they wrote:

Like everything else these Stay at Home orders because of the Virus are affecting everything. The State will not allow us to postpone the upcoming Election for Barbers Hill and The City of Mont Belvieu till the Summer so the Election will go on at normal scheduled time. Big difference is everyone will be allowed to vote absentee.⁶

Even the City's website, www.montbelvieu.net/election, contains intentionally misleading information. In pertinent part, it states: "Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the State of Texas is allowing any eligible resident to apply for a mail in ballot."⁷ The assertion by the City is not true. The law regarding eligibility for applications for ballot by mail are the same as they were prior to the pandemic.

Furthermore, in light of the City's misinformation campaign—people are taking the City's legal advice and applying for mail in ballots.⁸ Moreover, I have been advised that compared to previous elections, applications for a ballot by mail have greatly and significantly increased.

Potential Offenses.

First it should be noted that my concern is with actions of government actors and not with voters (unless they are also a government actor) who may have unlawfully requested a mail in ballot on the grounds of disability at the advice of the City or a government actor associated with the City. Thus the focus of this section, and this letter, is the determination of whether a government actor may have committed an offense by intentionally causing another to unlawfully apply for or obtain a ballot.

In relevant part, the Election Code allows a voter to apply for a ballot by mail on the grounds of "disability." Tex. Elec. Code § 86.0015(a)(1).

⁶ See Exhibit "C".

⁷ (emphasis added).

⁸ See Exhibit "D".



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BRISCOE CAIN

District 128

According to the Code, “disability” is defined as “a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health.” Tex. Elec. Code § 82.002(a).

Below are a few provisions of the Election Code that could be used in order to investigate and prosecute the actions discussed herein.

- Section 84.0041, the Fraudulent use of an Application for Ballot by Mail provision, provides that a person commits an offense if the person “intentionally causes false information to be provided on an application for ballot by mail.” Tex. Elec. Code § 84.0041(a)(2).
- Section 276.013, the Election Fraud provision, contains at least two subsections that may be applicable.
 - Subsection (a)(2)(B) provides that a person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally makes any effort to “cause . . . a ballot to be obtained . . . under false pretenses.”
 - Subsection (a)(3)(B) provides that a person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally makes any effort to cause any intentionally misleading statement, representation, or information to be provided “on an application for ballot by mail.”

Conclusion.

While the examples provided herein are non-exhaustive, those provided herewith should be enough to necessitate an investigation.

Because the Chamber’s County Clerk (Election Administrator) is the spouse of the Chamber’s County Sheriff, it is reasonable to believe that neither the county nor district attorney will investigate these issues.⁹ I am therefore respectfully asking that your office exercise the authority granted to it by Tex. Elec. Code § 273.001(b) and initiate an investigation to determine whether conduct in connection with the election discussed herein constitutes a criminal offense.

⁹ See Exhibit “E”.



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BRISCOE CAIN
District 128

Texas must not allow local governments to continue to violate our election laws.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Cain".

Briscoe Cain
Texas State Representative, House District 128
Chairman, Select Committee on Driver's License Issuance & Renewal



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Exhibit "A"

**City of Mont Belvieu, Texas**
17 hrs · 🌐

The City and our partners at Barbers Hill ISD are moving ahead with our joint election on May 2. While we understand the concerns about voting in person, the option to vote by mail is available to all residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.montbelvieu.net/election for more election Information including how to request a ballot by mail and a link to the fillable PDF application.

For those who wish to vote in person, either during early voting or on election day, the City has worked with BHISD to institute safeguards to ensure that your voice and vote are heard while also working to ensure the health and safety of the voters as well as our staff. During polling hours the following will be in place:

- * Encourage absentee voting by all registered voters who are qualified to do so.
- * Consolidate polling location to one site at C.T. Joseph Conference Center.
- * 6-foot distance markers on the floors of polling location to physically remind voters to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- * Alcohol-based hand sanitizer readily available prior to entering and exiting the polling location.
- * Use of countertop screens at polling location to enhance separation between voters and poll workers. The aluminum, clear- acrylic screens are 6'6" long, 3' tall, and will allow election officials to maintain social distance as they continue to serve voters.
- * Monitors will be stationed outside of the polling location to maintain, in adherence with social distancing guidelines, that no more than 10 individuals are in the polling area at one time.
- * Personal protection equipment (N 95 masks and gloves) will be available to all poll workers.
- * A stylus will be given to each voter to use on the voting screen. The voter will take the stylus with them when they exit.
- * As an extra precaution, each voting device will be cleaned with alcohol-based wipes after each voter casts their vote.
- * As in all elections, curbside voting will be available if a voter with a disability is unable to enter the polling place for whatever reason.

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saturday, may 2

Exhibit "B"

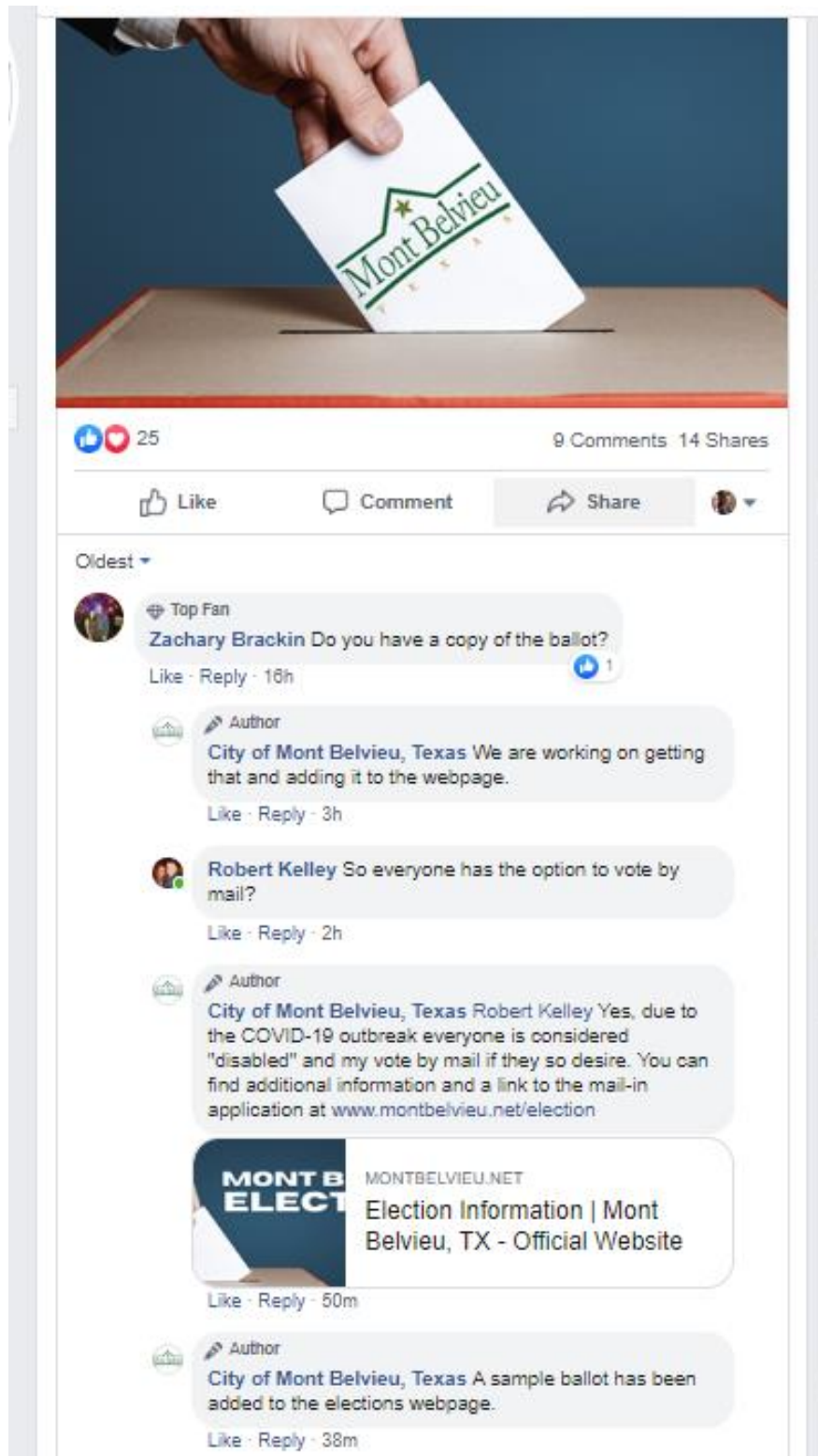


Exhibit "C"



Arnold Peters

37 mins • 



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Mayor Nick Dixon

2 hrs • 



Hello, my name is Nick Dixon, and I am your Mayor up for re-election in May. I am happily married to my wife, Loretta, for 45 years. We have one daughter, Jennifer and son-in-law Antonio Santana. I am the proud grandfather of 3 granddaughters, Abigail, Leah and Julia. I am pleased to have served as your Mayor for the last 15 years.



Exhibit "D"

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook page for "Friends of Barbers Hill ISD" (@bhisdfriends). The page features a circular logo with the text "Friends of Barbers Hill ISD", "VOTE FOR", "BUILDING OUR FUTURE", and "BARBERS HILL ISD 2020 BOND". The main post is by Abby Torres Webb, asking for a link to apply for an absentee ballot. The post has 2 likes and 2 replies. One reply is from the author, "Friends of Barbers Hill ISD", which provides instructions on how to apply for an absentee ballot. The post is dated 2 weeks ago.

Facebook Post:

Abby Torres Webb Can you post the link to where to apply for an absentee ballot?

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View 2 more replies

Author

Friends of Barbers Hill ISD Print it and fill out the appropriate boxes. Sign and date Box 10, then drop off or mail to Lesa Hall at P.O Box 1108; Mont Belvieu, TX 77580!

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Friends of Barbers Hill ISD Print it and fill out Boxes 1-4. In Box 5 check "Disability". Fill out Box 7 if necessary. In box 8a select "May Election" under Uniform and Other Elections. Sign and date Box 10, then drop off or mail to Lesa Hall at P.O Box 1108; Mont Belvieu, TX 77580!

2w

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Catherine Nichole What date does this need to be sent by to receive the ballot?

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Author

Friends of Barbers Hill ISD Your application must be RECEIVED by Monday, April 20!

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Cindy Coon Chasen Has anyone been able to print it

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Author

Friends of Barbers Hill ISD If anyone is having trouble printing the application, you can request an application be mailed to you at this link:
<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/vrrequest/bbm.asp...>

We can also send you a PDF of the application if you send us a message!

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Write a reply...



Michael Davidson Is there a link where I can sign up on line without printing out a form?

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Author

Friends of Barbers Hill ISD Hi Michael! You can have a printed application mailed to you by filling out this form:
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This is a great option for anyone who does not have access to a printer at home!

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Friends of Barbers Hill ISD

March 24 at 12:32 PM · 100

We need your vote this spring. We are very aware of the anxiety, uneasiness, and fear that the COVID-19 crisis has created, yet it is imperative for the good and safety of our district and students that our bond election is held in May as scheduled. In the interest of safety for all voters, **EVERYONE** is eligible to apply for an absentee ballot this spring. Find out more below and VOTE YES!

- Added 1 media to this post.



Friends of Barbers Hill ISD

April 2 at 10:31 AM · 42

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Exhibit "E"

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Barbers Hill still wants May bond election

By Matt Hollis matt.hollis@baytownsun.com

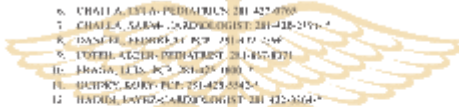
Mar 25, 2020



Despite concerns over the coronavirus, Barbers Hill ISD feels it is best for its \$277.5 million bond election to stay in May.

Barbers Hill ISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole told board members Monday he was on a conference call with other superintendents around the state talking about elections and bond issues.

Poole said he felt it was imperative for his district to continue to shoot for a May 2 election. He stressed there was no action item on moving the elections, just discussion.



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“The biggest concern seems to be, even though we have a choice, is that you need to make sure it is an authentic process, which we certainly would,” Poole said. “The only way it would run afoul if someone raised an issue and said only 20 people are voting or something. I am going to commit to you that we can get a better turnout than our last bond election.”

In 2017, Barbers Hill called for a \$120 million bond, the largest in its history at that time. A total of 86% of the voters supported the bond, which included a new Early Childhood Center for Pre-K, kindergarten and first-grade students.

Poole explained why having the bond in May was a better plan.

“Absentee voting is a remarkable tool,” he said. “Unlike the horror stories I have heard where districts argue with the clerk, our County Clerk, Heather Hawthorne, said, in her exact words, ‘I am a Barbers Hill Eagle. I’m here. What do you need me to do?’”

Hawthorne said the ruling is a state law allowing qualified voters eligible for early voting to vote by mail if they have a physical condition or sickness that prevents them from voting in person.

“(Under this code), if you have issues you feel that would injure your health, you are allowed to claim a disability and vote by mail,” Hawthorne said. “We are trying to give another option if the stay-at-home order is still in effect, we want to make sure voters still have a way to get a ballot.”

Kenny Kathan, Anahuac city manager, said his city, as well as Anahuac ISD, has decided to move the May 2 elections to November.

Barbers Hill called for the bond referendum in January. The district was aiming for a May 2 election with early voting beginning April 20. The COVID-19 crisis has caused concerns for districts with bond issues on the ballot.

Gov. Greg Abbott had issued a proclamation March 18, allowing local governmental bodies to postpone May 2 elections until the general election Nov. 3.

“We need to have the election in May. We believe with absentee voting, we can get the vote out,” Poole said. “Our goal is to have a successful bond. And, our goal is to have more voters than the other elections, or at least as many. The risk is minimal.”

Poole emphasized he is not advocating for a yes vote on the bond.

“What I have studied in letters and PAC meetings is while we are dealing with safety concerns, we’ve had 25% growth in kindergarten,” Poole said. “We have to start digging the day after if we pass a bond election. Forget the political election consequences. That is not the primary driver. The primary driver is safety. I’ve said before, we are not going to have portable buildings. And even if the growth slows down, we will still have a need.”

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Board member Eric Davis asked if it was true the bond, if passed, would not result in a tax increase.

“There is absolutely no tax increase,” Poole said.

Poole said while health is a major issue with the election, oil prices are another. Oil prices rose 5% Tuesday to more than \$28 a barrel, according to Offshore-Technology.com.

“Saudi Arabia and Russia are trying to get the price to go way up,” Poole said. “It could slow growth down, and that could impact jobs, layoffs, as well as growth. We’ll be watching it closely, but we are in great shape. I am convinced we’ll end up stronger than ever.”

Poole added the district’s theme is “we are going to rise to the occasion.”

“Obstacles are opportunities,” he said. “This is one, and we are going to grow stronger, but do it in a loving, strong way.”

Huge student participation for distance learning

On another item, Poole was happy to announce the district had 99% participation on its first day of distance learning.

“We are known for many things, and I am very proud we are known for excellence, but we are also known for finding the best solutions,” Poole said. “There will be positives out of this type of situation.”

Poole thanked Director of Technology Kristin Davis and her staff for making sure as many students in the district received a Chromebook. She said they handed out more than 1,200 to students.

“Here is the key – she never approached this saying, ‘woe to us,’” Poole said. “I think applause is deserved for Kristin and her group.”

Davis said one Chromebook was given for every two students with a family of three receiving two laptops. Special needs students received a Chromebook adjusted for them, Davis said.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

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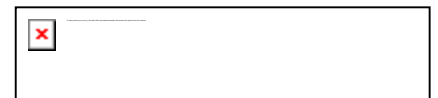
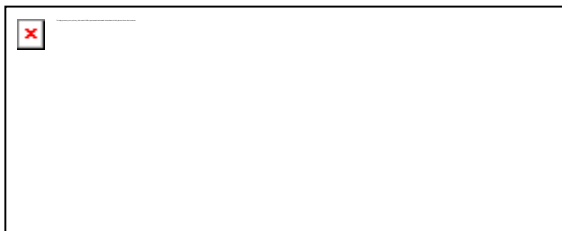
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Moderator:

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Panelist:

- Jay Befort, Acting General Counsel, Kansas Department of Revenue
- Hon. Eduardo Rodriguez, Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of Texa

In August 2019, the Small Business Reorganization Act (SBRA) was passed, effective as of Feb. 19, 2020, to streamline, simplify, and reduce the costs for small businesses to reorganize their struggling operations under Chapter 11. The new language was just coming into play as the COVID-19 epidemic hit and began to wreak havoc on those entities. The CARES Act then temporarily expanded the debt limit for filings under SBRA from \$2.75 to \$7.5 million. This session will describe the new chapter and explain how it works with an eye to the special interests of governmental creditors and regulators. The session is open to all governmental staff dealing with bankruptcy issues and others who may find this information useful.

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Dear Colleague:

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) is pleased to announce the upcoming release of a suite of new Data Center Services (DCS) for our customers. Beginning in fiscal year 2021, Next Generation DCS will enhance the secure IT services provided to you with an upgraded, state-of-the-art data center environment that is focused on rapid, secure, and consistent service delivery at a competitive price. Our overall business case estimates a cost reduction for Texas over the next four years thanks to successful negotiations with our vendor partners. Through Next Generation DCS, you can expect:

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We are sending your Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer, and DCS support staff the preliminary budget forecast package, including updated current biennium and fiscal year 2022/2023 estimates. DIR is available to work with you during this transition, and the upcoming legislative cycle, to answer your questions and assist you with obtaining appropriation adjustments to align with the new model. Specifically, we will be hosting webinars in the coming days for your IT leaders, CFO, finance contacts, and DCS customer representatives. In these webinars, we will review the contents of the DCS Shared Services forecast workbook, the forecasting methodology, and the DCS forecast timeline.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am happy to set up a meeting where DIR can answer questions for you. Thank you for partnering with us as we transition to the next generation of technology services for Texas.



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To: Harris, Angelia; Cortright, David
Cc: Moody, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Please Review: EAM_for Procurement Non-CLE Training/Conference Regardless of Dollar Amount

Need this redrafted.

The memo still does not say that these hours are required for each person to meet their CPE requirement within the license time period.

Again, I only want to approve training that is absolutely required for each independent individual to meet the CPE required. For example, "Angelina needs 12 hours of CPE in the period of 1/1/20-12/31/20, she has currently earned 6 hours and needs 6 more before 12/31/20." I need this for each person. I need this in the memo for each person.

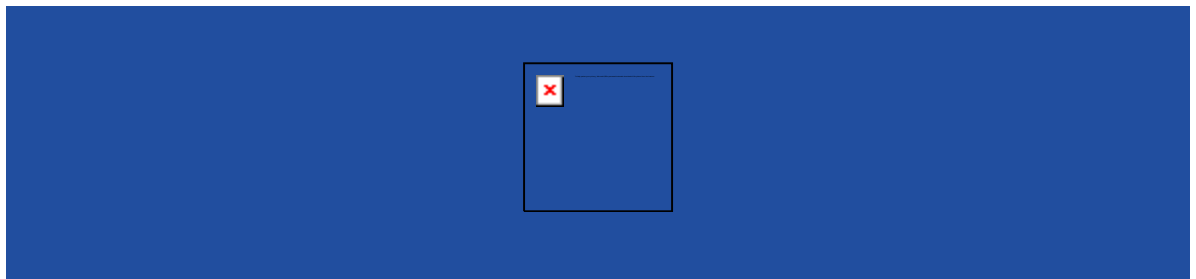
If any person in IAD has all of their required CPE hours right now please do not ask for them to attend trainings that cost money. Free trainings are fine. Also, know that if they take this and it completes their hours then no more will be approved right now.

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This is being sent to Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

This morning, the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary Committee Chairs announced the introduction of the COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act (attached). Per the sponsors, "the bill would prohibit the sale of consumer goods and services at an unconscionably excessive price during the public health emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Section 2(c)(3) directly impacts state attorneys general and can be found on page four of the attached bill text. NAAG has not taken a stance on the bill and is sharing it for your awareness due to possible implications for attorney general offices.

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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To prohibit price gouging in connection with the public health emergency
resulting from COVID–19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To prohibit price gouging in connection with the public
health emergency resulting from COVID–19, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “COVID–19 Price
5 Gouging Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF PRICE GOUGING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of a public
8 health emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the

1 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result
2 of confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID–
3 19), including any renewal thereof, it shall be unlawful
4 for any person to sell or offer for sale a good or service
5 at a price that—

6 (1) is unconscionably excessive; and

7 (2) indicates the seller is using the cir-
8 cumstances related to such public health emergency
9 to increase prices unreasonably.

10 (b) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In determining
11 whether a person has violated subsection (a), there shall
12 be taken into account, with respect to the price at which
13 such person sold or offered for sale the good or service,
14 factors that include the following:

15 (1) Whether such price grossly exceeds the av-
16 erage price at which the same or a similar good or
17 service was sold or offered for sale by such person—

18 (A) during the 90-day period immediately
19 preceding January 31, 2020; or

20 (B) during the same 90-day period of the
21 previous year.

22 (2) Whether such price grossly exceeds the av-
23 erage price at which the same or a similar good or
24 service was readily obtainable from other similarly
25 situated competing sellers before January 31, 2020.

1 (3) Whether such price reasonably reflects addi-
2 tional costs, not within the control of such person,
3 that were paid, incurred, or reasonably anticipated
4 by such person, or reasonably reflects the profit-
5 ability of forgone sales or additional risks taken by
6 such person, to produce, distribute, obtain, or sell
7 such good or service under the circumstances.

8 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

9 (1) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COM-
10 MISSION.—

11 (A) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
12 TICES.—A violation of subsection (a) shall be
13 treated as a violation of a regulation under sec-
14 tion 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commis-
15 sion Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding
16 unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

17 (B) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—The Com-
18 mission shall enforce subsection (a) in the same
19 manner, by the same means, and with the same
20 jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all
21 applicable terms and provisions of the Federal
22 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.)
23 were incorporated into and made a part of this
24 Act. Any person who violates such subsection
25 shall be subject to the penalties and entitled to

1 the privileges and immunities provided in the
2 Federal Trade Commission Act.

3 (2) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this
4 Act shall be construed in any way to limit the au-
5 thority of the Commission under any other provision
6 of law.

7 (3) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GEN-
8 ERAL.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the chief law en-
10 forcement officer of a State, or an official or
11 agency designated by a State, has reason to be-
12 lieve that any person has violated or is violating
13 subsection (a), the attorney general, official, or
14 agency of the State, in addition to any author-
15 ity it may have to bring an action in State
16 court under its consumer protection law, may
17 bring a civil action in any appropriate United
18 States district court or in any other court of
19 competent jurisdiction, including a State court,
20 to—

21 (i) enjoin further such violation by
22 such person;

23 (ii) enforce compliance with such sub-
24 section;

25 (iii) obtain civil penalties; and

1 (iv) obtain damages, restitution, or
2 other compensation on behalf of residents
3 of the State.

4 (B) NOTICE AND INTERVENTION BY THE
5 FTC.—The attorney general of a State shall
6 provide prior written notice of any action under
7 subparagraph (A) to the Commission and pro-
8 vide the Commission with a copy of the com-
9 plaint in the action, except in any case in which
10 such prior notice is not feasible, in which case
11 the attorney general shall serve such notice im-
12 mediately upon instituting such action. The
13 Commission shall have the right—

14 (i) to intervene in the action;
15 (ii) upon so intervening, to be heard
16 on all matters arising therein; and
17 (iii) to file petitions for appeal.

18 (C) LIMITATION ON STATE ACTION WHILE
19 FEDERAL ACTION IS PENDING.—If the Commis-
20 sion has instituted a civil action for violation of
21 this Act, no State attorney general, or official
22 or agency of a State, may bring an action under
23 this paragraph during the pendency of that ac-
24 tion against any defendant named in the com-

1 plaint of the Commission for any violation of
2 this Act alleged in the complaint.

3 (D) RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE-LAW
4 CLAIMS.—If the attorney general of a State has
5 authority to bring an action under State law di-
6 rected at acts or practices that also violate this
7 Act, the attorney general may assert the State-
8 law claim and a claim under this Act in the
9 same civil action.

10 (4) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this Act
11 shall preempt or otherwise affect any State or local
12 law.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
15 means the Federal Trade Commission.

16 (2) GOOD OR SERVICE.—The term “good or
17 service” means a good or service offered in com-
18 merce, including—

19 (A) food, beverages, water, ice, a chemical,
20 or a personal hygiene product;

21 (B) any personal protective equipment for
22 protection from or prevention of contagious dis-
23 eases, filtering facepiece respirators, medical
24 supplies (including medical testing supplies),
25 cleaning supplies, disinfectants, sanitizers; or

1 (C) any healthcare service, cleaning serv-
2 ice, or delivery service.

3 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
4 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
5 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
6 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Scheduling
Cc: Brickman, Blake
Subject: Fwd: REMINDER: Invitation: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Date: April 21, 2020 at 9:04:30 AM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Cc: Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>, Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>
Subject: REMINDER: Invitation: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

As a reminder, NAAG has arranged for Christopher Krebs, Director of the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) to have a discussion via teleconference with all attorneys general this Thursday, April 23rd at 1pm EST.

Director Krebs will speak for about 20 minutes before opening up the floor to questions from the attorneys general. Dial-in information is below. Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

Dial:
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This call is for attorneys general and their staff only.

Ryan Greenstein
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From: Chris Toth
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Chris Toth <ctoath@naag.org>
Cc: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>; Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Subject: Invitation: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19

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Generals,

Throughout the pandemic, NAAG has been guided by our strategic plan's directive to facilitate increased involvement and collaboration between our members and federal agencies. Following that guidance, NAAG has arranged for the Christopher Krebs, Director of the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) to have a discussion with the attorneys general on April 23rd at 1pm EST.

Embedded within the Department of Homeland Security, CISA is the nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future. As Director, Mr. Krebs oversees CISA's efforts to defend civilian networks, secure federal facilities, manage systemic risk to National Critical Functions, and work with stakeholders to raise the security baseline of the Nation's cyber and physical infrastructure. During the pandemic, CISA has been responsible for issuing guidance on essential critical infrastructure industries and workers.

Director Krebs will speak for about 20 minutes before opening up the floor to questions from the attorneys general. Similar to the AG-only call with the Surgeon General a few weeks ago, we hope this will be helpful as you manage your office's response to the pandemic.

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V/r,
Chris

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From: "Bash, Zina" <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Date: March 22, 2020 at 6:18:32 PM CDT
To: "Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO" <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thanks for flagging!

On Mar 22, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
<William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Please know the President acknowledged Americans in Peru and working on a solution
per his ongoing press conference

From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:52 PM
To: 'Bash, Zina' <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Students in Peru

Thx – just want to make sure we are not leaving any stones left unturned.

As you can imagine, we are facing similar issues with communities across the country.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

So our people are apparently in Cusco and the two flights have been out of Lima. Bill says they're hoping to find a solution for Cusco but there's no info at this point. I guess all internal transport is shut down so no way to get to Lima from Cusco. Anyway, we are staying on top of the embassy website for info. Really appreciate your checking in.

On Mar 21, 2020, at 10:31 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
<William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Please make sure they stay in close contact with the embassy. And it sounds like they have been.

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President & Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
O: [202-456-8491](tel:202-456-8491) | C: [202-881-8545](tel:202-881-8545) |
E: William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov

On Mar 21, 2020, at 11:10 PM, Bash, Zina
<Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks a lot for checking in. I just asked the General to find out his friends' status. Last we heard, they did not get on the flight yesterday, but Bill sent me the email that went out to people registered with STEP, and that email said that the embassy believes a separate LATAM flight with Americans departed today. I doubt they were on it or i think they would've told us, but I'm confirming. There is so much confusion and the uncertainty is (understandably!) causing anxiety and panic. Really appreciate your email. Will let you know what I hear.

On Mar 21, 2020, at 8:21 PM,
Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
<William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
wrote:

Has this gotten sorted out? Flights are departing.

William F. Crozer
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Deputy Director
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On Mar 20, 2020, at
7:12 PM, Crozer,
William F.
EOP/WHO

<William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Would make sure to check the embassy page – a lot of information there. I know they have been working with the airlines on flights.

>><https://pe.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/><<;

From: Bash, Zina
<Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Bill Killion - State
(killionw@state.gov)
<killionw@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thanks a lot, William. Moving to bcc. Bill, I read the politico story a few hours ago saying that State is putting charter flights together to bring Americans home from Peru (and Morocco). General Paxton is in touch with Texans down there and hoping to get more information on the State flights mentioned in that article. Anything you might be able to share would be incredibly helpful—and reassuring. Thank you!

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Bunker-Henderson, Nichole
Subject: Fwd: Teledentistry update requested from TSBDE

For the Dental Board

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From: Nichole Madison < >
Date: April 5, 2020 at 2:31:09 PM CDT
To: "Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov" <Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov>, "Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov" <Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov>, "Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov" <Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov>, "heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov" <heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov>, "jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov" <jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov>, "darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov" <darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov>, "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>, "stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov" <stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov>, "ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov" <ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov>, "robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov" <robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov>, "matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov" <matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov>, "cody.terry@senate.texas.gov" <cody.terry@senate.texas.gov>, "johanna.sheffield@senate.texas.gov" <johanna.sheffield@senate.texas.gov>, "louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov" <louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov>, "dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov" <dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov>, "ruben.obell@house.texas.gov" <ruben.obell@house.texas.gov>, "eiman.siddiqui@house.texas.gov" <eiman.siddiqui@house.texas.gov>, "joathan.mathers@house.texas.gov" <joathan.mathers@house.texas.gov>, "stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov" <stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov>, "chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov" <chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov>, "drew.graham@senate.texas.gov" <drew.graham@senate.texas.gov>, "carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov" <carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov>, "harold.stone@senate.texas.gov" <harold.stone@senate.texas.gov>, "gavin.massingill@speaker.texas.gov" <gavin.massingill@speaker.texas.gov>, "milda.mora@house.texas.gov" <milda.mora@house.texas.gov>, "bailey.schumm@house.texas.gov" <bailey.schumm@house.texas.gov>, "justin.till@house.texas.gov" <justin.till@house.texas.gov>, "bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov" <bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov>
Subject: Teledentistry update requested from TSBDE

April, 5, 2020

Texas Dental Board:

I am contacting the TSBDE in reference to the email sent out on April 1, 2020, providing the update of Governor Abbott's extension of his Executive Order GA-08.

Along with this update, the board mentions the following:

Additionally, TSBDE has received several questions related to teledentistry. Dentists in Texas are not authorized to practice teledentistry because of established legal requirements such as Rule 108.8(c)(2)(C), which requires “documentation of the findings of a tactile and visual examination of the soft and hard tissues of the oral cavity.” Remember, teledentistry is regulated by state statute and board rule, not associational recommendations. Please note – Texas currently does not have any rules that would permit teledentistry.

I do not believe that this directive was released as it pertains to our purpose for emergencies and patient consults (not ortho aligner therapy), but because it was made, we are not able to continue practicing teledentistry that is desperately needed right now. It all came to a crucial halt because we have to follow the regulatory body.

We are in a different time now, and we will most likely be, moving forward. We need to address the changes that will help our patients at this crucial time in our country and across the world. *Your doctors need your support.* Please do not hinder us from keeping patients out of emergency rooms, where they will have enormous wait times and put themselves at risk by possibly being exposed to patients who may be highly contagious.

We are all healthcare professionals and we need to be given the ability to reach out and respond to our patient’s needs. If we do not, doesn’t that just become another form of abandonment? Aren’t we better off to allow Texas dentists to contact their patients through teledentistry?! This is a new age and we need to wake up and move forward with the tremendous advantages modern technology provides for us through teledentistry. I personally, will never advocate for hygienist privileges in teledentistry, just for licensed dentists.

I’m sure you would agree that our patients are a form of “family” to us. There is a quote by Kaylee Loofbourrow from [The Odyssey Online](#), February 9, 2016, which states:

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Please take off the chains and allow us to be part of this movement forward, not backwards.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Fisher, Ryan
Subject: Fwd: Texas Dentists Need Your Help!

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Celeste Mohr < >
Date: April 2, 2020 at 11:42:52 AM CDT
To: "Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov" <Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov>, "Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov" <Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov>, "Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov" <Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov>, "Heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov" <Heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov>, "Jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov" <Jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov>, "Darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov" <Darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov>, "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>, "Stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov" <Stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov>, "Ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov" <Ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov>, "Robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov" <Robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov>, "Matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov" <Matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov>, "Chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov" <Chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov>, "Drew.graham@senate.texas.gov" <Drew.graham@senate.texas.gov>, "Cody.terry@senate.texas.gov" <Cody.terry@senate.texas.gov>, "Johanna.sheffield@senate.texas.gov" <Johanna.sheffield@senate.texas.gov>, "Carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov" <Carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov>, "Harold.stone@senate.texas.gov" <Harold.stone@senate.texas.gov>, "Louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov" <Louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov>, "Dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov" <Dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov>, "Gavin.massingill@speaker.texas.gov" <Gavin.massingill@speaker.texas.gov>, "Milda.mora@house.texas.gov" <Milda.mora@house.texas.gov>, "Ruben.obell@house.texas.gov" <Ruben.obell@house.texas.gov>, "Eiman.siddiqui@house.texas.gov" <Eiman.siddiqui@house.texas.gov>, "Bailey.schumm@house.texas.gov" <Bailey.schumm@house.texas.gov>, "Justin.till@house.texas.gov" <Justin.till@house.texas.gov>, "Jonathan.mathers@house.texas.gov" <Jonathan.mathers@house.texas.gov>, "Stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov" <Stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov>, "Bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov" <Bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov>
Subject: Texas Dentists Need Your Help!

April, 2, 2020

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Subject: Fwd: TIME CORRECTION: Invitation: 3M Call

There is a new time

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As a correction to the initial announcement, this call will be held at 4:30pm EST tomorrow, not 3:45pm EST as initially listed.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2020
- **Time:** 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST
- **Presenters:** Ivan Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at 3M and Courtney Enloe, Associate General Counsel, and Global Head of Litigation at 3M
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The 3M Company would like the opportunity to speak to attorneys general about its response to COVID-19 and the steps the company is taking to fight price-gouging, counterfeiting, and bad actors, as well as listen to and answer any questions the attorneys general may have. As you know, 3M is a principal manufacturer of N95 respirators, which are critical to the fight against COVID-19.

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This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

All,

Given developments in the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, including the CDC's most recent guidance on in-person events, NAAG has decided to postpone the Chief Deputies / Chiefs of Staff Annual Meeting, which was originally scheduled for May 13-15 in Minneapolis.

We have made the decision to move the meeting to Big Sky, Montana the day before the NAAG Presidential Summit in August. The Chief Deputies program will take place on Wednesday, August 12 followed by the Presidential Summit on Thursday, August 13 and Friday, August 14.

The Chief Deputies / Chiefs of Staff meeting will remain a scholarship program wherein NAAG will provide up to two scholarships per AG office to cover the registration fee, travel, and lodging for each recipient. Those who volunteered to serve on the planning committee will be contacted in the future for continued collaboration.

More details on the program will follow in April.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Rudiger at erudiger@naag.org.

I look forward to a great meeting in August and am excited to see you all in Big Sky!

Best,
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This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

On Friday, the President signed HR 748 into law. This is the largest stimulus package in American history with over \$2 trillion being distributed to federal agencies, private industry, state and local governments, and directly to many American adults. As the bill is 335 pages long, NAAG is providing some high points that may be helpful to the attorney general community and are relevant to previous NAAG policy letters. This is NOT a comprehensive overview of the bill and is only meant to highlight a few select portions that attorneys general and their staff may find relevant. Full text of HR 748 is attached along with a breakdown of the \$2 trillion from the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

- How much will my state get in total?
 - o \$150 billion is being divided between the states, territories, tribes, and District of Columbia with each state receiving at least \$1.25 billion with the actual amount being largely based on the state's population. See the attached from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for a breakdown of how much each state will receive in millions. Also attached is a breakdown in billions from the Tax Foundation that also includes the territories and the tribes.
- Is there additional money available for state or local law enforcement?
 - o Yes, \$850 million is included for state and local law enforcement and will be available through the [Byrne JAG program](#). These grants are managed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) at USDOJ.
- What impact will HR 748 have on the courts?
 - o The bill includes \$500,000 for the US Supreme Court and \$6 million for the Courts of Appeals and District Courts to assist with continued operations during the pandemic. The bill also authorizes federal courts to conduct certain criminal hearings through video or telephone conferencing.
- Does the bill offer any support to upcoming elections?

- o Yes, the bill includes \$400 million in Election Security Grants. States are required to provide a report to the Election Assistance Commission accounting how the grant was used within 20 days of an election in the 2020 federal election cycle within the state.
- How do the direct payments to residents work?
 - o All U.S. residents with adjusted gross income below \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples) will receive \$1,200 (\$2,400 for married couples) with potentially an additional \$500 per dependent. The New York Times has developed a comprehensive frequently asked question page [HERE](#) that addresses questions around the direct payments as well as explanations of how the bill impacts other direct benefits for individuals such as student loans, charitable contributions, unemployment, and retirement accounts.
 - o Role of the Attorney General: Several attorneys general have already issued warnings to consumers about possible scams related to individuals trying to steal personal and financial information under the guise of needing the information to issue stimulus checks. It is likely these will occur in other jurisdictions as well.
- What's next?
 - o Though a timeline is unclear, it is likely that there will be a fourth stimulus package and additional legislation related to COVID-19 prior to the conclusion of the pandemic. The Senate has adjourned until April 20th, though Sen. McConnell acknowledged that they may reconvene sooner if needed. The House has not yet announced when it will reconvene.
- How does the bill address NAAG policy priorities?
 - o **LSC Funding:** In [2019](#) and [2018](#), NAAG sent letters to Congress in support of robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). This bill provides an additional \$50 million to the LSC for continued operations during the pandemic.
 - o **42 CFR Part 2:** In [2019](#), NAAG sent a letter to Congress with three requests regarding federal barriers to treating opioid use disorder. This included replacing privacy rules in 42 CFR Part 2 to be more aligned with privacy rules in HIPPA. This bill fulfilled NAAG's request and has aligned 42 CFR Part 2 regulations with HIPPA so substance use disorder records may now be utilized by the medical community in the same manner as all other medical records. Rep. Mullin of Oklahoma and Rep. Blumenauer of Oregon, both sponsors of the OPPS Act, led this effort in the House. Sens. Manchin and Capito of West Virginia, sponsors of the Protecting Jessica Grubb's Legacy Act, led this effort in the Senate.
 - o **District of Columbia Relief Funds:** Following [Thursday's letter](#) supporting the District of Columbia receiving a higher allocation of funds, NAAG engaged with several leadership offices in both chambers and the White House. Though the additional funding was not included, House leadership offices informed NAAG that they were aware of the concern and were supportive of the District of Columbia receiving a higher amount. NAAG will reengage on this specific issue when the expected fourth stimulus bill is introduced.
 - o **Cannabis:** In [May 2019](#), NAAG sent a letter to Congress supporting the SAFE Banking Act, which would allow cannabis commerce to utilize banking systems legally to accommodate industry in states that have legalized certain uses of marijuana. The Hemp industry circulated a petition to include this in the stimulus, which was unsuccessful. These banking changes were NOT included and the bill explicitly excluded cannabis businesses from participating in the bill's Paycheck Protection Program that is designed to aid small businesses. Cannabis businesses also remain ineligible for disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration.

NAAG regularly engages with Congress following NAAG letters signed by 36 or more attorneys general. If you would like NAAG to connect you with a member of your Congressional delegation's staff, we are glad to assist.

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How Much Each State Will Receive From the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the CARES Act

The new bipartisan economic stimulus legislation — known as the CARES Act — contains significant new resources to help states address their massive, immediate budget problems due to COVID-19, though states will almost certainly need more aid in coming months.

The centerpiece of the state aid is the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund, which state, tribal, and local governments can use this year to meet costs connected to the virus. Each state will receive at least \$1.25 billion — though the District of Columbia will only receive about \$500 million — while the most populous states (California and Texas) will receive over \$10 billion each, we estimate. (See Table 1.) In most states, a portion of the funding will go to local governments serving populations over 500,000. Tribal governments will receive \$8 billion.

The CARES Act also includes \$30 billion for elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities, \$25 billion for mass transit systems, \$5 billion for community development block grants (30 percent of which will go to state governments), \$3.5 billion for child care, and \$400 million to prepare for elections, among other funding directed to states.

States and tribes are incurring huge new costs as they seek to contain and treat the coronavirus and respond to the virus-induced spike in joblessness and related human needs. At the same time, they're projecting sharply lower tax revenues due to the widespread collapse of economic activity brought about by the virus' spread and needed containment activities. If they respond to this dire fiscal crisis by laying off state and tribal employees, scaling back government contracts for businesses, and cutting public services and other forms of spending, those actions will make the recession worse. (Tribes are uniquely vulnerable to the downturn since tribal businesses deeply affected by the virus and downturn, such as casinos, often generate vital government revenue for tribes to run programs such as public health and child care.) Given the economy's extremely rapid decline and the extraordinary damage being done to state, tribal, and local budgets, federal policymakers very likely will need to come back and provide more help to states and families affected by the crisis.

TABLE 1

Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund, by State

State	Total distribution (millions)
Alabama	\$1,901
Alaska	\$1,250
Arizona	\$2,822
Arkansas	\$1,250
California	\$15,321
Colorado	\$2,233
Connecticut	\$1,382
Delaware	\$1,250
District of Columbia	\$495
Florida	\$8,328
Georgia	\$4,117
Hawaii	\$1,250
Idaho	\$1,250
Illinois	\$4,914
Indiana	\$2,610
Iowa	\$1,250
Kansas	\$1,250
Kentucky	\$1,732

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Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund, by State

State	Total distribution (millions)
Louisiana	\$1,803
Maine	\$1,250
Maryland	\$2,344
Massachusetts	\$2,673
Michigan	\$3,873
Minnesota	\$2,187
Mississippi	\$1,250
Missouri	\$2,380
Montana	\$1,250
Nebraska	\$1,250
Nevada	\$1,250
New Hampshire	\$1,250
New Jersey	\$3,444
New Mexico	\$1,250
New York	\$7,543
North Carolina	\$4,067
North Dakota	\$1,250
Ohio	\$4,533
Oklahoma	\$1,534
Oregon	\$1,635
Pennsylvania	\$4,964
Puerto Rico	\$2,241
Rhode Island	\$1,250
South Carolina	\$1,996
South Dakota	\$1,250
Tennessee	\$2,648
Texas	\$11,243
Utah	\$1,250
Vermont	\$1,250
Virginia	\$3,310
Washington	\$2,953
West Virginia	\$1,250
Wisconsin	\$2,258
Wyoming	\$1,250
Territories*	\$263
Tribal governments	\$8,000
U.S. TOTAL	\$150,000

*Guam, Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa

Source: CBPP estimates using population data from the U.S. Census Bureau.



State Aid Provisions of the Federal Coronavirus Response Bill

March 25, 2020

Jared Walczak

The economic relief bill that federal lawmakers have reportedly reached an agreement on includes \$150 billion designated for state efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides for this state aid under the auspices of a new Coronavirus Relief Fund. The current language, however, may exclude COVID-19 responses for which states have already budgeted. This is in addition to roughly \$274 billion in funding for specific elements of state and local governments' responses to the pandemic and economic crisis, and supplemental funding for joint state-federal programs like unemployment compensation and Medicaid.

The \$150 billion in the Coronavirus Relief Fund is mostly allocated by population, but with \$3 billion reserved for U.S. territories and the District of Columbia and \$8 billion set aside for tribal governments, along with a guarantee that each state receives at least \$1.25 billion even if its population share would otherwise indicate a lesser amount.

Local governments with populations of 500,000 or more are also eligible for aid, and any aid they receive is subtracted from the amount otherwise available to their state's government. This too is apportioned by population, but localities may only receive 45 percent of the amount associated with their population.

By way of explanation, consider Chicago, with a population of about 2.7 million, representing about 21 percent of Illinois' total population. Illinois is eligible for up to \$4.91 billion in funding under the Coronavirus Relief Fund (see table below), and \$1.33 billion of that is associated with Chicago's population. Chicago, however, cannot claim all \$1.33 billion. The city can claim 45 percent of it, or about \$600 million, which would come out of the state's cap.

To be eligible for federal funding, state expenditures must meet three conditions. First, they must be necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Second, they must not be accounted for in the state or locality's most recently approved budget (as of the time of the federal law's enactment). And third, the expense must be incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020.

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instance, so while it would make perfect sense to use federal dollars to cover new hospital costs incurred because of the coronavirus, it is less reasonable to attribute the *entirety* of the state's hospital appropriations to COVID-19.

Still, the provision as written appears to penalize states that have gotten out ahead of the federal government in their response to the health crisis by already appropriating supplemental funds in the ongoing FY 2020 budget or including COVID-19 response appropriations in FY 2021 budgets that have already been enacted. At least 17 states have already enacted their FY 2021 budgets and several more are awaiting a governor's signature. While most states are likely to come back and dedicate additional money to the COVID-19 relief effort, some of these budgets already contain express appropriations for that purpose, and it does not make sense to exclude them from eligibility for federal funding.

If states easily exhaust these federal dollars, this point may be moot. There is the potential, however, that the way the provisions are drawn up will result in some states leaving federal money on the table even though they made unreimbursed expenditures that are clearly in response to the public health crisis.

The following table represents my back-of-the-envelope calculations of the maximum amount allocated for each state, using 2019 population figures and making *pro rata* adjustments of the allocable share once each state is guaranteed at least \$1.25 billion. Federal determination of aid amounts may vary slightly from these calculations, but they provide a good approximation.

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Table 1. Aid Available from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (by jurisdiction)

Jurisdiction	Allocation
Alabama	\$1.90 billion
Alaska	\$1.25 billion
Arizona	\$2.82 billion
Arkansas	\$1.25 billion
California	\$15.32 billion
Colorado	\$2.23 billion
Connecticut	\$1.38 billion
Delaware	\$1.25 billion
Florida	\$8.33 billion
Georgia	\$4.12 billion
Hawaii	\$1.25 billion
Idaho	\$1.25 billion
Illinois	\$4.91 billion
Indiana	\$2.61 billion
Iowa	\$1.25 billion
Kansas	\$1.25 billion
Kentucky	\$1.73 billion
Louisiana	\$1.80 billion
Maine	\$1.25 billion
Maryland	\$2.34 billion
Massachusetts	\$2.67 billion
Michigan	\$3.87 billion
Minnesota	\$2.19 billion
Mississippi	\$1.25 billion
Missouri	\$2.38 billion
Montana	\$1.25 billion
Nebraska	\$1.25 billion
Nevada	\$1.25 billion

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Jurisdiction	Allocation
New Jersey	\$3.44 billion
New Mexico	\$1.25 billion
New York	\$7.54 billion
North Carolina	\$4.07 billion
North Dakota	\$1.25 billion
Ohio	\$4.53 billion
Oklahoma	\$1.53 billion
Oregon	\$1.64 billion
Pennsylvania	\$4.96 billion
Rhode Island	\$1.25 billion
South Carolina	\$2.00 billion
South Dakota	\$1.25 billion
Tennessee	\$2.65 billion
Texas	\$11.24 billion
Utah	\$1.25 billion
Vermont	\$1.25 billion
Virginia	\$3.31 billion
Washington	\$2.95 billion
West Virginia	\$1.25 billion
Wisconsin	\$2.26 billion
Wyoming	\$1.25 billion
District of Columbia	\$0.50 billion
Puerto Rico	\$2.24 billion
Other Territories	\$0.26 billion
Tribal Governments	\$8.00 billion
Sources: CARES Act; Tax Foundation calculations.	

Importantly, the CARES Act also includes \$340 billion in emergency funding to combat the outbreak, \$274 billion going to state and local governments for specific purposes. This is in addition to the \$150 billion distributed to states to cover their own separate efforts and forms a major part of the federal government's

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Finally, the Federal Reserve is also engaging in emergency lending, backstopped by \$454 billion in new funding under what is known as the Exchange Stabilization Fund. States and local governments, as well as businesses, may apply for these loans.

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What's in the \$2 Trillion Coronavirus Relief Package?

Mar 25, 2020 | [Economics \(/issue-area/economics\)](#)

The Senate is expected to vote tonight on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – the third and most expansive package designed to address the public health and economic crisis brought on by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The legislation would expand and extend unemployment benefits, send most Americans a \$1,200 per person check, incentivize and compensate businesses to keep workers employed, facilitate new loans and grants to large and small businesses, increase aid to states, spend more on hospitals, offer targeted tax relief, and enact other tax and spending changes.

Though the deficit impact of the legislation is still unclear, it has been described as a \$2 trillion package. In the table below, we identify \$2.3 trillion of costs, which is a summary of the bill as we understand it at the time. Dollars presented here don't necessarily equate to the ultimate deficit impact; some costs may be recovered later, such as loans that are eventually repaid.

Provision	Dollar Cost
Expand & Extend Unemployment Benefits	\$260 billion
Boost all unemployment benefits by \$600 per week, cover additional workers who would not normally be eligible, provide an additional 13 weeks of benefits, & other changes	\$260 billion
Issue One-Time Checks	\$290 billion
	(https://budgetmodel.wharton.upenn.edu/estimates/2020/3/24/the-cares-act)
Provide tax rebates of \$1,200/adult & \$500 /child, phased out above \$75,000 of income (\$150,000/couple)	\$290 billion
Provide Small Business Loans & Grants	\$377 billion
Support, issue, & guarantee loans to small businesses; offer loan forgiveness for funds spent on payroll, rent, mortgage interest, & utilities	\$366 billion
Provide emergency grants for small businesses	\$10 billion
Issue grants related to small businesses & entrepreneurial development	\$1 billion
Support Loans & Loan Guarantees for Large Businesses & Governments	\$510 billion
Provide loans to passenger airlines	\$25 billion
Provide loans to cargo airlines	\$4 billion
Provide loans to firms vital to maintaining national security	\$17 billion
Provide loans to the U.S. Postal Service for operating expenses	\$10 billion
Support \$4.5 trillion of loans to businesses, states, & municipalities via new Federal Reserve facility	\$454 billion
Support State & Local Governments	\$150 billion
Provide aid to states (at least \$1.25 billion per state)	\$150 billion
Increase Health-Related Spending	>\$180 billion
Increase hospital & public health funding	\$100 billion
Increase preparedness funding	\$27 billion
Increase funding for community health centers	\$6 billion
Increase Medicare payments, expand telehealth & home services, & repeal Medicare sequester	~\$20 billion
Increase funding for the CDC, FDA, NIH, IHS, & other health-related agencies	~\$10 billion
Increase funding toward veterans & defense health	\$20 billion
Support the Safety Net	\$42 billion
Increase SNAP (food stamps) & child nutrition funding	\$25 billion
Increase child & family services funding	\$5 billion
Boost housing support	\$12 billion
Increase Disaster Assistance	\$45 billion
Expand FEMA disaster assistance fund	\$45 billion
Increase Education Spending	>\$32 billion
Establish Education Stabilization Fund for states, school districts, & higher education institutions	\$31 billion
Enact supplemental appropriations for Department of Education programs	<\$1 billion
Preserving student aid for those affected by COVID-19	?
Defer payments & interest on federally-held student loans for 6 months	?
Support Transportation Providers & Industries	\$72 billion
Provide grants to air carriers & airline contractors to avoid furloughs & pay cuts	\$33 billion
Issue infrastructure grants to transit providers, including state & local governments	\$25 billion

TOTAL

~\$2.3 trillion

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Provision	Dollar Cost
Provide grants to publicly-owned commercial airports	\$10 billion
Temporarily suspend airline ticket, cargo, & fuel taxes	\$4 billion
Reduce Individual Taxes	~\$20 billion
Permanently allow HSA purchases of menstrual products	\$9 billion
Loosen caps on deductibility of charitable giving as a share of income	\$1 billion
Provide temporary deduction for up to \$300 of charitable donations by nonitemizers	\$2 billion
Allow up to \$100,000 to be withdrawn from retirement accounts for reasons related to COVID-19	\$3 billion
Temporarily waive retirement minimum distribution rules	\$5 billion
Temporarily exclude employer-provided student loan assistance from income	\$0.5 billion
Cut Business Taxes	~\$280 billion
Loosen caps imposed under the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act on interest deductibility & operating losses	\$210 billion
Offer payroll tax credits for businesses who retain workers at a loss	\$55 billion
Delay employer payroll tax payments from 2020 to 2021 & 2022	\$12 billion
Allow retailers & restaurants to write off the cost of improvements	*
Allow liquor distillers to make hand sanitizer tax-free	Minimal
Other spending	>\$25 billion
TOTAL	~\$2.3 trillion

*Scores with no effect because it was already estimated as part of the 2017 tax cuts, even though the change will reduce revenue.

Source: Summaries provided by legislative offices, JCT (<https://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=5252>), bill text, CRFB estimates.

Update 3/26/20: This table was updated after publication to add \$33 billion in grants to airlines and contractors and \$10 billion in loans to the U.S. Postal Service and with the JCT (<https://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=5252>), estimate.

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Generals:

I am providing a brief update on the status of NAAG and NAGTRI meetings.

During the present time, NAAG's main commitments are to the safety of our members, their staff and NAAG staff, and to continue providing high-quality substantive support to AG offices.

As we have all seen from press reports, it is still uncertain when COVID-19 will peak in various areas of the country, much less when people will feel safe traveling again. Here in Washington, one study just cited last Friday by DC health officials indicates the peak here may not come until late June or early July. Major world and national events this summer are being canceled. To put it mildly, the future is filled with uncertainty.

The NAAG team has worked with our AG leadership to assess the best courses of action for the coming months that will ensure both everyone's safety and that the quality of our programming is not compromised. Some updates:

- AG Symposium, April 20-22: As you already know, the Executive Committee voted to cancel this meeting. It will not be rescheduled.
- Chief Deputy/Chiefs of Staff Annual Meeting, May 13-15: Rescheduled, in a condensed format, to August 12, immediately before the NAAG Presidential Summit in Big Sky, Montana August 13-14
- Eastern Region Meeting, June 8: this meeting has been postponed to a date to be determined in the fall.
- NAGTRI national and mobile trainings: All canceled through July 31st.

Our hope now is to reboot NAGTRI national and mobile trainings in August, and focus on the August 13-14 NAAG Presidential Summit as the event that marks the general reboot of NAAG in-person events.

Please email NAAG Meetings and Membership Manager Erika Rudiger at erudiger@naag.org for any questions related to NAAG meetings and NAGTRI Director Amy Tenney Curren at acurren@naag.org with any questions related to NAGTRI trainings.

The NAAG team has fully shifted to providing online support through COVID-19 webinars and converting some of our general in-person trainings to a webinar format. We have also developed a comprehensive online COVID-19 resource page for AGOs, which is cited below, immediately above my signature line.

In a follow-up email I will provide a summary of the exact services NAAG is providing during the COVID-19 crisis.

From the entire NAAG team, we wish all the best for your health and that of your loved ones.

V/r

Chris

Visit NAAG's [Members-Only COVID-19 Resource Page](#). AGO staff can request access to the page [here](#).

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Please take this time to define telephone, teledentistry, and services that are part of everyday patient care with new technology.

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Please note in the Zoom Meeting details listed below that the time is May 6, 2020, 12 p.m. Mountain, which is 1 p.m. Central and 2 p.m. Eastern.

I would also like to invite suggestions for topics of interest—if there is a particular issue that you are grappling with or that you know has been a common question, please email me at holly.farris@state.sd.us so we can coordinate the discussion accordingly.

I hope all of you are able to participate and if you have questions about the webinar, please let me know!

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State Strategy for Medical Surge Implementation

Introduction

The health care coalitions, working with health care facilities, health care systems, emergency medical services providers and local governments are actively engaged in activities to support the response to COVID-19. The state and federal government support operations to provide resource and operational support as these systems approach capacity. The proper coordination of local, regional, state, and federal actions requires a common operating picture, information sharing and a common set of terminology. This document provides guidance on the overall plan for the state of Texas to support regional and local Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 (Public Health and Medical) resources, medical operations centers, and health care coalitions in the implementation of medical surge plans to meet the needs of the community during the current pandemic.

By coordinating common data points, information sources, and reporting constraints, this plan intends to simplify reporting for operational entities engaged in response, while maximizing the value of data for coordinating agencies and elected officials.

Mission Statement

The State of Texas implements medical surge strategy in support of regional health care coalitions, health care systems, hospitals and health care facilities to ensure the appropriate treatment of COVID-19 patients, and to maintain safe environments for medical providers to provide concurrent care for emergency, non-COVID conditions across Texas.

Objectives

- Maintain the integrity of the Texas emergency health care system through a coordinated statewide approach, leveraging medical resources, information sharing and non-traditional resources and workforce.
- Maximize capacity of existing health care facilities across Texas.
- Use innovative approaches to increase non-critical bed capacity to decompress health care facilities and allow for in-hospital care of the most critical patients.

- Provide the capability to care for COVID-19 patients outside of the hospital and properly assess and mitigate need for readmission.
- Develop a statewide tiered approach to health care system support, common terminology, and triggers for a higher level of activation or activity within this plan.

Assumptions

- The inpatient environment in a licensed hospital is the most appropriate location to provide critical and acute care to patients, regardless of COVID-19 infection status.
- Well-coordinated low-acuity, minimal care clinical operations facilitated by health care systems or local governments and supported by state and federal resources (both personnel and materiel) can reduce strain on health care systems and hospitals.
- The health care system will alter existing operations to create additional capacity and availability to provide critical and acute care to COVID-19 patients during the pandemic.
- Without coordinated intervention by local, regional and state agencies, there is not enough existing critical care and general bed capacity to manage the number of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Planning activities will include hospitals in rural communities that are more vulnerable to surge.
- Pandemic resource constraints will influence efforts to create overall bed capacity. Primary resource constraints will be personnel, personal protective equipment, ventilators and expendable supplies.
- State and regional staff must plan for action at all levels within this plan to accommodate the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic.

Operational Plan

General Approach

The state of Texas will leverage state and federal resources to support regional and local efforts to support health care systems as they create additional capacity for critical, emergent COVID-19 patients while maintaining the functionality and accessibility of the emergency health care system for trauma, strokes, cardiac and other emergencies. The intent of this plan is to support a prolonged surge in health care capacity to 20

percent of staffed beds within 7 days of implementation of this plan and an additional 20 percent within 2 to 3 weeks. Because of the rapidly evolving nature of the threat, local, regional and state stakeholders must plan for implementation requiring innovative and non-traditional solutions to emerging health care needs.

Operational Concept

The overall concept provides a tiered approach that consists of five levels that guide activities at the state and regional level to support health care operations and resources necessary to provide critical support. Activities at all levels should focus on support for the current level. Planning must be conducted at each level to ensure capability to accommodate rapid growth and a constantly changing situation. Transition between levels will be managed at Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)* medical operational centers to manage surge within HPP regions and report surge changes to the State Medical Operations Center (SMOC).

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Hospital Preparedness Program.*

LEVEL 5	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1
MAINTAIN STAFFED BEDS	SURGE TO PHYSICAL BEDS	SURGE INSIDE FACILITY	SURGE TO ADJACENT BLDG	SURGE TO BUILDING OF OP
Support Hospital System to maintain current capacity.	Support Hospital System to open all physical beds.	Transition non-traditional care areas such as OR and L&D to care for COVID-19.	Open additional capacity in adjacent medical office or convalescent centers supported by hospital.	Stand up alternate care sites in remote areas that are operated by local gov and/or supported by hosp

Level 5 – Maintain Staffed Beds

Activities within this level focus on enhanced clinical operations to address the threat. This includes training and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and alteration of policy and procedure to control spread and protect the facility, patients and staff during the pandemic. Additional activities include increased surveillance, testing, reporting, critical resource sustainment and preparedness activities to avoid movement to the next level.

Level 4 – Surge to Physical Beds

This level is triggered when patient counts exceeds staffed beds available within the facility or as pandemic planning requires. Activities at this level focus on identification and operationalizing additional capacity to accommodate the surge. Additional activities include transition of appropriate patients to long-term care, surgical centers and other alternate care sites capable of caring for low/minimal acuity patients, creating critical care capacity within the hospital.

Level 3 – Surge Within the Facility

This level is triggered when traditional inpatient bed locations are occupied, and non-traditional locations must be used to accommodate patient care. Examples include modified operating rooms, special procedure suites, outpatient clinic spaces and public areas like cafeterias, waiting areas or meeting spaces. The focus at this level is resource support allowing care to continue within the walls of the hospital to minimize the need for duplicative wrap around services required to care for patients, such as imaging, laboratory services and pharmacy.

Level 2 – Surge to Adjacent Facilities

This level is triggered when non-traditional patient care beds within the hospital facility itself are full. The focus of this level is to identify adjacent, and preferably connected buildings, such as medical office buildings or outpatient centers that can accommodate similar non-traditional patient care areas and continue to be serviced by hospital-based support services, such as imaging, laboratory services and pharmacy.

Level 1 – Surge to Buildings of Opportunity

The final level in this plan is triggered when all traditional and non-traditional treatment areas at hospitals and health care facilities and adjacent properties are full. Planning and make-ready arrangements for other facilities should be completed in the pre-incident phase. Possible alternate care sites may include dormant health care facilities, hotels, open air arenas with medical equipment sets and other similar facilities. This plan includes criteria that should be considered in site selection, to including ingress and egress, climate control, security and capacity. Significant resources must be

assigned to meet patient care needs and support requirements, pertaining to pharmacy, imaging and testing. Additionally, donning and doffing areas, kitchens, food service, housekeeping, surveillance and patient care documentation systems must be included to support the operation of these facilities.

HPP will coordinate with health care facilities on patient movement to and from hospital surge sites. Surge operations will also require substantial prehospital and EMS support operations for movement of patients to and from hospitals, procedures and home.

Roles and Responsibilities

Health Care Facilities and Health Care Systems

Hospitals and health care systems are the primary provider of critical and acute care services within communities across Texas. Health care facilities can be public, private, federally operated, part of a larger health care system, religious-affiliated or non-profit. The level of capability within each facility varies based on many criteria that are outside of the scope of this plan. However, health care facilities are the best suited entity to provide critical and acute patient care in Texas regardless of COVID-19 infection status. For this reason, activities by local governments, HPP providers, state and federal authorities should focus on direct and indirect support to health care facilities as they care for Texans affected by this pandemic.

Health care facilities and systems are responsible for providing the following:

- Health care providers (physicians, nurses, technicians, ancillary and support staff)
- Health care clinical infrastructure (beds, monitors, ventilators, testing equipment)
- Electronic health record system (patient care documentation)
- Pharmacy, laboratory, imaging, housekeeping, dietary and other services
- Facility support

As the resource constraints dictate, health care facilities and systems may require state and federal support and resources to fulfill these responsibilities.

Local Government

Local government has primary responsibility to coordinate with public health, HPP providers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and state emergency management to provide support to health care facilities providing surge capability. According to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, local jurisdictions have the authority to request state and federal support for disaster operations and are additionally responsible for critical services that support hospitals, to include emergency medical services, certain utilities and other items. For this reason, local governments play a key role in resource requests and coordination and operations during a pandemic. Local government is also responsible for provision of public health in the community, as well, or works closely with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regional offices for key public health functions.

Local government and emergency operations centers are responsible for providing the following:

- Initial Incident Management Team/Emergency Operations Center support
- Conduit for communication of resource needs and requests
- Member of the unified command team
- Law enforcement security for operational nodes to include testing and patient care
- Assistance with identification and acquisition of alternate care sites

HPP / Medical Operations Centers (MOCs)

HPP providers and regional medical operations play a vital role in coordination of activities, such as reporting, resource coordination and PPE distribution through the HPP. Planning and operational deployment of state and federal support is coordinated through the HPP providers and their regional health and medical operations centers.

HPP providers manage the flow of information to and from health care facilities from DSHS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Office of the Governor. Critical data received and reported through HPP providers inform planning for bed capacity, ventilator availability, alternate care site selection, staffing and deployment of Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources. Additionally, HPP providers work to distribute

state and federal stockpiles of personal protective equipment to health care facilities and emergency medical services.

HPP providers are responsible for providing the following:

- Bed reporting, including intensive care, ventilators and other key figures from hospitals.
- Managing coordination in the regional medical operations centers.
- Gathering resource needs from hospitals and filling resource requests from supplies and equipment received from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and state caches.
- Communicating resource needs for all levels of this plan to SMOC and SOC.
- Working with local jurisdictions to conduct testing and managing testing supplies.
- Coordinating the communication system between EMS and hospitals for optimal management and placement of COVID-19 patients within the regional emergency health care system.
- Managing requests and operational needs of the EMTFs.
- Gathering and compiling data points necessary to communicate the status and wellbeing of the regional emergency health care system.
- Conducting planning session to strategize continued and increased response to COVID-19 within the regional emergency health care system.
- Working with health care facilities, EMS, public health and long-term care facilities to plan for potential impacts to vulnerable communities.
- Working with local jurisdiction and stakeholders to identify and plan for alternate care sites.

State Agency Activities

State agency support is provided through the SOC, using resources from members of the Texas Emergency Management Council with coordination through DSHS. State agency activities must be coordinated to support health care facilities and HPP providers without circumventing in-place processes or creating duplicative efforts.

State agencies are primarily responsible for the following:

- Provide public health guidance to hospitals and EMS from federal and state sources.
- Coordinating state agency activity in support of the emergency health care system.

- Communicate with state leadership and federal partners regarding resource needs.
- Communicate realistic situational assessments to state and federal leaders and elected officials.
- Facilitate resource requests process for state and federal resources.
- Provide declarations and control measures to decrease impact on the health care system.
- Manage the request, reception and distribution of state and federal resource caches to Regional Advisory Councils (RACs).
- Work with contracted providers for wraparound services for alternate care sites.
- Provide non-clinical manpower resources to augment and support clinical staff during surge.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Activities

Emergency Medical Services plays a vital role in the overall care of patients during the pandemic. As the first line of treatment for a significant population of patients, EMS can provide important information to the public, and assist with decision making regarding transport to a health care facility. Many organizations are working with local public health and health care facilities to conduct in-home testing of persons under investigation. EMS medical directors are providing critical training and protocol revisions to expand the scope of EMS personnel in the field.

Emergency Medical Services are primarily responsible for the following:

- Assessment, recognition and subsequent transport of symptomatic individuals to an appropriate health care facility, based on regional criteria and procedures.
- Developing transport policies and encouraging the public to remain at home if symptoms do not warrant treatment in an emergency department.
- Facilitate at-home testing to discourage unnecessary emergency department or hospital visits for the purpose of diagnostic testing.
- Use of mobile integrated health and community paramedicine programs to treat patients in their home and provide real-time clinical information to medical directors and emergency room physicians on disease progression in patients monitored in sheltering programs.

- Providing and managing Ambulance Strike Team and ambulance bus (AMBUS) response to rural communities to move patients in order to decompress critical access hospitals in hard hit areas.

Local Public Health Departments Activities

Local public health departments play an important role in supporting health care systems and emergency medical services with the timely and appropriate care of patients during a pandemic. Beyond the typical epidemiological roles, public health departments at the local and state level provide important guidance on disease progression, PPE, outbreak “hot spots” and testing criteria.

Local/state public health departments are primarily responsible for the following:

- Integrating U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state guidelines on PPE into a timely and accurate recommendation for pre-hospital and health care environments.
- Developing testing criteria for both the general public and health care workers and first responders to focus on maintenance of the emergency health care work force.
- Providing timely results for testing with process and procedure guidance for quarantine and treatment of confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Timely and accurate communication of location of persons under investigation in the community that could expose EMS personnel to positive cases without their knowledge.

Level 5 – Maintain Staffed Beds

Purpose

Activities within this level focus on enhanced clinical operations to address the threat, to include training and use of PPE, and alteration of policy and procedure to control spread and protect the facility, patients and staff during the pandemic.

Begins/Ends

Begins with recognition of a potential or actual contagion within the nation or state with the potential to result in a pandemic. Local, state and federal public health authorities communicate possible spread within the community. Early recognition and activation of this plan will ensure adequate planning and coordination of activities prior to widespread community impacts.

This phase continues until spread is controlled or until pandemic related hospitalization exceeds traditional staffed bed capability, either due to overwhelming patient presentation or attrition of staff and health care workers who have contracted the virus.

Local Activities

- ☒ Activation of local emergency operations plans and emergency operations centers.
- ☒ Use of local public health, public safety, emergency response, public affairs and human services infrastructure to provide information to the general public on mitigation strategies.
- ☒ Develop traffic control and security plans in and around health care facilities.
- ☒ Identify potential facilities and resources within the community that can support alternate care, mass care sheltering or other necessary community infrastructure.
- ☒ Monitor state and federal guidance and provide messaging over radio, TV and social media.
- ☒ Leverage non-traditional communications platforms, such as road signage, to educate public.
- ☒ Prepare disaster declarations and communicate with state and federal elected officials.
- ☒ Issue legal orders for social distancing, quarantine, isolation and closing of public buildings.
- ☒ Establish logistics capability to provide health care system support.
- ☒ Assess surge capacity within public safety agencies to augment EMS staffing.
- ☒ Enforce social distancing and other recommendations to conserve continuity of government.
- ☒ Establish a joint information center to accommodate media requests.

Health Care Facility Activities

- ☒ Activate hospital command center to facilitate data collection and coordination activities with HPP providers and health care system, if applicable.
- ☒ Conduct assessment of PPE supply levels, relevant pharmaceutical supply levels and other key resources needed to respond to the pandemic.
- ☒ Consider cancellation of elective procedures.
- ☒ Develop plans for re-purposing of non-standard patient care areas, such as operating rooms, procedure suites and meeting space.
- ☒ Establish employee screening procedures.
- ☒ Establish visitation policies that include screening procedures.
- ☒ Evaluate patients for early discharge to home or long-term care facilities.
- ☒ Develop and conduct just-in-time training for health care staff who may be required to work in unfamiliar areas, for example training of pediatric or operating room nurses for adult intensive care unit (ICU) care.
- ☒ Review facility security plan and implement limited access control measures, as necessary.
- ☒ Coordinate with local public health and HPP providers in the regional health and medical operations center to manage reporting and resource needs.
- ☒ Develop messaging in public and staff areas to minimize spread of the virus.
- ☒ Participate in planning efforts and bed reporting.
- ☒ Participate in the joint information center to ensure a unified voice with RACs and local government.

HPP Providers Activities

- ☒ Activate regional health and medical operations centers, in coordination with health care facilities, emergency medical services, public health and local government.
- ☒ Initiate (at a minimum) daily bed availability, constrained resource counts (ventilators), health care surveillance reporting and other necessary data sharing to develop a common operating picture.

- ☒ Conduct contingency planning for hospital surge, alternate care sites, mass casualty and mass fatality operations.
- ☒ Develop communications plans for health care facility leadership, emergency medical services coordination and communication with community leaders and elected officials.
- ☒ Work with public health to develop health care worker and first responder PPE recommendations and share widely.
- ☒ Develop and implement regional strategy to implement testing capability and leverage health care facility, EMS personnel, and public health to conduct testing for health care workers, first responders and the general public.
- ☒ Communicate with state and federal authorities to establish reporting requirements and timelines to ensure understanding of resource needs.
- ☒ Update baseline bed reporting data, to include total staffed beds, average daily census, critical equipment levels, PPE levels and other key information for comparison throughout event.
- ☒ Convene health care leadership, EMS medical directors, first responder organizations and other key personnel to develop and communicate regional procedures for triage, testing, tracking and resource requests.

State and Federal Support Activities

- ☒ Activate the SOC (TDEM) and the SMOC (DSHS) to coordinate the state response to the pandemic. Include needed state agencies to assist health care facilities, EMS and the HPP providers with activities to maintain the integrity of the statewide emergency health care system.
- ☒ Inform decision making of state elected officials to waive requirements that may hinder the response to the pandemic and provide information on regulatory or legislative actions that may increase capacity and capability of the emergency health care system.
- ☒ Develop standardized reporting process for HPP providers, local public health departments, hospitals and emergency medical services.
- ☒ Establish resource request process and lines of communications for logistics.
- ☒ Identify state facilities and other resources that can aid in the pandemic response.

- ☒ Work with federal partners, to include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), CDC and HHS to establish resource request processes, reporting requirements and lines of communication for clinical and operational guidance.
- ☒ Assess federal support resources and communicate availability and request processes to HPP providers and local governments.
- ☒ Leverage traditional media and non-traditional/social media resources to communicate messaging to the general public.
- ☒ Review state, regional and local plans to ensure compliance with federal procedures.
- ☒ Confirm and execute contracts for logistical support, surge support, personnel requirements and other resource needs for sheltering, minimal care medical support and incident management teams for support of local government and HPP operations.
- ☒ Establish a plan for assessment, prioritization and distribution of personal protective equipment, pharmaceuticals and other key resources.

Strategies to Maintain Capacity at Current Level

- ☒ Cancellation of elective surgeries and procedures.
- ☒ Re-purposing of non-traditional patient care areas in health care facilities.
- ☒ Identify minimal-care and long-term care capacity within the community for early discharge of patients who can be cared for outside of hospitals.
- ☒ Identify and prepare surge facilities and alternate care sites to alleviate pressure on hospitals.
- ☒ Conduct construction projects to make ready additional alternate care sites and potential preparations for hospital operations in buildings of opportunity, as deemed appropriate.
- ☒ Build telemedicine capacity to conduct routine virtual assessments of persons under investigation (PUI) and persons under monitoring (PUM) at home to minimize the need for transport to emergency departments.
- ☒ Empower EMS providers and home health to assist with management of minimally ill patients at home.
- ☒ Establish contracts with sheltering, human services, logistics and incident management teams.
- ☒ Develop plans for prioritization on state and federal resources.

- ☒ Identify roles for health care workers and first responders who are quarantined, but not symptomatic to continue to contribute to the effort.
- ☒ Review plans for escalation to levels four to one and identify steps to mitigate escalation.
- ☒ Establish screening criteria for critical infrastructure and key resource personnel to minimize transmission among co-workers and the subsequent impact on critical infrastructure and key resources.
- ☒ Consider visitation policies aimed at reducing risk of disease spread inside a facility.
- ☒ Consider employee screening policies to reduce risk of disease spread inside a facility.

Level 4 – Surge to Physical Beds

Purpose

Activities in this level focus on identification and operationalizing additional capacity within health care facilities to accommodate a surge of patients and maintaining the capability and capacity of the overall emergency health care system.

Begins/Ends

Begins when the daily census reaches 95 to 100 percent of staffed bed capacity in health care facilities across the state, and/or as available beds decrease below 10 percent of overall capacity in one or more regions. This trigger may be necessitated by a dramatic increase in case presentation, attrition of EMS or hospital staff due to exposure, quarantine or development of symptoms or as demanded by pandemic planning.

This phase continues until daily census is maintained at or below 80 percent for several days or until all physical bed capacity in the hospital is depleted, requiring escalation to Level 3.

Local Activities

- ☒ Establishment of unified command with public health, HPP providers and EMS.

- ☒ Support health care facilities and emergency medical services providers with planning and logistic support activities using non-clinical staff to minimize impact on health care work force.
- ☒ Continue messaging and public affairs outreach to community and the media to communicate the status of health care facilities, EMS availability, infrastructure and pandemic progression.
- ☒ Implement and reinforce traffic control and security plans in and around health care facilities.
- ☒ If not already activated, provide resources to make ready alternate sites and non-congregate housing facilities for patients requiring minimal care.
- ☒ Assess services for unexpected impact of the pandemic, such as mental health, education, social services and sanitation. Consider additional impact to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and with functional and access needs.

Health Care Facility Activities

- ☒ Transition patient care to the identified surge areas within the facility.
- ☒ Transition single patient rooms to double occupancy, as able due to space constraints.
- ☒ Early discharge to long term care and/or alternate care sites for patients who don't require hospital level care. Consider home health, EMS mobile integrated health and telemedicine solutions for patient rounding and follow-up.
- ☒ Closely monitor stock levels of personal protective equipment and submit resource requests to HPP providers in a timely fashion.
- ☒ Continue employee screening procedures to protect patients and staff.

HPP Providers Activities

- ☒ Work with local health care facilities, emergency medical services and local government to establish criteria for use of alternate care sites and long-term care facilities.
- ☒ Move to twice-daily bed availability, resource counts (ventilators), health care surveillance reporting and other necessary data sharing to develop a common operating picture.

- ☒ Collect information about absenteeism, health care worker and first responder illness and help to expedite testing and treatment for staff.
- ☒ Activate EMS resources to support long-term care facilities and alternate care sites with dedicated transport resources.
- ☒ Communicate requests for additional personnel and ancillary staff to support alternate care sites and non-congregate facilities with state and federal partners.
- ☒ Submit requests for personal protective equipment for various operations and monitor distribution to EMS agencies, health care facilities, testing sites and other critical areas.

State and Federal Support Activities

- ☒ Evaluate resource requests from HPP providers and submit requests for federal agencies for Federal Medical Stations (FMS), Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT), additional PPE, ventilators and other supplies to support hospital surge operations.
- ☒ Provide approval for contracted human services, mass feeding and mass care and sheltering operations and additional resource needs at the regional and local level. Includes contracts and personnel to operate alternate care sites, as needed.
- ☒ Continue to use plan for assessment, prioritization and distribution of PPE, pharmaceuticals and other key resources.
- ☒ Facilitate waivers of state and federal regulations governing long-term care facilities, health care treatment, Texas EMTF, Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) and medical legal liability, as necessary.
- ☒ Facilitate activation and assignment of EMTALA EMS resources, such as ambulance strike teams, AMBUSes and Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) personnel as requested by HPP providers and local EMS and health care facilities. Use federal EMS contract assets, if necessary.

Strategies to Maintain Capacity at Current Level

- ☒ Activate alternate care sites at a minimal acuity or long-term care level in order to decompress the health care facilities. Facilitate early discharge of patients that do not require hospital level care during their recovery. May be related or unrelated to the pandemic.

- ☒ Use non-clinical personnel, such as the National Guard or volunteers, to augment non-clinical staff in the hospitals performing logistics, decontamination or logistics tasks.
- ☒ Augment health care facility plant personnel with National Guard engineering teams to transition non-traditional patient care areas into functional nursing care areas.
- ☒ Consider the use of non-congregate facilities, such as hotels, vacant college dormitories or dormant hospitals and long-term care facilities to monitor patients with minimal care needs through telemedicine with EMS mobile integrated health and community paramedicine support for hands-on assessments if necessary.
- ☒ Identify and make ready surge capacity in medical office buildings, educational facilities and other buildings adjacent or attached to hospitals to accommodate further surge if needed.
- ☒ Develop “no-load” criteria with Emergency Medical Services to decrease impact on hospital emergency departments for patients that don’t meet established criteria.
- ☒ Establish transfer criteria and transport plan to maintain capacity of critical access hospitals.

Level 3 – Surge Within Facility

Purpose

The focus in this level is resource support that allows care to continue within the walls of the hospital to minimize the need for duplicative wrap around services required to care for patients, such as imaging, laboratory services and pharmacy.

Begins/Ends

Begins with the saturation of all traditional care areas within the facility and innovative use of non-traditional patient care areas, or surge areas is the trigger for this level.

This phase continues until the facility census decreases below traditional bed capacity and all patients placed in surge areas have been transitioned to

traditional patient care areas; or when all traditional and non-traditional care areas have been filled.

Local Activities

- ☒ Continue to use the unified command structure to support health care operations.
- ☒ Work with joint information center, the media and public affairs staff on messaging for people to stay at home unless they are sick enough to be admitted to a hospital.
- ☒ Continue to support triage and prioritization of patients to decompress health care facilities and provide for basic patient needs.
- ☒ Implement and reinforce traffic control and security plans in and around health care facilities, alternate care sites, logistical staging areas and critical infrastructure.
- ☒ Provide continued EOC support for resource requests and staffing needs on behalf of health care facilities and EMS.
- ☒ Activate Public Health resources for surveillance at alternate care sites, shelters and buildings of opportunity in case health care facility capacity is overwhelmed and facilities of last resort are required.

Health Care Facility Activities

- ☒ Transition appropriate patient care into non-traditional surge areas within the facility.
- ☒ Assess workflow for opportunities to incorporate the National Guard, non-clinical volunteers and other personnel provided by local and state government as force multipliers.
- ☒ Consider using nursing and medical staff in administrative roles for patient care in non-traditional areas and to supplement patient care providers in step down and medical surgical units.
- ☒ Closely monitor stock levels of personal protective equipment and submit resource requests to HPP providers in a timely fashion.
- ☒ Execute rental contracts for beds, ventilators, computers and other additional systems needed to transition non-traditional patient care spaces into functional patient rooms.

- ☒ Ensure documentation in non-traditional areas is sufficient to meet state and federal regulatory guidelines, to include electronic health record.
- ☒ Monitor capability of ancillary services, such as imaging, pharmacy and lab to service non-traditional spaces, and work with HPP providers to augment staff where appropriate.
- ☒ Identify potential staff members that can assume patient care and leadership roles in more austere conditions, in the eventuality that plan proceeds to level two or level one.
- ☒ Continue employee screening procedures to protect patients and staff. Consider staff support needs to enhance workforce availability (daycare, overnight accommodations, etc.)

HPP Planner Activities

- ☒ Work with local health care facilities, emergency medical services and local government to establish criteria for use of alternate care sites and long-term care facilities.
- ☒ Continue twice daily bed availability, resource counts (ventilators), health care surveillance reporting and other necessary data sharing to develop a common operating picture.
- ☒ Conduct contingency planning for staffing and provision of hospital level care at a building of opportunity or alternate care site.
- ☒ Convene clinical leadership from health care facilities, health care systems, emergency medical services and academia for discussion about altered standards of care and rationing of clinical resources.
- ☒ Continue to support health care facilities and EMS with personal protective equipment distribution from State and Federal caches. Ensure capability to open alternate care site at higher level of care.
- ☒ Activate resources to accommodate mass fatality operations, if necessary.

State and Federal Support Activities

- ☒ Evaluate resource requests from HPP providers and submit requests for federal agencies for FMS, DMAT, additional PPE, ventilators and other supplies to support hospital surge operations.
- ☒ Provide approval for contracted human services, mass feeding and mass care/sheltering operations and additional resource needs at the regional

and local level. Includes contracts and personnel to operate alternate care sites, as needed.

- ☒ Continue to use plan for assessment, prioritization and distribution of personal protective equipment, pharmaceuticals and other key resources.
- ☒ Submit State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) to TDEM to request support from the National Guard or other resources to assist with safety and security at alternate care sites and other facilities. Use personnel for traffic and crowd control as needed.
- ☒ Change to: HPP and/or RACs seek agreement and approval from elected officials, local governments, health authorities, hospitals, and other stakeholders related to crisis standards of care plans.
- ☒ Activate state and federal resources to support mass fatality operations, if appropriate.
- ☒ Implement additional control orders for quarantine around health care facilities and alternate care sites to minimize continued spread and improve security of health care workers.

Strategies to Maintain Capacity at Current Level

- ☒ Identify COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 facilities to isolate virus and minimize spread among compromised individuals. Be prepared to transition alternate care sites to higher acuity operations if health care facilities are overwhelmed.
- ☒ Use non-clinical personnel, such as the National Guard (ref. STAR request through TDEM) or volunteers, to augment non-clinical staff in the hospitals performing logistics, decontamination or logistics tasks.
- ☒ Provide telemedicine resources for lower acuity patients in hotels or alternate care sites. Establish community paramedicine or visiting nurse/doctor coverage for routine follow-up and basic needs for medication and treatments.

Level 2 – Surge to Adjacent Buildings

Purpose

The focus of this level is to identify adjacent, and preferably connected buildings, such as medical office buildings or outpatient centers, nearby hotels, conferences spaces and other non-traditional sources that can

accommodate similar non-traditional patient care areas and continue to be serviced by hospital-based support services, such as imaging, laboratory services and pharmacy.

Begins/Ends

Begins with the saturation of all traditional and surge capacity within health care facilities, level two serves to conduct similar transition of non-traditional surge capacity in building immediately adjacent to a health care facility.

This phase continues until capacity decreases to a level below a facility's tipping point or until all possible bed capacity in the hospital and associated buildings is depleted.

Local Activities

- ☒ Ensure establishment of unified command with public health, HPP providers and EMS.
- ☒ Support health care facilities and emergency medical services providers with management and acquisition of scarce personal protective equipment resources.
- ☒ Provide for the safety and security of health care workers and first responders using law enforcement and contracted locations for rest and rehabilitation between shifts.
- ☒ Facilitate expansion of alternate care sites and other similar locations to accommodate need.

Health Care Facility Activities

- ☒ Triage and move lower acuity patients into non-traditional sites that are further from advanced clinical capability. Assign specific clinical or non-clinical staff to round on patients in non-traditional locations and notify a specifically identified response team within the facility to respond if patients are found to be compromised during welfare checks.
- ☒ Attempt to cohort families to assist each other with activities of daily living.
- ☒ Continue discharge to long term care and/or alternate care sites for patients who don't require hospital level care. Consider home health, EMS mobile integrated health and telemedicine solutions for patient rounding and follow-up.

- ☒ Closely monitor stock levels of personal protective equipment and submit resource requests to HPP providers in a timely fashion.
- ☒ Continue employee screening procedures to protect patients and staff. Consider staff support needs to enhance workforce availability (daycare, overnight accommodations, etc.)

HPP Providers Activities

- ☒ Work with local health care facilities, emergency medical services and local government to ensure accountability of all patients at non-traditional locations, alternate care sites and non-congregate medical sites.
- ☒ Continue twice daily bed availability, resource counts (ventilators), health care surveillance reporting and other necessary data sharing to develop a common operating picture.
- ☒ Communicate requests for additional personnel and ancillary staff to support alternate care sites and non-congregate facilities with state and federal partners.
- ☒ Submit requests for personal protective equipment for various operations and monitor distribution to EMS agencies, health care facilities, testing sites and other critical areas.

State and Federal Support Activities

- ☒ Coordinate use and assignment of scarce personnel and response team resources with health care facilities, EMS and government supported operations (testing and/or sheltering) to focus resources on areas with the most significant need.
- ☒ Continue to provide National Guard, law enforcement and state employee support for non-clinical roles within the response to offload non-clinical duties from health care workers.
- ☒ Provide waivers and clinical guidance for the use of emergency medical technicians and other medical providers within the hospital under minimal supervision of medical direction.
- ☒ Support significant increases in capacity for alternate care sites and sheltering locations with minimal clinical care capability.

Strategies to Maintain Capacity at Current Level

- ☒ Consider central location for housing and rehabilitation of health care workers and first responders to protect families and ensure accountability of all personnel, compliance with screening and prevent absenteeism.
- ☒ Waive restrictions on student licensing for physicians, nurses, paramedics and allied health personnel. Assign students as force multipliers for hospital staff in team nursing model.
- ☒ Provide any available resources for movement of resources, supplies, pharmaceuticals and equipment between the health care facility and adjacent buildings.
- ☒ Support ancillary services infrastructure with contracted or private pharmacy, imaging services and commercial laboratories. With health care facility saturation, public testing and other non-patient care activities will likely be discontinued to maximize the work force for direct patient care activities.
- ☒ Coordinate with federal government for contract rental beds, ventilators and equipment, as well as SNS push pack for personal protective equipment and other critical supplies.
- ☒ Plan for altered destinations for EMS units to minimize the impact on health care facilities and assist hospitals with return to improved capacity.

Level 1 – Surge to Buildings of Opportunity

Purpose

The use of buildings of opportunity and sheltering with minimal patient care capability is a last resort, but must still be coordinated with local government, emergency medical services, clinical care providers and state/federal leadership.

Begins/Ends

Begins with the saturation of all traditional and surge capacity and the general use of sheltering locations and alternate care sites for patients with any level of clinical need.

This phase continues until capacity decreases to a level below saturation of all traditional and non-traditional beds in the community. This level may be

well organized and coordinated with health care facilities to prioritize higher acuity patients into hospital beds or may lack detailed coordination depending on the level of community spread and overall impact to the emergency health care system.

Local Activities

- ☒ Ensure establishment of unified command with public health, HPPs and EMS.
- ☒ Support health care facilities and emergency medical services providers with management and acquisition of scarce personal protective equipment resources.
- ☒ Acquisition of additional alternate care site space and application of security for care providers and staff working at each facility.
- ☒ Activation of increased legal measures to limit public activity and improve social distancing and minimize further spread in the community.

Health Care Facility Activities

- ☒ Support alternate care sites with shelter medical support staff as available to assess people for significant disease requiring transport to a health care facility.
- ☒ Maintain health care facility operations.
- ☒ Implement guidelines for use of altered standards of care, no-transport protocols and "Do Not Resuscitate" orders universally.
- ☒ Closely monitor stock levels of personal protective equipment and submit resource requests to HPP providers in a timely fashion.
- ☒ Continue employee screening procedures to protect patients and staff. Provide accommodations, meals and personal needs of staff during off-duty time to minimize spread to families and friends, improve accountability and prevent absenteeism.

HPP Providers Activities

- ☒ Activate any available EMS and public safety resources to assist with basic patient care at alternate care sites and hospitals, as able.

- ☒ Continue twice daily bed availability, resource counts (ventilators), health care surveillance reporting and other necessary data sharing to develop a common operating picture.
- ☒ Coordinate patient movements in and out of hospitals and health care facilities. Maximize community resources like long-term care, nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals to leverage clinical staff for basic level care.
- ☒ Innovative use of prehospital providers in assessment and management of complex patients at home or in alternative care sites.
- ☒ Continue to track accountability of all personnel participating in response and ensure proper logistical support and safety.

State and Federal Support Activities

- ☒ Activate any remaining state response teams for staffing of shelters and alternate care sites.
- ☒ Integrate military support into alternate care sites and hospital operations when necessary.
- ☒ Continue to provide National Guard, law enforcement and state employee support for non-clinical roles within the response to offload non-clinical duties from health care workers.
- ☒ Continue to coordinate medical supply chain issues for scarce resources with the HPP Providers and medical operations centers.
- ☒ Support significant increases in capacity for alternate care sites and sheltering locations with minimal clinical care capability.
- ☒ Providing additional waivers to protect health care facilities, systems, providers and organizations providing care in austere conditions or alternate care sites.

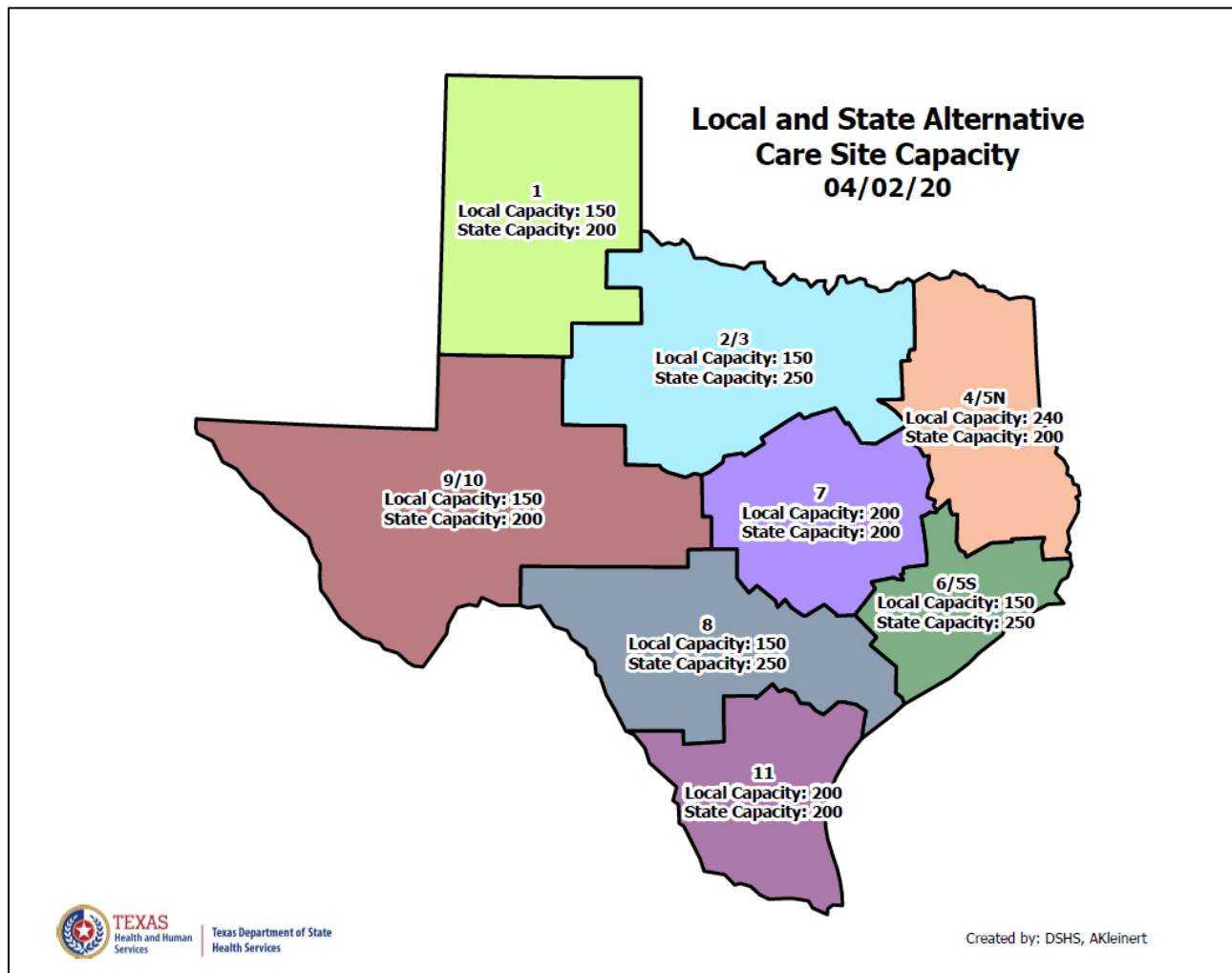
Strategies to Maintain Capacity at Current Level

- ☒ Not Applicable

Appendix A – Alternate Care Site Locations

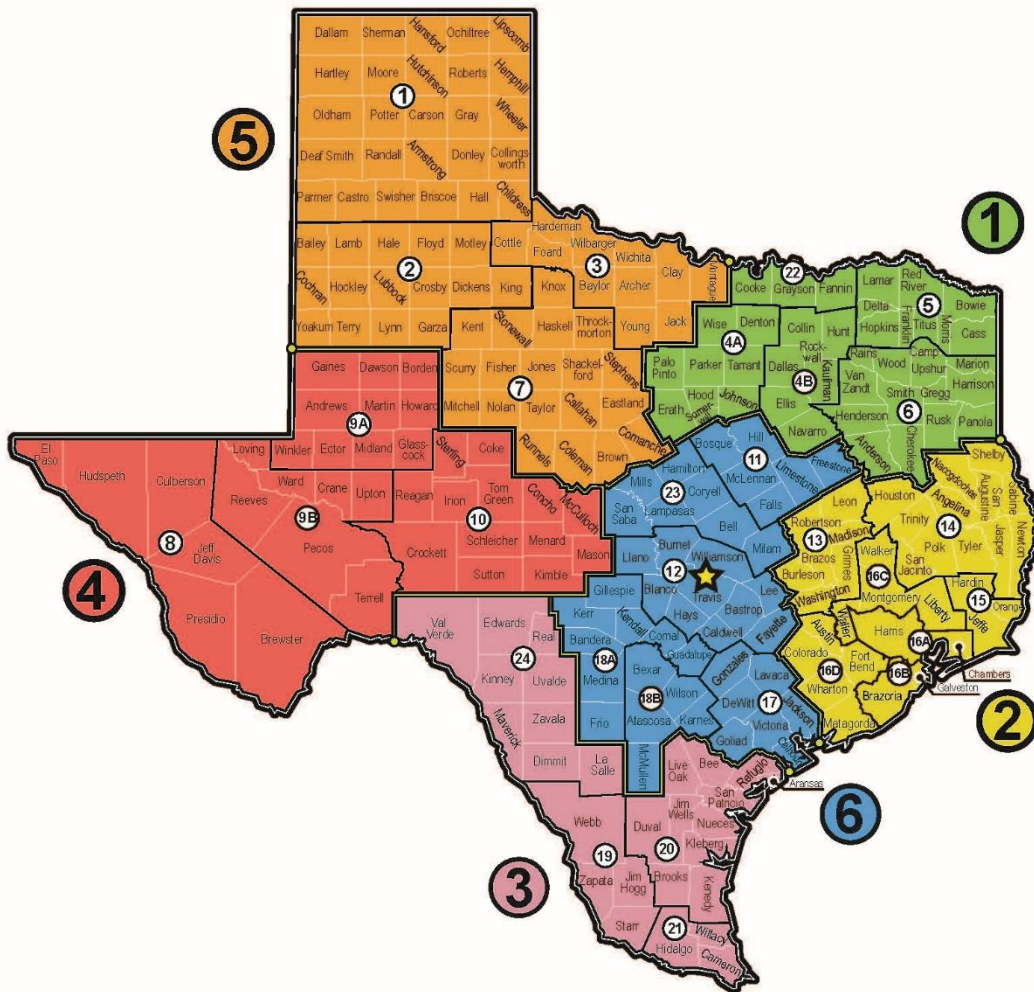
Information gathered from local jurisdictions, local public health departments, and HPP providers have resulted in the identification of alternate care sites across the state to support minimal care, non-congregate care and hospital level critical care, as directed by regional HPP providers, health care systems and local government.

Locations listed below are in various stages of preparation, and each has resource needs that must be met in order to make these sites operational. Those needs include staffing, personal protective equipment, security, engineering support for make ready construction and legal agreements for use.



Appendix B – TDEM Regions

These TDEM regions match councils of government boundaries.



Appendix C – Acronyms

AMBUS – Ambulance Bus
DSHS – Texas Department of State Health Services
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
ESF – Emergency Support Function
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019
DMAT – Disaster Medical Assistance Team
ESF – Emergency Support Function
EMTALA – Emergency Treatment and Labor Act
EMTF – Texas Emergency Medical Task Force
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FMS – Federal Medical Station
HHS – U.S. Health and Human Services
HPP – Hospital Preparedness Program
ICU – Intensive Care Unit
MIST – Medical Incident Support Team
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
PUI – Person Under Investigation
PUM – Person Under Monitoring
RAC – Regional Advisory Council
SMOC – State Medical Operations Center
SNS – Strategic National Stockpile
SOC – State Operations Center
STAR- State of Texas Assistance Request
TDEM – Texas Division of Emergency Management



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:04 PM
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Subject: FW: AG Symposium and April/May NAGTRI Trainings Canceled

From: Chris Toth <announcements@naag.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: AG Symposium and April/May NAGTRI Trainings Canceled

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This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Given the most recent developments in the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, including the CDC's most recent guidance to cancel all in-person events of more than 50 people, the NAAG Executive Committee voted this morning to cancel the Attorney General Symposium scheduled for April 20-22 in Denver. The meeting will not be rescheduled.

In addition, the co-chairs of the NAGTRI Training Committee met earlier today and decided to cancel all in-person trainings through May 31. As I noted in my message on Friday, the NAGTRI team is working to provide online training opportunities on topics relating to COVID-19. You can help us identify the topics of most interest to you and your staff by responding to this survey by Wednesday, March 11: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nagtriwebinartopics>

In addition to training, the NAAG staff is available to support you and your staff during these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to reach out to let me know how we can be of service.

Stay well.

V/r,
Chris

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Michael Garcia
Subject: Fw: Constituent Affairs - Social Security Disability

Michael,

See the following. Please feel free to reach out to Brenda. I'm sure she will respond to me early next week, and I could connect y'all then as well.

Ben

From: Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep) <Andrew_Davis@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Davis, Brenda (Cruz) <Brenda_Davis@cruz.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Affairs - Social Security Disability

Ben: Good to hear from you. Brenda Davis handles SSA cases for the Senator, and is very knowledgeable about that process. I've copied her here.

--Andrew

From: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep) <Andrew_Davis@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>
Subject: Constituent Affairs - Social Security Disability

Andrew,

I hope you are well. I got your contact information from Judd. A close friend of the office has a family member that is applying for Social Security Disability. Who is the best person in Senator Cruz's office to help facilitate the application process?

Thanks for all of your work!

Ben Williams

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From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Office of the Solicitor General
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Visitor Policy Change

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
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To: PDB - 8th Floor <pdb8thfloor@txoag.onmicrosoft.com>; All OAG Deputies <OAG_Deputies@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Visitor Policy Change

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From: Pearce, Matt <Matt.Pearce@oag.texas.gov>
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Cc: Hensley, Wesley <Wesley.Hensley@oag.texas.gov>; Putman, James <James.Putman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Covid-19 Visitor Policy Change

Effective immediately the Facilities Security Unit has been directed to make certain that all visitors to our employees are escorted from the lobby. This means that the host, or someone from his/her division, will need to come to the lobby to escort the visitor to their floor and should likewise escort them back to the lobby upon completion of their business.

This supersedes the previous policy that allowed visitors who were pre-registered to be allowed unescorted access to their hosts floor. We sincerely hope to return to the previous policy when the Covid-19 crisis has ended.

In the interim we ask for your cooperation in notifying your employees of this temporary policy change and recognize that this policy has been put in place for all of our protection.

Thank you,

Matt Pearce
Captain
Facilities Security Unit
(512) 936-2976

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/30/2020

Nothing new thanks!

On Mar 30, 2020, at 7:53 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Please respond if you will be out sick or have been exposed to the covid-19 infection. If you have nothing to report, please still respond 'nothing new to report. This has to be reported daily to HR by 11 AM. Thanks so much.

Grace A. Moody

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Cary, Katherine
Subject: Fw: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

Missy,

See the following and attached. IBM is offering some tools at no cost to help with constituent interaction.

Ben

From: Michael Garcia < >
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

Ben,

We are making our AI Watson Assistant for Citizens available to government with pre-built COVID responses for **90 days at no charge** to help with the current situation and off-load strained agency employees.

IBM has developed a multilingual, conversational Virtual Assistant that can field both **voice calls and web chats** regarding inquiries about COVID-19 as well as answer questions about how to get services or what may be changing in how agencies deliver services. We have pre-built COVID-19 responses to help agencies get started quickly to provide consistent information and relieve the pressure on agency employees. This can be extended / trained to include Texas Agency-specific information and responses.

Included at no charge for 90 days is unlimited access to Watson Assistant, Voice Integration and Discovery services, initial set-up and deployment, access to Expertise Connect services, and the pre-trained COVID intents in English and Spanish.

Web chat can be up in a day. Voice integration can be done in 4-5 days.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Frederick, Matthew; Davis, Bill
Subject: FW: NAAG State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference -- July 9-10 in Chicago, IL

Let us hope that the world (and our schedules) will be normal enough in July that we all three can attend this.

From: Dan Schweitzer <dschweitzer@naag.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Dan Schweitzer <dschweitzer@naag.org>
Subject: NAAG State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference -- July 9-10 in Chicago, IL

To: Civil and Criminal Amicus Contacts

As you know, this year's NAAG State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference will be held on July 9-10 in Chicago, Illinois. A formal announcement will be coming out in a few weeks.

Meanwhile, I wanted to provide an update on how NAAG will help states defray the costs of attending. Previously, we provided each state \$1400 to defray costs. This year, we will instead follow the NAGTRI model and provide each state with one "scholarship." Scholarship recipients will be funded for one round-trip coach air or train fare from their home city to the training destination, hotel accommodations, meals at the federal per diem rate, and transportation from the airport to the hotel. (We do not reimburse for transportation to the airport from a participant's home or office, parking at a participant's home airport, or airline baggage fees.) If there is more than one applicant from a state, we ask that the state designate who will be the scholarship recipient. In this manner, the State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference will operate like other NAAG/NAGTRI conferences.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference (which we hope is far enough in the future that it will be unaffected by the coronavirus).

From: Dan Schweitzer
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Dan Schweitzer <dschweitzer@naag.org>
Subject: NAAG State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference -- July 9-10 in Chicago, IL

To: State Solicitors General, Appellate Chiefs, and Civil and Criminal Amicus Contacts

This is to let you know that the 2020 NAAG State Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference will be held on July 9-10, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois.

In order to assist states in attending the conference, NAAG is providing (through the NAAG Mission Foundation) \$1400 per state to defray airfare and hotel room costs. And there will be no registration fee. More details will follow when we circulate the official announcement memo next month.

Meanwhile, **if you are interested in serving on the conference planning committee, please let me know.** I will set up a conference call of the committee in a couple of weeks. And even if you don't wish to serve on the committee, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any suggestions you have regarding the conference agenda.

Dan

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Fw: NAGTRI Training Cancellation - Mobile Core Leadership Competencies for First-line and Mid-line Managers - April 22-24 -CO

From: Blake Bee <bbee@naag.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Blake Bee <bbee@naag.org>
Cc: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: NAGTRI Training Cancellation - Mobile Core Leadership Competencies for First-line and Mid-line Managers - April 22-24 -CO

Dear Faculty for Upcoming NAGTRI Mobile Core Leadership Competencies for First-line and Mid-line Managers,

In light of the evolving nature of the public health concerns and logistical hurdles posed by COVID-19, NAGTRI has decided to cancel the above training.

Over the past few weeks, NAAG staff have been closely monitoring the guidance from state and federal authorities regarding the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation. This decision was made after serious consideration of many factors, including state emergency declarations, state-mandated travel restrictions, and faculty availability.

Regarding cancellation, no further action is required from you or your office. NAGTRI will cancel all travel arrangements on your behalf. This will be at no penalty to you or your office. Please note that you may receive a notification through the various booking systems regarding these cancellations. The cancellation includes:

- Flights booked through Egencia
- Hotel reservations made at the Westin Denver Downtown.

The NAGTRI team will work on rescheduling canceled trainings for the soonest dates possible once this situation abates. In addition, where possible, the NAGTRI team will work to provide online training opportunities where appropriate in order to continue NAGTRI's training mission.

Thank you for your understanding as we do our best to address this rapidly changing situation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any immediate questions.

Best,

Blake

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:05 AM
To: All OAG Deputies
Subject: FW: New CDC Guidance

From: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>
Cc: Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Subject: New CDC Guidance

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Generals,

The CDC just issued new guidance that has implications for NAAG and your offices regarding group gatherings. This includes recommendations “that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.”

See full details here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

V/r,
Chris

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:32 PM
To: McCleskey, Gene
Subject: FW: NOTICE: Mandatory Telecommuting Effective March 17

Your folk 20 getting their laptops are essential tomorrow to pick up laptops but perhaps get them to come in staggered in group less than 10

From: Executive Notifications <execnotify@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:25 PM
To: All OAG Employees <AllOAGEmployees@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: NOTICE: Mandatory Telecommuting Effective March 17
Importance: High

Dear OAG Family,

Last Friday, Governor Greg Abbott issued a [State of Disaster declaration](#) for all Texas counties to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). As part of that announcement, Governor Abbott encouraged agency heads to consider how best to effectively utilize telecommuting. With this in mind, **the Office of the Attorney General is implementing mandatory agency-wide telecommuting effective Tuesday, March 17 and through at least March 31.** Certain essential personnel will be required to report to their regular worksite; these individuals will be notified by their managers this evening. If you are unable to telecommute due to your essential job functions, please let your manager know immediately.

All telecommuting employees are required to work during their regular work hours. Non-exempt employees may not work additional hours beyond their regular work schedule without express written permission from their division managers.

Please keep in mind that although we are implementing expanded telecommuting, agency leave policies and procedures must be followed for employees who are sick or require personal time for any reason.

As we navigate this challenging time, I want to remind you of the valuable role OAG plays in serving Texans, and I know that you will all continue to focus on providing the highest level of service to the state. **It is essential that we continue to serve Texas in the same excellent manner that we always do.**

Thank you for your commitment to the Office of the Attorney General and to the State of Texas.

Yours truly,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in: / Pin:)

Start: Wed 3/18/2020 10:00 AM
End: Wed 3/18/2020 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

***REMINDER: If you join by using your agency office phone, please DO NOT place the call on hold at any point or all callers will be greeted with hold music. Thank you, Brittany**

UberConference information is below.

Link to join by video or audio: <https://www.uberconference.com/brittanyhornsey>

Audio Dial-in number: , PIN:

Alternate Number: , PIN:

International Access Numbers: <https://www.uberconference.com/international>

INSTRUCTIONS:

You can join a conference one of two ways:

- Over the web (*video & audio - Note: you can have a max of 8 video participants, host plus 7 others, after there are 8 video streams connected any other participant will have to join with their computer or phone audio-only.*)
- Over the phone

How to join a video conference by Web (*Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari 11 or the Mac or Windows App*)

- Enter your Organizer's URL in your web browser
- Verify your Participant info and click Join
- Enter your [Participant PIN](#) (if required)
- Select your [audio and video options](#) (your chosen video option will save for your next call)

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:)
Location: Dial-in: / Pin:

Start: Tue 3/24/2020 11:15 AM
End: Tue 3/24/2020 12:15 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

This meeting is delayed 15-minutes. Thank you

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Audio Dial-in number: , PIN:

Alternate Number: PIN:

International Access Numbers: <https://www.uberconference.com/international>

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: Dial-in: / Pin:

Start: Tue 3/31/2020 11:15 AM
End: Tue 3/31/2020 11:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

***The OAG Coronavirus Meeting will begin in 15-minutes at 11:15 AM. Thank you, Brittany**

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: PDB 8th Floor Conference Room

Start: Tue 3/17/2020 10:00 AM
End: Tue 3/17/2020 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees: Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben

Optional Attendees: Kelly, Stormy

UberConference information is below.

Link to join by video or audio: <https://www.uberconference.com/brittanyhornsey>

Audio Dial-in number: , PIN:

Alternate Number: , PIN:

International Access Numbers: <https://www.uberconference.com/international>

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:28 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: Update from First Assistant Mateer on Returning to the Office

Good afternoon,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and are healthy and well. It's really hard to believe that, for the most part, we've been working apart for two months. During this time, the Office of the Attorney General has remotely served the State of Texas with great success, and I know we will continue to succeed until we all transition back to work in the office. On this note, I want to update you on our agency's plan for workplace reentry.

On Monday, May 18, 2020, our agency will begin Phase I of its Workplace Reentry Plan. Start dates for subsequent phases have not been determined. Phase I will include a very limited number of our divisions and employees, in addition to those employees who have been reporting to their respective offices all or part of the time since the beginning of the mandatory telecommuting period. **Employees who must report to the office during Phase I will be notified via email by their division chiefs.**

In consultation with the Attorney General, the Executive Leadership Team and I developed a comprehensive reentry plan based on Governor Abbott's Report to Reopen Texas and consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) recommendations. The following are highlights from the Phase I plan:

- Employees' schedules may be staggered to ensure people in the office can maintain proper social distancing
- No in-person meetings with non-OAG parties
- Non-OAG employees are prohibited from entering OAG offices
- Non-essential travel is prohibited (all essential travel must be approved in advance by your division's Executive Deputy)
- Employees who are not able to return to in-person work may request an exception to continue to telecommute (all requests are subject to approval)
- OAG facilities will be cleaned and sanitized by janitorial services in accordance with CDC and DSHS guidelines, and divisions will be provided with appropriate cleaning and disinfectant supplies and guidance on how to safely and properly clean personal workspaces and conference rooms
- Employees must maintain proper social distancing at all times and masks are encouraged (especially in common areas) but not required
- Employees are required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to work each day and may not report to work if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms

As always, our highest priority is the health and safety of our employees as we continue to do our jobs and serve the people of Texas. We will continue to monitor and make informed decisions based on guidance from Governor Abbott, the CDC, and DSHS. While we are very excited for the day that we can all walk through the office doors again, we want to make sure we do so as safely as possible. So Phase II will be announced at the appropriate time, and in the meantime, I ask that you all continue to work with the same dedication and resolve you have been for the last nine weeks.

I appreciate you all very much!

Yours truly,

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Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:13 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: Update from First Assistant Mateer

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds each of you and your families safe and healthy. During the past few weeks, I have been encouraged and grateful for the numerous reports I have received of the immeasurable efforts of so many of you, our committed employees, working through the most challenging of times to accomplish the mission of the Office of Attorney General. General Paxton and I are forever indebted to the efforts each of you have made and will continue to make on behalf of the people of Texas.

As you may recall, in a March 16 email, I laid out a plan to transition the entire agency, where possible, to a teleworking environment. Nearly every employee made the transition seamlessly. To those of you who, by the nature of your jobs, could not telecommute, we appreciate your amazing sacrifice and willingness to fulfill your duties in your work areas. My previous email set a date of telecommuting through May 4th. This date is being extended until no earlier than May 18 as we make plans to return to our offices during the next few weeks.

As Governor Abbott and his Strike Force work to reopen the state in careful phases, our agency will do the same. Our plan is to return to our offices in phases. The first phase will begin no earlier than May 18. Subsequent phases will occur in the weeks to follow. This first phase will concentrate on getting back to the office those employees, who because of the nature of their jobs, have found telecommuting difficult or impossible. Your Executive Deputy and Division Chief will be in touch to discuss who will be included in this first phase. My expectation is that the first phase will include a small fraction of our OAG workforce.

In the interest of our employees' health and safety, until further notice, we will continue to prohibit in-person meetings with non-OAG parties. I strongly encourage employees to continue meeting virtually or over the phone, and in-person customer service will be very limited. Furthermore, we will continue to prohibit anyone other than OAG employees to enter our office facilities at this time. Lastly, all agency-related travel, except for approved law enforcement activity, continues to be prohibited until further notice.

Let me hold steadfast to my main message to each of you through this entire pandemic: the Executive Leadership Team's highest priority is the health and safety of all employees as we continue to do our jobs and serve the people of Texas. Even as we introduce our reentry plans, this will not waiver.

Thank you for all you do. I am honored to lead by your side - safely distanced, of course - and I look forward to seeing you in back in our offices soon.

Yours truly,

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Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:00 AM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: Update on Mandatory Telecommuting and Travel Restrictions

Hello, everyone,

I hope you're all doing well this week. This a quick note to update our agency-wide telecommuting mandate and travel restrictions—both are extended through at least May 4. We continue to closely monitor the Governor's directives, as well as school closures and other information from local governmental entities around the state. We will notify you as soon as possible if telecommuting and travel restrictions are extended beyond May 4.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to excellence during this challenging time.

Have a great week,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:17 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: A Note from the First Assistant

OAG Family,

Happy Friday afternoon!

I hope everyone is doing well and that you and your families are safe and healthy. I know that for many of us this has been a very challenging two weeks as we adapt to work and life in light of the current health crisis. I received word just this morning that a good friend's husband passed away today after being infected by the virus. For me, this has made the current situation very personal.

First, let me express my deepest appreciation for each of you. Throughout this past week, I have heard repeatedly of the amazing efforts of OAG employees going above and beyond in serving the people of Texas. Despite difficult circumstances, you continue to embody the true meaning of a public servant. Thank you for your incredible service.

Second, in light of the situation and the guidance provided by Governor Abbott, we are extending mandatory telecommuting until at least Friday, April 10. The current travel restrictions will also remain in place until at least April 10. (As previously announced, our agency will be closed on Friday, April 10.)

Finally, I want you to know that what we are going through is not permanent. Together, we will not only overcome, but I truly believe we will be better men and women because of it. At this time, I am reminded of a renowned speech given by Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. No doubt you will remember the famous line: "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." But what follows that line for me speaks even more loudly. Here's the whole passage in context:

So first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself -nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

I'm so glad that we, the OAG family, are not retreating but advancing!

Please take a moment to view on the OAG intranet a personal greeting and word of encouragement from General Paxton.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Very truly yours,

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Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: Guidance Related to Shelter-in-Place Orders

Good afternoon,

Let me first thank you for your dedication and commitment to the important work you do for the Office of the Attorney General. We are all facing unprecedented challenges, and yet, you continue to serve the people of Texas with excellence.

As you are probably aware, local governments across Texas are issuing "shelter-in-place" orders to help curb the spread of COVID-19. These orders limit social gatherings, work, and movement in their respective cities and counties, with some exceptions, including for those who work in certain government jobs.

Many of you are probably wondering what impact these orders have on the OAG. **Because the OAG performs essential government work, we will continue to operate as we have for the last week: mandatory agency-wide telecommuting with certain essential personnel reporting to the office as directed by their supervisors (do not report to the office unless your supervisor directs you to do so).**

If you live in a city or county under a shelter-in-place order and you are questioned by local authorities *while traveling to or from the office*, show them your OAG badge and a copy of this email, then notify your supervisor immediately.

I am always in awe of the strength of the OAG family during times of adversity. Thank for continuing to work hard and contribute to our mission every day, whether from home or the office. I appreciate you all.

Yours truly,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:36 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: Important Message from First Assistant

Good afternoon,

As many of you adjust to working remotely, I want to make sure we are all taking every precautionary measure when opening emails or responding to text messages, both on personal and state devices.

Several scams involving emails and text messages have been reported, and you should be on alert for electronic communications with dangerous attachments or fraudulent website links. **Any unsolicited email or other electronic message should be treated with caution.** Please avoid clicking on links from unsolicited emails or text messages, to the greatest extent possible.

I appreciate the accommodations you are all making during this uncharted territory in which we are working. Your precautionary measures on electronic devices will help safeguard our systems during these days.

Yours truly,

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Hornsey, Brittany

From: Executive Notifications
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:25 PM
To: All OAG Employees
Subject: NOTICE: Mandatory Telecommuting Effective March 17

Importance: High

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Simpson, Greg
Subject: Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 | CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>

Sent from my iPad

March 16, 2020 - March 22, 2020

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Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

9:00am - 10:00am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:

/ Pin:) (PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in:

/ Pin:)) - Hornsey, Brittany

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call

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Texas SOC2

St. Patrick's Day

10:00am - 11:00am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:

/ Pin:) (PDB 8th Floor Conference Room) -

Hornsey, Brittany

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call

(**UPDATED 3/16/2020**

Passcode:) - State of

Wednesday, March 18

Thursday, March 19

10:00am - 11:00am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:

/ Pin:) (PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in:

/ Pin:)) - Hornsey, Brittany

12:00pm - 1:00pm CDC EPIC Webinar: Answering 20 Questions about COVID-19

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call

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4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call

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Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call

(**UPDATED 3/16/2020**

Passcode:) - State of

Texas SOC2

Sunday, March 22

March 23, 2020 - March 29, 2020

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Monday, March 23

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode:) - State of Texas SOC2

Tuesday, March 24

11:15am - 12:15pm OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
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Hornsey, Brittany

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode:) - State of Texas SOC2

Wednesday, March 25

2:00pm - 2:45pm GoToWebinar - COVID-19 Continuity of Operations: How are AG offices doing? (GoToWebinar - See conference call information below)

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode:) - State of Texas SOC2

Thursday, March 26

1:00pm - 2:00pm COVID-19 Webinar: Quarantine, Social Distancing, and Sheltering in Place: Governmental Authority and Legal Issues (March 26, 2020 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (ET)) - Moody,
4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode:) - State of Texas SOC2

Friday, March 27

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode:) - State of Texas SOC2

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

March 30, 2020 - April 5, 2020

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Monday, March 30

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode: - State of Texas SOC2

Tuesday, March 31

Cesar Chavez Day (Optional Holiday)

11:15am - 11:45am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
/ Pin:) (Dial-in: / Pin: -
Hornsey, Brittany

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Wednesday, April 1

Thursday, April 2

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode: - State of Texas SOC2

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Friday, April 3

Saturday, April 4

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
(**UPDATED 3/16/2020** Passcode: - State of Texas SOC2

Sunday, April 5

Mateer, Jeff

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in: / Pin:
Start: Mon 3/16/2020 9:00 AM
End: Mon 3/16/2020 10:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Cary, Katherine; Brickman, Blake; Bash, Zina; Hacker, David; Mase, Lacey; McCarty, Darren; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Pritzlaff, Craig; Bangert, Ryan; Vassar, Ryan; Thornton, Ruth; Roddy, Steve; Fisher, Ryan; Rylander, Marc; Garcia, Alejandro; McLeod, Tina; Maxwell, David; Smirl, Cody; Scheduling; French, Lesley; Goodwin, Angela; Hensley, Wesley; Pearce, Matt; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Gordon, Justin; Wicker, Drew; Tanner, Lisa; Singer, Paul

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- Enter your Participant PIN (if required)
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: PDB 8th Floor Conference Room

Start: Tue 3/17/2020 10:00 AM
End: Tue 3/17/2020 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees: Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben

Optional Attendees: Kelly, Stormy

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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in: / Pin:
Start: Wed 3/18/2020 10:00 AM
End: Wed 3/18/2020 11:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: White House Briefing Call with Attorneys General on COVID-19
Location: Dial-in: Access Code: Attendee ID:
Start: Wed 3/18/2020 3:30 PM
End: Wed 3/18/2020 4:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff

Thank you for registering!

This confirms that Jeff Mateer has been registered for **White House Briefing Call with Attorneys General on COVID-19** on March 18, 2020, at 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

To view the audio conference time in your local time - [click here](#).

Dial-in instructions have been sent to jeff.mateer@oag.texas.gov from Audio Conference Notification (noreply@event-services.com)

Audio Conference Schedule & Information

- **Audio Conference Name:** White House Briefing Call with Attorneys General on COVID-19
- **Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- **Time:** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Eastern Time
- **Dial-in Instructions:**
 - Primary dial-in numbers: or
 - Jeff Mateer's UNIQUE Telephone connection information:
 - **Access Code:**
 - **Attendee ID:**
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: / Pin:
Location: Dial-in: ' Pin:
Start: Tue 3/24/2020 11:15 AM
End: Tue 3/24/2020 12:15 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Ellis, John; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

This meeting is delayed 15-minutes. Thank you

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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: WH State & Local Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Dial-in: Attendee ID: Access Code:
Location: Dial-in: Access Code: Attendee ID:
Start: Wed 3/25/2020 12:00 PM
End: Wed 3/25/2020 1:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff

Thank you for registering!

This confirms that Jeff Mateer has been registered for **White House COVID-19 Briefing Call** on March 25, 2020, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time.

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Audio Conference Schedule & Information

- **Audio Conference Name:** White House COVID-19 Briefing Call
- **Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020
- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Eastern Time
- **Dial-in Instructions:**
 - Primary dial-in numbers: or
 - Jeff Mateer's UNIQUE Telephone connection information:
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 - **Attendee ID:**
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: NAAG Briefing: PhRMA Response to COVID-19 (Dial-in number:
Conference Code:
Location: Dial-in number: Conference Code:
Start: Wed 3/25/2020 3:00 PM
End: Wed 3/25/2020 4:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Tentatively accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Hacker, David

Updating with meeting / dial-in details if anyone would like to join:

Hello Jeff Mateer,

Your registration for this meeting has been accepted.

Topic: NAAG Briefing: PhRMA Response to COVID-19
Host: Stephenie Trinity
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)
Meeting number:
Meeting password:

Please click the link below to see more information, or to join the meeting.

Web conference
link:

Audio conference information: Provide your phone number when you join the meeting to receive a call back. Alternatively, you can call:
Call-in number: 1-206-445-0105 (US/Canada)
Call-in toll-free number: 1-877-3614628 (US/Canada)
Show global numbers: <https://www.tcconline.com/offSite/OffSiteController.jsp?cc=2019359925>
Conference Code:

To contact Stephenie Trinity,
send a message to this address: strinity@phrma.org

To add this meeting to your calendar program (for example, Microsoft Outlook or Lotus Notes), do

the following:

* For all calendar programs (except Lotus Notes), click the following link, or copy the link and paste it into your Web browser:

*For Lotus Notes, follow these steps:

1. Right-click the attached iCalendar format (*.ics) file, then choose View.
2. Click Import All. A new broadcast email message is added to your Inbox.
3. Open the new message.
4. Click Respond button. A menu appears.
5. Click Accept.

If you need Meeting Visuals technical support, please call 1-877-812-4501 or 1-706-643-6127.

There will be a briefing call led by PhRMA on **Wednesday, March 25 at 4pm ET**. The goal of this call is to provide a thorough briefing for state attorneys general and their staff on what the pharmaceutical industry is doing to combat COVID-19. Topics of discussion will include the development of treatments and vaccines, partnerships, monetary and in-kind support, supply chain integrity, and more. The briefing will be led by Anne Pritchett, PhD., Senior Vice President of Policy for PhRMA. The attached materials will be reviewed and there will be time for Q&A.

Participants who have questions ahead of time can email them to Zach Poss. at zposs@phrma.org and we will try to address all questions on the call.

Mateer, Jeff

Subject: OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in: Pin:
Location: Dial-in: Pin:
Start: Tue 3/31/2020 11:15 AM
End: Tue 3/31/2020 11:45 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Gordon, Justin; Bangert, Ryan; Bash, Zina; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Cary, Katherine; Davis, Bill; Fisher, Ryan; Frederick, Matthew; Hacker, David; Hawkins, Kyle; Mase, Lacey; Mateer, Jeff; Maxwell, David; McCarty, Darren; Penley, Mark; Price, Michele; Roddy, Steve; Rogers, Joel; Rylander, Marc; Sweeten, Patrick; Tanner, Lisa; Thornton, Ruth; Vasquez, Mauricio; Hoelscher, Jennie; Scheduling; Wicker, Drew; Pearce, Matt; Hensley, Wesley; Goodwin, Angela; Singer, Paul; French, Lesley; Smirl, Cody; McLeod, Tina; Garcia, Alejandro; Vassar, Ryan; Pritzlaff, Craig; Brickman, Blake; Williams, Ben; Kelly, Stormy

***The OAG Coronavirus Meeting will begin in 15-minutes at 11:15 AM. Thank you, Brittany**

Mateer, Jeff

Subject: White House COVID-19 Briefing with State and Local Leaders (Dial-in:
Access Code: Attendee ID:
Location: Dial-in: Access Code: Attendee ID:
Start: Wed 4/1/2020 12:30 PM
End: Wed 4/1/2020 2:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff

Thank you for registering!

This confirms that Jeff Mateer has been registered for **White House COVID-19 Briefing with State and Local Leaders** on April 01, 2020, at 1:30 PM Eastern Time.

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Audio Conference Schedule & Information

- **Audio Conference Name:** White House COVID-19 Briefing with State and Local Leaders
- **Date:** Wednesday, April 01, 2020
- **Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Dial-in Instructions:**
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From: "Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO" <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>

Date: March 30, 2020 at 6:43:20 PM CDT

Subject: INVITATION: State & Local Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 PM ET)



State and Local Elected Officials –

On **Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30 PM ET**, please join Dr. Anthony Fauci (*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*), Larry Kudlow (*Assistant to the President for Economic Policy*), and Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Please note that Administration call participants are subject to change. The purpose of this call is to provide State and local elected officials with up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Administration and Task Force actions. Registration instructions are below – please read the RSVP instructions in their entirety before registering. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials. If you have a particular question you would like addressed during the call, please flag those for our team.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, April 1

Time: 1:30 PM ET (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: *Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line (where appropriate and with proper social distancing) to maximize the number of people who can join. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.*

Recent Actions

President Donald J. Trump Signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, on Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)*. The \$2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get through this challenging time. The package includes \$1,200 payments to qualifying Americans, \$100 billion in direct support for hospitals, and over \$370 billion to small business owners to keep their employees on the payroll. It also includes direct relief for State, Tribal, and local governments through the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Each State will receive *at least* \$1.25 billion. \$8 billion is set aside for tribal governments. This aid comes on top of the *Family First Coronavirus Aid Package*, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- \$150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State's population with each State receiving *at least* \$1.25 billion.
- \$340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- \$500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- \$100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.
- \$3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.
- Fact Sheet: ***President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus***
- Op-Ed: Ivanka Trump – ***Emergency Relief Bill Will help America's Small Businesses***

- Op-Ed: Peter Navarro – *How Businesses Are Stepping Up, Collaborating with Trump Administration*

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Releases Updated Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for States and Localities

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations. On Saturday, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – released **updated guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce** (see **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response**). The guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response. ***State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are responsible for implementing and executing response activities, including decisions about access and reentry, in their communities, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. Officials should use their own judgment in issuing implementation directives and guidance.***

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Issue Travel Advisor for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

Saturday, March 28, CDC issued a travel advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut urging residents to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. The Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services, and food supply. These employees of critical infrastructure, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security (**here**) have a special responsibility to maintain normal work schedule. The Governors of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will have full discretion to implement this Domestic Travel Advisory. Learn more **here**.

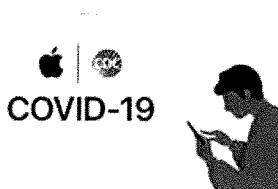
President Trump Invokes Defense Production Act (DPA) Requiring General Motors to Produce Ventilators

Statement from the President: President Trump signed a **Presidential Memorandum** directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use any and all authority available under the Defense Production Act to require General Motors to accept, perform, and prioritize Federal contracts for ventilators. Our negotiations with GM regarding its ability to supply ventilators have been productive, but our fight against the virus is too urgent to allow the give-and-take of the contracting process to continue to run its normal course. GM was wasting time. Today's action will help ensure the quick production of ventilators that will save American lives.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** The White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines – **15 Days to Slow the Spread (Español)**– to help protect all Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk—and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership**. FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard. More **here**.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: Coronavirus Update: Governor Hosted Call with Mayors and County Judges (Dial-in: Speaker Code:
Location: Dial-in: Speaker Code:
Start: Tue 4/7/2020 2:00 PM
End: Tue 4/7/2020 4:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Scheduling
Optional Attendees: Karstens, Elise; Wicker, Drew

Dial-In: / Speaker Code:

Moderator Name: Jeff Hoogheem
Company Name: State of Texas - HHSC - Hoogheem
Event Conference Title: Governor Hosted Call with County Judges and Mayors
Time Zone: Central Time (US & Canada)
Start Time/Date: 14:00 Tuesday, April 07, 2020
Duration: 120 minutes

Participant Passcode:

Location	Purpose	Phone Type	Phone Number
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: Call with Representative Mayes Middleton re: Mail-in Ballots (Dial-in: Pin:

Location: Dial-in: Pin:

Start: Tue 4/7/2020 5:15 PM
End: Tue 4/7/2020 6:15 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Bangert, Ryan; Scheduling
Optional Attendees: Karstens, Elise; Wicker, Drew

Mateer, Jeff

Subject: Conference Call with President Donald J. Trump on COVID-19 & Mental Health (Dial-in:
Access Code: , Attendee ID:
Location: Dial-in: Access Code: Attendee ID:
Start: Thu 4/9/2020 1:30 PM
End: Thu 4/9/2020 2:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff

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Conferencing Outside the Lines

Thank you for registering!

This confirms that Jeff Mateer has been registered for **Conference Call** on April 09, 2020, at 2:30 PM Eastern Time.

To view the audio conference time in your local time - [click here](#).

Dial-in instructions have been sent to jeff.mateer@oag.texas.gov from Audio Conference Notification (noreply@event-services.com)

Audio Conference Schedule & Information

- **Audio Conference Name:** Conference Call
- **Date:** Thursday, April 09, 2020
- **Time:** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Eastern Time
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On Apr 9, 2020, at 8:00 AM, Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

fyi

From: "Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO" <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>

Date: April 8, 2020 at 6:59:52 PM CDT

Subject: INVITATION: Conference Call with President Donald J. Trump on COVID-19 & Mental Health (April 9 at 2:30 p.m. ET)

Attorneys General –

You are cordially invited to participate in a conference call with President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, and Senior Administration Officials on **Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time** for a discussion on the Administration's commitment to serving the American people who are facing mental health questions and challenges as a result of COVID-19. Please note that this is a **principal level** call and the invitation is non-transferable.

Conference Call with the President, Vice President, & Senior Administration Officials

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

RSVP & Call-In Information: **CLICK HERE**

*****This invitation is non-transferrable*****

Below you will find available resources and information from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Additionally, we encourage you to highlight the **President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America – Slow the Spread.**

William F. Crozer

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

April 3, SAMHSA announced it will fund \$110 million in emergency grants to provide treatment for substance use disorders/serious mental illness during the coronavirus pandemic. As the Trump administration responds to meet the needs of Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing emergency grants to help Americans dealing with substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness. The agency has announced it is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 (Short Title: Emergency COVID-19). The grants total \$110 million and will provide up to \$2 million for successful state applicants and up to \$500,000 for successful territory and tribal applicants for 16 months. More details **here.**

Helpful Resources from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Managing & Recognizing Stress: The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger. **Sharing the facts** about COVID-19 and understanding the actual risk to yourself and people you care about can make an outbreak less stressful. When you share accurate information about COVID-19 you can help make people feel less stressed and allow you to connect with them. Learn more about **taking care of your emotional health**. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)

Resources for Parents and Caregivers: Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. There are many things you can do to support your child: Take time to talk with your child or teen about the COVID-19 outbreak. Answer questions and **share facts** about COVID-19 in a way that your child or teen can understand. Learn more about **helping children cope**.

Resources for Responders and Providers: Responding to COVID-19 can take an emotional toll on you. There are things you can do to reduce secondary traumatic stress (STS) reactions: Acknowledge that STS can impact anyone helping families after a traumatic event; and learn the symptoms including physical (fatigue, illness) and mental (fear, withdrawal, guilt) Learn more **tips for taking care of yourself** during emergency response.

Resources for Persons Released from Quarantine: Being separated from others if a healthcare provider thinks you may have been exposed to COVID-19 can be stressful, even if you do not get sick. Everyone feels differently after coming out of quarantine. Some feelings include: Sadness, anger, or frustration because friends or loved ones have unfounded fears of contracting the disease from contact with you, even though you have been determined not to be contagious; and guilt about not being able to perform normal work or parenting duties during quarantine. Children may also feel upset or have other strong emotions if they, or someone they know, has been released from quarantine. **You can help your child cope**.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resource – How To Manage Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak

Taking care of your well-being, including your mental health, is essential during this time. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Many people may experience stress, fear, anxiety, or feelings of depression. This is normal. There are things that you can do to manage your stress and anxiety. VA has provided resources **here**.

Mateer, Jeff

Subject: White House COVID-19 Briefing with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders (Dial-in:
Access Code: Attendee ID:
Location: Dial-in: Access Code: Attendee ID:
Start: Wed 4/15/2020 2:00 PM
End: Wed 4/15/2020 3:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff

Thank you for registering!

This confirms that Jeff Mateer has been registered for **White House COVID-19 Briefing with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders** on April 15, 2020, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time.

To view the audio conference time in your local time - [click here](#).

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Audio Conference Schedule & Information

- **Audio Conference Name:** White House COVID-19 Briefing with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders
- **Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020
- **Time:** 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Eastern Time
- **Dial-in Instructions:**
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From: "Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO" <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>

Date: April 13, 2020 at 6:34:49 PM CDT

Subject: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National Briefing Call on COVID-19 (Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 PM Eastern Time)



State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

On **Wednesday, April 15, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time (note time change)**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The focus of this week's call will be to provide pertinent updates on COVID-19 response and coordination efforts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* guidelines development and implementation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and how Federal-State-Local-Tribal social resources and programs are being fully leveraged to support our fellow citizens.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Time (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
- If you are attempting to register but cannot "submit" your information, please try again at a later time.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.

Recent Announcements

- **CDC Updates Guidance Regarding Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19:** On Friday, April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. More [here](#).
- **CDC Provides Interim Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to COVID-19:** On Wednesday, April 8, the CDC released new guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. The guidelines advise that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More [here](#). Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the DHS CISA website [here](#).
- **The U.S. Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide Up To \$2.3 Trillion in Financing:** On Thursday, April 9, Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to \$500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to

citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More [here](#). MLF term sheet and guidance can be found [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Launches Web Portal and Begins Disbursement of CARES Act Funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments:** On April 13, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released [eligibility guidance](#) for CARES Act funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments. States, Tribes, and eligible local governments are encouraged to provide payment information and required supporting documentation on [Treasury's portal](#) not later than April 17, 2020. Additional guidance on eligible uses of Fund disbursements by governments will be posted as it becomes available.
- **President Trump Announces #AmericaWorksTogether:** On Tuesday, April 7, President Trump announced a new hashtag to highlight Americans helping one another during the coronavirus pandemic. The President and Administration officials will use the #AmericaWorksTogether hashtag to promote companies that are hiring employees in the middle of the economic turmoil caused by the virus and those who are donating food and other supplies to front line health care workers. The President will also encourage people to use the hashtag when posting examples of Americans helping others during the crisis. We hope that you will join the President and Administration in using #AmericaWorksTogether.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

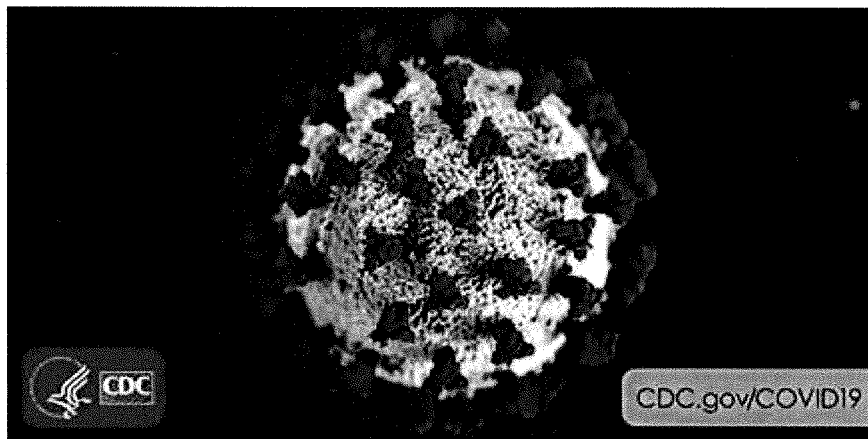
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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials



- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated [Coronavirus Guidelines for America \(Español\)](#), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [guidance](#) recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings [in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain](#) (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission). On April 8, CDC also provided [guidelines](#) regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership](#). FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).
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Mateer, Jeff

Subject: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19 (Dial: , Pin:
Location: Dial: Pin:
Start: Thu 4/23/2020 12:00 PM
End: Thu 4/23/2020 1:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Hacker, David; Scheduling
Optional Attendees: Karstens, Elise; Wicker, Drew

From: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>
Cc: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>; Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Subject: Invitation: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Generals,

Throughout the pandemic, NAAG has been guided by our strategic plan's directive to facilitate increased involvement and collaboration between our members and federal agencies. Following that guidance, NAAG has arranged for the Christopher Krebs, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to have a discussion with the attorneys general on April 23rd at 1pm EST.

Embedded within the Department of Homeland Security, CISA is the nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future. As Director, Mr. Krebs oversees CISA's efforts to defend civilian networks, secure federal facilities, manage systemic risk to National Critical Functions, and work with stakeholders to raise the security baseline of the Nation's cyber and physical infrastructure. During the pandemic, CISA has been responsible for issuing guidance on essential critical infrastructure industries and workers.

Director Krebs will speak for about 20 minutes before opening up the floor to questions from the attorneys general. Similar to the AG-only call with the Surgeon General a few weeks ago, we hope this will be helpful as you manage your office's response to the pandemic.

Dial-in information is below. Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

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V/r,
Chris

Visit NAAG's [Members-Only COVID-19 Resource Page](#). AGO staff can request access to the page [here](#).

Chris Toth
Executive Director
National Association of Attorneys General
1850 M Street NW 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
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From: [Hornsey, Brittany](#)
To: [Mateer, Jeff](#); [Brickman, Blake](#); [Bash, Zina](#); [Scheduling](#)
Cc: [Karstens, Elise](#); [Wicker, Drew](#)
Subject: NAAG Call with ONDCP Director Jim Carroll (Dial: , Pin:)
Start: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:00:00 PM
End: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:00:00 PM
Location: Dial Pin:

Generals,

Thank you to those of you that have previously participated in our calls with CISA Director Krebs and Surgeon General Adams. As NAAG continues facilitating dialogue between attorneys general and federal partners during the pandemic, I am pleased to announce NAAG has arranged for James "Jim" Carroll, Director of National Drug Control Policy to have a discussion with the attorneys general on Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00pm EST.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component of the Executive Office of the President which works to reduce drug use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy. Prior to joining ONDCP, Director Carroll served as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House. Previously in the Administration, Mr. Carroll served as General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget and as Deputy Assistant and Senior Counsel to the President. During the George W. Bush Administration, Mr. Carroll held several positions including Special Assistant and Associate Counsel to the President at the White House, Deputy General Counsel and Acting General Counsel at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Carroll began his career as a state prosecutor in Virginia.

ONDCP Director Carroll will speak for about 20 minutes before opening up the floor to questions from the attorneys general. If you have any questions you'd like to submit in advance or would like to be directly connected with ONDCP, please email Ryan Greenstein at rgreenstein@naag.org <<mailto:rgreenstein@naag.org>>

Dial-in information is below. Please limit attendance to the attorney general and senior staff. Please RSVP by clicking HERE <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__app.smartsheet.com_b_form_3cd7ab6eb3a5425bba799b564698d4a4&d=DwMFAg&c_Z_mC1sqOcfBCM1ZptXokOj7_ss37GsaAMzCZyvOxKN4&r_lkcSHFdEEjRRK0MmzHE9_QTYI3QDiuEiOLpxL9kQQA&m_kL4BUQGqvdmr_TSrtWLQe5MAxKUJeHOWiQ-mMNEoLBU8s_TBkAx_nX_GrRhuHzICEKbZD775GQQVav7ToYUvDMgk&e> .

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Bangert, Ryan; McCarty, Darren
Subject: Non-Depository Financial Institutions
Attachments: 03232020-AmendedOrder-revised.pdf; Admin_Travel to Work Documentation for Essential Services_03.2020.pdf

Please find the attached. I've included the Dallas County amended order. I've also included the federal guidelines.

Ben



DALLAS COUNTY

AMENDED ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS

Stay Home Stay Safe

DATE AMENDED ORDER ISSUED: March 23, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Judge Jenkins issued an Order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the March 12, 2020 Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins be amended;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Dallas County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

THEREFORE, the March 12, 2020, Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins is hereby AMENDED as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in Dallas County to shelter in place – that is, stay at home – except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. This Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2020 and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to the limited exceptions and under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS ORDERS:

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020:



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- (a) All individuals currently living within Dallas County are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 2.
- (b) All businesses operating within Dallas County, except Essential Businesses as defined in below in Section 2, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached, including maintaining six feet social distancing for both employees and the general public.
- (c) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
- (d) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.
- (e) Religious and worship services may only be provided by video and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six feet social distancing.
- (f) All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in Dallas County. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed "elective" by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.

2. Definitions:

- a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities":
 - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies need to work from home).
 - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and



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products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

- iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).
- iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
- v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- vi. To move to another residence either in or outside Dallas County.

b. For purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:

- i. **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, chiropractors, physical therapy, optometry offices, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms, personal training, gymnastics studios, and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with Subsection 1(f) of this Order.
- ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Government Functions.” All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.
- iii. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Individuals may provide any services or perform any work necessary to offer, operate, maintain and repair, “Essential Critical Infrastructure.” Essential Critical Infrastructure is defined by the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential, commercial, and school construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions except non-depository lenders (such as payday lenders), defense



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and national security-related operations, and essential manufacturing operations. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached. For reference, the CISA 16 critical infrastructure sectors can be found here: <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>.

- iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Pet food and supplies. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, hygiene products, goods or services directly to residences or essential businesses. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, drive-through services, or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home. To the greatest extent possible, essential retail establishments shall follow the guidelines below:
 - 1. Designate shopping times for at risk populations (seniors, pregnant people, and people with underlying health conditions);
 - 2. Limit the amount of people in a store at once so that social distancing is possible;
 - 3. Implement an organized line system where people are spaced at least a few feet apart (ideally 6 feet);
 - 4. Implement purchase limits on high-demand items (toilet paper, soap, hand sanitizer);
 - 5. Offer pick up or deliveries of grocery items.
- v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- vi. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, landscaping services, processing and disposal, mail, shipping and delivery services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, moving services for residential and essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to



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maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies needed to operate. To the extent possible, services shall be provided in compliance with Social Distancing Guidelines attached, including distancing of six feet and routine use of hand sanitizer.

- vii. **Public and Private Education.** Public and private educational institutions, only for the purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions.
 - viii. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
 - ix. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services or community service providers offering childcare services that enable employees exempted in this Order may operate under the following mandatory conditions:
 - 1. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
 - 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
 - 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
 - 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
- 3. Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators, masks, personal protective equipment, or any supply necessary for Essential Healthcare Operations may apply for an "essential business" exemption under this Order. Submit requests for an exemption to BusinessCOVID19@dallascounty.org.
 - 4. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical timeframe, this Order hereby suspends all delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Dallas County for the next 60 days.
 - 5. Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in Dallas County are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase.



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6. Due to the public health emergency, the Office of the Dallas County Judge hereby advises the Dallas County Justices of the Peace to suspend eviction hearings and writs of possession for at least the next 60 days to prevent renters from being displaced.
7. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, except for workers included in Essential Healthcare Operations who may continue to work in accordance with CDC guidance.
8. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
9. Public and private schools and institutions of higher education are instructed by this order to provide a safety plan to Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 72 hours before students return to a classroom settings.
10. Additionally, the Office of the Dallas County Judge and the Health Authority instructs all employees to remain at home if sick. Employees of private businesses and nonprofits with six or more employees in the City of Dallas can use their paid sick leave when they are sick or to care for sick family members.
11. This Order shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
12. The County of Dallas must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Dallas County Health and Human Services website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED

**CLAY JENKINS
DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE**



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DCHHS Social Distancing Recommendations

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - 60 years old and older.
 - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) Cancel Non-essential Events

- Cancel non-essential events.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
 - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
 - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
 - Finding ways to implement social distancing..

4) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.



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- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.

6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all Dallas County residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 22, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

FROM: Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin *Steven T. Mnuchin*

SUBJECT: Financial Services Sector Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

The financial services sector is identified as Critical Infrastructure Sector by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The attached DHS guidance, dated, March 19, 2020, identifies the essential critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response emergency, and provides guidance to State and local officials as they work to protect their communities while ensuring continuity of critical functions to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Consistent with the President's guidelines, *"if you work in a critical infrastructure sector, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."* The Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce for the financial services sector includes workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital markets activities; to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, movement of currency (e.g. armored cash carriers); support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers; and, key third party providers who deliver core services. These individuals are critical to maintaining safe and efficient financial services and ensuring citizens have access to these services that are necessary to conduct their daily lives.

Companies aligned to the essential critical infrastructure worker definition are expected to maintain their operations and work schedules. Everyone should follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as State and local officials regarding strategies to limit disease spread. We are dedicated to working closely with all of you to ensure the safety of the workforce and ensure the continued operations of the financial services sector in support of our Nation's economy.



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March 19, 2020

MEMORANDUM ON IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE

FROM: Christopher C. Krebs
Director
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16th, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

“If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security’s responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide strategic guidance, promote a national unity of effort, and coordinate the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure. CISA uses trusted partnerships with both the public and private sectors to deliver infrastructure resilience assistance and guidance to a broad range of partners.

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list can also inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance.

The attached list identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing management functions, among others. The industries they support represent, but are not necessarily 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.

We recognize that State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are ultimately in charge of implementing and executing response activities in communities under their jurisdiction, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, CISA is offering this list to assist prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.

Accordingly, this list is advisory in nature. It is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself.

In addition, these identified sectors and workers are not intended to be the authoritative or exhaustive list of critical infrastructure sectors and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response. Instead, State and local officials should use their own judgment in using their authorities and issuing implementation directives and guidance. Similarly, critical infrastructure industry partners will use their own judgment, informed by this list, to ensure continued operations of critical infrastructure services and functions. All decisions should appropriately balance public safety while ensuring the continued delivery of critical infrastructure services and functions.

CISA will continue to work with you and our partners in the critical infrastructure community to update this list as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. We also encourage you to submit how you might use this list so that we can develop a repository of use cases for broad sharing across the country.

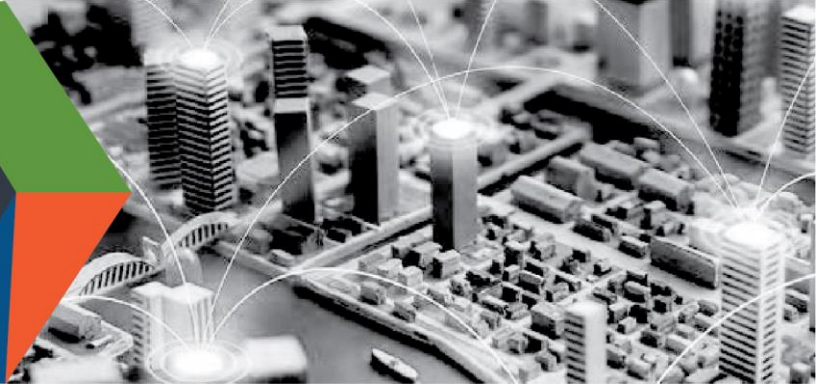
Should you have questions about this list, please contact CISA at CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov.

Attachment: "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response"



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Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response

Version 1.0 (March 19, 2020)

THE IMPORTANCE OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

This document gives guidance to State, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions and the private sector on defining essential critical infrastructure workers. Promoting the ability of such workers to continue to work during periods of community restriction, access management, social distancing, or closure orders/directives is crucial to community resilience and continuity of essential functions.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

This list was developed in consultation with federal agency partners, industry experts, and State and local officials, and is based on several key principles:

1. Response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic are locally executed, State managed, and federally supported
2. Everyone should follow guidance from the CDC, as well as State and local government officials, regarding strategies to limit disease spread.
3. Workers should be encouraged to work remotely when possible and focus on core business activities. In-person, non-mandatory activities should be delayed until the resumption of normal operations.
4. When continuous remote work is not possible, businesses should enlist strategies to reduce the likelihood of spreading the disease. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, separating staff by off-setting shift hours or days and/or social distancing. These steps can preserve the workforce and allow operations to continue.

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5. All organizations should implement their business continuity and pandemic plans, or put plans in place if they do not exist. Delaying implementation is not advised and puts at risk the viability of the business and the health and safety of the employees.
6. In the modern economy, reliance on technology and just-in-time supply chains means that certain workers must be able to access certain sites, facilities, and assets to ensure continuity of functions.
7. Government employees, such as emergency managers, and the business community need to establish and maintain lines of communication.
8. When government and businesses engage in discussions about critical infrastructure workers, they need to consider the implications of business operations beyond the jurisdiction where the asset or facility is located. Businesses can have sizeable economic and societal impacts as well as supply chain dependencies that are geographically distributed.
9. Whenever possible, jurisdictions should align access and movement control policies related to critical infrastructure workers to lower the burden of workers crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

The following list of sectors and identified essential critical infrastructure workers are an initial recommended set and are intended to be overly inclusive reflecting the diversity of industries across the United States. CISA will continually solicit and accept feedback on the list (both sectors/sub sectors and identified essential workers) and will evolve the list in response to stakeholder feedback. We will also use our various stakeholder engagement mechanisms to work with partners on how they are using this list and share those lessons learned and best practices broadly. We ask that you share your feedback, both positive and negative on this list so we can provide the most useful guidance to our critical infrastructure partners. **Feedback can be sent to CISA.CAT@CISA.DHS.GOV.**



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HEALTHCARE / PUBLIC HEALTH

- Workers providing COVID-19 testing; Workers that perform critical clinical research needed for COVID-19 response
- Caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, speech pathologists and diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists)
- Hospital and laboratory personnel (including accounting, administrative, admitting and discharge, engineering, epidemiological, source plasma and blood donation, food service, housekeeping, medical records, information technology and operational technology, nutritionists, sanitarians, respiratory therapists, etc.)
- Workers in other medical facilities (including Ambulatory Health and Surgical, Blood Banks, Clinics, Community Mental Health, Comprehensive Outpatient rehabilitation, End Stage Renal Disease, Health Departments, Home Health care, Hospices, Hospitals, Long Term Care, Organ Pharmacies, Procurement Organizations, Psychiatric Residential, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers)
- Manufacturers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products
- Public health / community health workers, including those who compile, model, analyze and communicate public health information
- Blood and plasma donors and the employees of the organizations that operate and manage related activities
- Workers that manage health plans, billing, and health information, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers who conduct community-based public health functions, conducting epidemiologic surveillance, compiling, analyzing and communicating public health information, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers performing cybersecurity functions at healthcare and public health facilities, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers conducting research critical to COVID-19 response
- Workers performing security, incident management, and emergency operations functions at or on behalf of healthcare entities including healthcare coalitions, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers who support food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, such as those residing in shelters
- Pharmacy employees necessary for filling prescriptions
- Workers performing mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemetery workers
- Workers who coordinate with other organizations to ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains and personal effects; certify cause of death; and facilitate access to mental/behavioral health services to the family members, responders, and survivors of an incident

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LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRST RESPONDERS

- Personnel in emergency management, law enforcement, Emergency Management Systems, fire, and corrections, including front line and management
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- 911 call center employees
- Fusion Center employees
- Hazardous material responders from government and the private sector.
- Workers – including contracted vendors – who maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting law enforcement and emergency service operations.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail that sells food and beverage products
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations - Carry-out and delivery food employees
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food processing (packers, meat processing, cheese plants, milk plants, produce, etc.) facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging
- Farm workers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically
- Farm workers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs
- Employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers
- Workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail
- Company cafeterias - in-plant cafeterias used to feed employees
- Workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education
- Workers essential for assistance programs and government payments
- Employees of companies engaged in the production of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids
- Animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health; manufacturing and distribution of animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc.; transportation of live animals, animal medical materials; transportation of deceased animals for disposal; raising of animals for food; animal production operations; slaughter and packing plants and associated regulatory and government workforce
- Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution

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ENERGY

Electricity industry:

- Workers who maintain, ensure, or restore the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power, including call centers, utility workers, reliability engineers and fleet maintenance technicians
- Workers needed for safe and secure operations at nuclear generation
- Workers at generation, transmission, and electric blackstart facilities
- Workers at Reliability Coordinator (RC), Balancing Authorities (BA), and primary and backup Control Centers (CC), including but not limited to independent system operators, regional transmission organizations, and balancing authorities
- Mutual assistance personnel
- IT and OT technology staff – for EMS (Energy Management Systems) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and utility data centers; Cybersecurity engineers; cybersecurity risk management
- Vegetation management crews and traffic workers who support
- Environmental remediation/monitoring technicians
- Instrumentation, protection, and control technicians

Petroleum workers:

- Petroleum product storage, pipeline, marine transport, terminals, rail transport, road transport
- Crude oil storage facilities, pipeline, and marine transport
- Petroleum refinery facilities
- Petroleum security operations center employees and workers who support emergency response services
- Petroleum operations control rooms/centers
- Petroleum drilling, extraction, production, processing, refining, terminal operations, transporting, and retail for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Onshore and offshore operations for maintenance and emergency response
- Retail fuel centers such as gas stations and truck stops, and the distribution systems that support them

Natural and propane gas workers:

- Natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines, including compressor stations
- Underground storage of natural gas
- Natural gas processing plants, and those that deal with natural gas liquids
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities
- Natural gas security operations center, natural gas operations dispatch and control rooms/centers natural gas emergency response and customer emergencies, including natural gas leak calls
- Drilling, production, processing, refining, and transporting natural gas for use as end-use fuels, feedstocks for chemical manufacturing, or use in electricity generation
- Propane gas dispatch and control rooms and emergency response and customer emergencies, including propane leak calls
- Propane gas service maintenance and restoration, including call centers

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- Processing, refining, and transporting natural liquids, including propane gas, for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Propane gas storage, transmission, and distribution centers

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Employees needed to operate and maintain drinking water and wastewater/drainage infrastructure, including:

- Operational staff at water authorities
- Operational staff at community water systems
- Operational staff at wastewater treatment facilities
- Workers repairing water and wastewater conveyances and performing required sampling or monitoring
- Operational staff for water distribution and testing
- Operational staff at wastewater collection facilities
- Operational staff and technical support for SCADA Control systems
- Chemical disinfectant suppliers for wastewater and personnel protection
- Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting water and wastewater operations

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, and workers that maintain and inspect infrastructure (including those that require cross-border travel)
- Employees of firms providing services that enable logistics operations, including cooling, storing, packaging, and distributing products for wholesale or retail sale or use.
- Mass transit workers
- Workers responsible for operating dispatching passenger, commuter and freight trains and maintaining rail infrastructure and equipment
- Maritime transportation workers - port workers, mariners, equipment operators
- Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and services
- Automotive repair and maintenance facilities
- Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centers and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers, and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging staging and distribution operations
- Postal and shipping workers, to include private companies
- Employees who repair and maintain vehicles, aircraft, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers
- Air transportation employees, including air traffic controllers, ramp personnel, aviation security, and aviation management
- Workers who support the maintenance and operation of cargo by air transportation, including flight crews, maintenance, airport operations, and other on- and off- airport facilities workers

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PUBLIC WORKS

- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential dams, locks and levees
- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations, including bridges, water and sewer main breaks, fleet maintenance personnel, construction of critical or strategic infrastructure, traffic signal maintenance, emergency location services for buried utilities, maintenance of digital systems infrastructure supporting public works operations, and other emergent issues
- Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences
- Support, such as road and line clearing, to ensure the availability of needed facilities, transportation, energy and communications
- Support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Communications:

- Maintenance of communications infrastructure- including privately owned and maintained communication systems- supported by technicians, operators, call-centers, wireline and wireless providers, cable service providers, satellite operations, undersea cable landing stations, Internet Exchange Points, and manufacturers and distributors of communications equipment
- Workers who support radio, television, and media service, including, but not limited to front line news reporters, studio, and technicians for newsgathering and reporting
- Workers at Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations, and Network Operations staff, engineers and/or technicians to manage the network or operate facilities
- Engineers, technicians and associated personnel responsible for infrastructure construction and restoration, including contractors for construction and engineering of fiber optic cables
- Installation, maintenance and repair technicians that establish, support or repair service as needed
- Central office personnel to maintain and operate central office, data centers, and other network office facilities
- Customer service and support staff, including managed and professional services as well as remote providers of support to transitioning employees to set up and maintain home offices, who interface with customers to manage or support service environments and security issues, including payroll, billing, fraud, and troubleshooting
- Dispatchers involved with service repair and restoration

Information Technology:

- Workers who support command centers, including, but not limited to Network Operations Command Center, Broadcast Operations Control Center and Security Operations Command Center
- Data center operators, including system administrators, HVAC & electrical engineers, security personnel, IT managers, data transfer solutions engineers, software and hardware engineers, and database administrators
- Client service centers, field engineers, and other technicians supporting critical infrastructure, as well as

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manufacturers and supply chain vendors that provide hardware and software, and information technology equipment (to include microelectronics and semiconductors) for critical infrastructure

- Workers responding to cyber incidents involving critical infrastructure, including medical facilities, SLTT governments and federal facilities, energy and utilities, and banks and financial institutions, and other critical infrastructure categories and personnel
- Workers supporting the provision of essential global, national and local infrastructure for computing services (incl. cloud computing services), business infrastructure, web-based services, and critical manufacturing
- Workers supporting communications systems and information technology used by law enforcement, public safety, medical, energy and other critical industries
- Support required for continuity of services, including janitorial/cleaning personnel

OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Workers to ensure continuity of building functions
- Security staff to maintain building access control and physical security measures
- Elections personnel
- Federal, State, and Local, Tribal, and Territorial employees who support Mission Essential Functions and communications networks
- Trade Officials (FTA negotiators; international data flow administrators)
- Weather forecasters
- Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting other critical government operations
- Workers at operations centers necessary to maintain other essential functions
- Workers who support necessary credentialing, vetting and licensing operations for transportation workers
- Customs workers who are critical to facilitating trade in support of the national emergency response supply chain
- Educators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions, if operating under rules for social distancing
- Hotel Workers where hotels are used for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

- Workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Workers at nuclear facilities, workers managing medical waste, workers managing waste from pharmaceuticals and medical material production, and workers at laboratories processing test kits
- Workers who support hazardous materials response and cleanup
- Workers who maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting hazardous materials management operations

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services (e.g., payment, clearing, and settlement; wholesale funding; insurance services; and capital markets activities)
- Workers who are needed to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, and to move currency and payments (e.g., armored cash carriers)
- Workers who support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers

CHEMICAL

- Workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods, including hand sanitizers, food and food additives, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and paper products.
- Workers supporting the safe transportation of chemicals, including those supporting tank truck cleaning facilities and workers who manufacture packaging items
- Workers supporting the production of protective cleaning and medical solutions, personal protective equipment, and packaging that prevents the contamination of food, water, medicine, among others essential products
- Workers supporting the operation and maintenance of facilities (particularly those with high risk chemicals and/or sites that cannot be shut down) whose work cannot be done remotely and requires the presence of highly trained personnel to ensure safe operations, including plant contract workers who provide inspections
- Workers who support the production and transportation of chlorine and alkali manufacturing, single-use plastics, and packaging that prevents the contamination or supports the continued manufacture of food, water, medicine, and other essential products, including glass container manufacturing

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

- Workers who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military. These individuals, include but are not limited to, aerospace; mechanical and software engineers, manufacturing/production workers; IT support; security staff; security personnel; intelligence support, aircraft and weapon system mechanics and maintainers
- Personnel working for companies, and their subcontractors, who perform under contract to the Department of Defense providing materials and services to the Department of Defense, and government-owned/contractor-operated and government-owned/government-operated facilities

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March 16, 2020

Monday

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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(Dial-in: / Pin:)
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- Over the phone

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March 17, 2020

Tuesday

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Canceled: Weekly Strategy Meeting -- PDB 8th Floor Conference Room; Executive Conference Line Dial In:
**Tomorrow's Strategy Weekly Meeting is canceled, and will be replaced with an appointment for those attending the Coronavirus Meeting. Thank*

you, Brittany

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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March 18, 2020

Wednesday

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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March 18, 2020 Continued

Wednesday

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Coronavirus Call

March 19, 2020

Thursday

March 20, 2020

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March 24, 2020

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Tuesday

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

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This meeting is delayed 15-minutes. Thank you

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- Over the phone

How to join a video conference by Web (*Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari 11 or the Mac or Windows App*)

- Enter your Organizer's URL in your web browser

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Tuesday

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- Enter your [Participant PIN](#) (if required)
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March 25, 2020

Wednesday

March 26, 2020

Thursday

March 29, 2020

Sunday

March 30, 2020

Monday

March 31, 2020

Tuesday

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:

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***The OAG Coronavirus Meeting will begin in 15-minutes at 11:15 AM.**

Thank you, Brittany

April 1, 2020

Wednesday

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

COVID-19 Call with Dr. Fauci (Dial in:
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April 1, 2020 Continued

Wednesday

April 2, 2020

Thursday

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

3M Call (Dial-In: / PIN) -- Dial-In: / PIN

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants, and Consumer Protection Chiefs:

As a correction to the initial announcement, this call will be held at 4:30pm EST tomorrow, not 3:45pm EST as initially listed.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2020
- **Time:** 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST
- **Presenters:** Ivan Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at 3M and Courtney Enloe, Associate General Counsel, and Global Head of Litigation at 3M
- **Intended audience:** Attorneys general and consumer protection attorneys in those offices
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This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants, and Consumer Protection Chiefs:

The 3M Company would like the opportunity to speak to attorneys general about its response to COVID-19 and the steps the company is taking to fight price-gouging, counterfeiting, and bad actors, as well as listen to and answer any questions the attorneys general may have. As you know, 3M is a principal manufacturer of N95 respirators, which are critical to the fight against COVID-19.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2020
- **Time:** 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST
- **Presenters:** Ivan Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at 3M and Courtney Enloe, Associate General Counsel, and Global Head of Litigation at 3M
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April 3, 2020

Friday

April 7, 2020 Continued

Tuesday

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Coronavirus Update: Governor Hosted Call with Mayors and County Judges (Dial-in: ,

Speaker Code:) -- Dial-in: , Speaker Code:

Dial-In: / Speaker Code:

Moderator Name:

Jeff Hoogheem

Company Name:

State of Texas - HHSC - Hoogheem

Event Conference Title:

Governor Hosted Call with County Judges and Mayors

Time Zone:

Central Time (US & Canada)

Start Time/Date:

14:00 Tuesday, April 07, 2020

Duration:

120 minutes

Participant Passcode:

Location

Purpose

Phone Type

Phone Number

United States , Montgomery

April 7, 2020 Continued

Tuesday

Dial-in

Local

United States/Canada

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Tollfree/Freephone

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5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Call with Representative Mayes Middleton re: Mail-in Ballots (Dial-in: , Pin:) -- Dial-in: , Pin:

April 8, 2020

Wednesday

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

WH Coronavirus Call

April 9, 2020

Thursday

April 9, 2020 Continued

Thursday

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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April 10, 2020

Friday

April 13, 2020

Monday

April 14, 2020

Tuesday

April 14, 2020 Continued

Tuesday

April 15, 2020

Wednesday

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

WH Call on COVID-19 (Dial-in number:
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April 16, 2020

Thursday

April 16, 2020 Continued

Thursday

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pfizer Call Regarding Coronavirus

, Meeting ID:

Password:) --

Meeting ID:

Password:

Attendees: Ed Burbach, John Blakey, Marcus Green, Craig Gill, Lev Kubiak, Carolyn Rowan

Topic: COVID-19, where Pfizer stands on it and how they can help

April 17, 2020

Friday

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Coronavirus Update Conference Call: State Senate and House Members & Congressional Delegation -- Capitol - Governor's Office

Presenter Information Only

Please dial in for your event 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time using the Speaker/Presenter Passcode listed below.

Moderator Name:

Jeff Hoogheem

Company Name:

State of Texas - HHSC - Hoogheem

Event Conference Title:

Governor Greg Abbott with Congressional & State Legislators

April 17, 2020 Continued

Friday

Time Zone:

Central Time (US & Canada)

Start Time/Date:

14:00 Friday, April 17, 2020

Duration:

60 minutes

Speaker/Presenter Passcode:

Location

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April 22, 2020 Continued

Wednesday

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

WH Call (, Access Code:
COVID-19 Briefing Call

Attendee ID:

April 23, 2020

Thursday

April 23, 2020 Continued

Thursday

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19 (Dial:
, Pin:

, Pin:

) -- Dial:

From: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:49 PM

To: Chris Toth <ctoth@naag.org>

Cc: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>; Albert Lama
<alama@naag.org>

Subject: Invitation: AG-Only Call with CISA Director Krebs re: COVID-19

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and Executive Assistants:*

Generals,

Throughout the pandemic, NAAG has been guided by our strategic plan's directive to facilitate increased involvement and collaboration between our members and federal agencies. Following that guidance, NAAG has arranged for the Christopher Krebs, Director of the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) to have a discussion with the attorneys general on April 23rd at 1pm EST.

Embedded within the Department of Homeland Security, CISA is the nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future. As Director, Mr. Krebs oversees CISA's efforts to defend civilian networks, secure federal facilities, manage systemic risk to National Critical Functions, and work with stakeholders to raise the security baseline of the Nation's cyber and physical infrastructure. During the pandemic, CISA has been responsible for issuing guidance on essential critical infrastructure industries and workers.

Director Krebs will speak for about 20 minutes before opening up the floor to questions from the attorneys general. Similar to the AG-only call with the Surgeon General a few weeks ago, we hope this will be helpful as you manage your office's response to the pandemic.

Dial-in information is below. Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

Dial:

Pin:

V/r,

Chris

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Abbott, James
Subject: Re: 20-0003 COVID-19 2020 SITREP 16 040420

Thank you James

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:39 PM, Abbott, James <James.Abbott@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: State of Texas SOC2 <SOC2@dps.texas.gov>
Date: April 4, 2020 at 8:07:39 AM CDT
Subject: 20-0003 COVID-19 2020 SITREP 16 040420

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Should anyone experience difficulties in opening the attachment, please contact the State Operations Center at 512-424-2208.

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:47 PM
To: McCleskey, Gene
Cc: Penley, Mark; Contreras, Doris
Subject: Re: 20-0003 COVID-19 2020 SITREP 21 040920.pdf

Thanks for filling me in!

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 9, 2020, at 2:35 PM, McCleskey, Gene <Gene.McCleskey@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks Missy-

>

> The VOCA information is regarding VOCA Assistance grants which the governor's office manages. DOJ has temporarily removed the match requirement earlier this week, and the Governor's office has now made the announcement for Texas. What this means in a practical sense is each VOCA assistance grantee now has "up to 25%" of their VOCA grant in extra funds that they previously had to match. This would certainly help with short term cash flow issues at each grantee. I think what DOJ/OVC has done is waive one of their published admin rules.

>

> No impact that I can see or that I have heard for VOCA Compensation. Our grant is a formula in federal law and is 60% of what we paid in state funds two years prior. A change to our current grant would require a federal law change - the could change some of our conditions but none of those really put more \$ available for our use.

>

> Gene

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>

> Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:21 PM

> To: McCleskey, Gene <Gene.McCleskey@oag.texas.gov>

> Cc: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>

> Subject: 20-0003 COVID-19 2020 SITREP 21 040920.pdf

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> Gene- see VOCA information?

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Albert Lama
Subject: Re: Action Request: Contact List Update

I really miss y'all too- cannot wait till you can come- it will feel even more special.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 14, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Albert Lama <alama@naag.org> wrote:

Thanks Missy, miss you lots, I hope soon I can head to Austin and do some training ! take care, and stay well!

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:14 PM
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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein
Cc: Albert Lama
Subject: Re: Action Request: Contact List Update

Thanks for the clarification - the responses will all be attorneys then

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On Apr 13, 2020, at 2:21 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Correct, the attorney that oversees any criminal prosecutions handled by the office

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Maxwell, David
Cc: Smirl, Cody
Subject: Re: Another Homemade Face Shield

I was sending just in case we could not buy or order any in time

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 27, 2020, at 10:17 AM, Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov> wrote:
>
> We are going to use face shields for security if Jeff approves our suggested screening process...
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
> Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:15 AM
> To: Smirl, Cody <Cody.Smirl@oag.texas.gov>; Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>
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> <https://www.emersonhospital.org/EmersonHospital/media/PDF-files/coronavirus/Homemade-Face-Shield-Instructions.pdf>
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> Another one

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Kelly, Stormy
Subject: Re: A Message from the Principal Deputy Inspector General

Appreciate it

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2020, at 4:04 PM, Kelly, Stormy <Stormy.Kelly@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy,

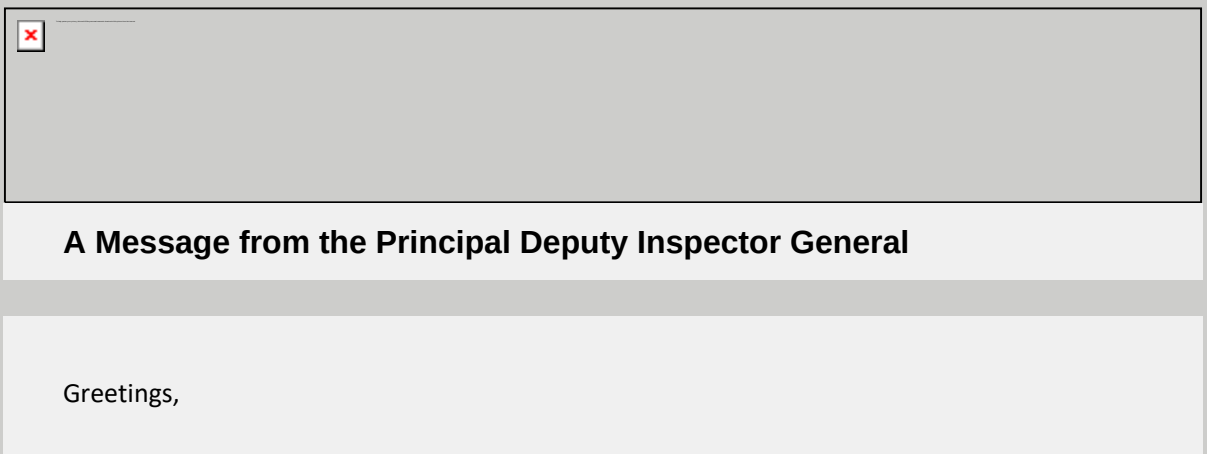
Please see the email below and the attached message. These went out to all MFCU directors around the country. We have been advised that the same information went out to all State Attorney General offices, but it is unknown who the actual recipients were. I'm forwarding for distribution to whomever you think it will benefit.

Stormy

From: Angel Rutter <arutter@naag.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:49 PM
Subject: A Message from the Principal Deputy Inspector General

Directors,

Please see the announcement below, and visit the following link for a press release from Attorney General Barr regarding COVID-19 fraud schemes: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barr-urges-american-public-report-covid-19-fraud>. The press release is also attached as a PDF.



Our organization's top priority is to protect the public and the health and well-being of HHS program beneficiaries – and this duty has never been more important as we all confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

While many Americans are nobly rising to the occasion, sadly, some bad actors are preying on people's fears for profit, perpetrating fraud schemes, including marketing fake COVID-19 test kits and unapproved treatments through telemarketing calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits.

Today, we are releasing a [COVID-19 Fraud Alert](#) to warn about several health care fraud scams that harm patients and the federal programs designed to serve them. This alert has general information about these schemes and how to protect yourself and your community against bad actors.

During the pandemic, it is especially critical that Americans have access to medical care and that patients who need medical attention contact their provider to determine the best and safest way to get care.

OIG is alerting the public to these fraud schemes so that patients and families –from their own homes – can take steps to ensure they are receiving legitimate medical care and protect themselves. We will not tolerate these scams in which fraudsters try to enrich themselves by preying on unsuspecting patients to steal personal and medical identity information. With our law enforcement partners, we will be vigilant in our investigation and enforcement against those who exploit this emergency.

We remain committed to protecting the millions of beneficiaries across the country and supporting the dedicated health care professionals who are working so hard to serve the public during this pandemic.

Christi A. Grimm

COVID-19 Workplan Update



This email was sent by: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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<AG Barr Urges American Public to Report COVID-19 Fraud.pdf>

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Reyna, Sandy
Subject: Re: A Note from the First Assistant

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 27, 2020, at 4:26 PM, Reyna, Sandy <Sandy.Reyna@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

My deepest and most heartfelt condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and your good friend family.

May God Bless you all and comfort your hearts during this very difficult time of sorrow.

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Sandy Reyna

Region 9 Administrative Assistant

Phone: 817-570-7675

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From: Executive Notifications <execnotify@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:17 PM
To: All OAG Employees <AllOAGEmployees@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: A Note from the First Assistant

OAG Family,

Happy Friday afternoon!

I hope everyone is doing well and that you and your families are safe and healthy. I know that for many of us this has been a very challenging two weeks as we adapt to work and life in light of the current

health crisis. I received word just this morning that a good friend's husband passed away today after being infected by the virus. For me, this has made the current situation very personal.

First, let me express my deepest appreciation for each of you. Throughout this past week, I have heard repeatedly of the amazing efforts of OAG employees going above and beyond in serving the people of Texas. Despite difficult circumstances, you continue to embody the true meaning of a public servant. Thank you for your incredible service.

Second, in light of the situation and the guidance provided by Governor Abbott, we are extending mandatory telecommuting until at least Friday, April 10. The current travel restrictions will also remain in place until at least April 10. (As previously announced, our agency will be closed on Friday, April 10.)

Finally, I want you to know that what we are going through is not permanent. Together, we will not only overcome, but I truly believe we will be better men and women because of it. At this time, I am reminded of a renowned speech given by Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. No doubt you will remember the famous line: "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." But what follows that line for me speaks even more loudly. Here's the whole passage in context:

So first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

I'm so glad that we, the OAG family, are not retreating but advancing!

Please take a moment to view on the OAG intranet a personal greeting and word of encouragement from General Paxton.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey C. Mateer
First Assistant Attorney General
Price Daniel Building
209 W. 14th Street, 8th Fl.
Austin, TX 78701
512-936-1285

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Michael Mongan
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Hi Mike – Hope everyone is staying safe and virus-free on your end. Just curious whether you have gotten any sense of where DOJ is at on this. If they have any concern or pushback, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kyle

From: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Thanks for understanding. The state petitioners are OK with this proposed schedule, and I just got off the phone with counsel for the House, who is also in agreement. We'll plan to reach out to Jonathan Bond a little later this afternoon to start the conversation with him (although, at this point, it seems unlikely that we'll get any final resolution on this until next week). Thanks for taking so much time out of your schedule to talk this through over the past few days; I appreciate it.

Best,
Mike

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Roger that—thanks!

From: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Hey Kyle –

Just a quick update on this -- I have no reason to anticipate that there will be any concerns on our side about this, but am just having a devil of a time getting in touch with people today because everyone is working remotely and/or tied up with meetings/calls related to the coronavirus situation. I'll try and follow up as soon as I can, but just didn't want you to think that the delay was any cause for concern.

Thanks,
Mike

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Mike – We’re good with your proposal if y’all can agree to this reply brief deadline, which has us wrapping up in mid-August:

Opening Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents/House

On or before Wednesday, May 6, 2020

All Amici in Support of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents Regardless of Issue

On or before Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Opening Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners/DOJ

On or before Thursday, June 25, 2020

All Amici in Support of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners Regardless of Issue

On or before Thursday, July 2 2020

Reply Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents/House

On or before Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Reply Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners—limited to geographic scope of any remedy

On or before Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Thanks,
Kyle

From: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Thanks for taking the time to talk. I just thought it would be useful for me to send a quick follow-up to note down the notional counter-proposal that we set out (which I’ll still need to vet by folks on our side)

Opening Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents/House

On or before Wednesday, May 6, 2020 (65 days after cert grant / +20 days on top of what rules provide)

All Amici in Support of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents Regardless of Issue

On or before Wednesday, May 13, 2020 (7 days after principal)

Opening Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners/DOJ

On or before Thursday, June 25, 2020 (50 days after blue brief / + 20 days on top of what rules provide)

All Amici in Support of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners Regardless of Issue

On or before Thursday, July 2 2020 (7 days after principal)

Reply Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents/House

On or before Wednesday, July 29, 2020 (34 days after red brief)

Reply Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners—limited to geographic scope of any remedy

On or before Thursday, August 12, 2020 (14 days after reply brief / 48 days after USDOJ brief) *[we could talk about pushing this out to Friday 8/14 or even the early part of the week of 8/17 if that makes it more doable on your end]*

I realize that this are a lot of competing considerations here, but it seems to me that this should address all the major concerns/constraints on your side. Your team will have a total of 115 days from the cert grant to draft your red brief, and a full 50 days after you see our blue brief. Your red brief will be filed before your co-counsel's sabbatical begins (and before your other co-counsel's vacation on 6/29). This means that no one on your side (parties or amici) will have to be working through the July 4 holiday, and your amici will get 122 days from the cert grant to prepare their briefs (and have a full work week to review the red briefs before filing). And then you'll have a full month to work on your reply brief responding to the U.S. merits brief on the remedial issue before you leave on your planned vacation, plus substantial time on the back end of your vacation to revise the brief as you see fit in light of our reply brief. It also partly accommodates my vacation schedules (I'll still be out for a week in the midst of our reply briefing). And it would get the briefing completed by the middle of August, consistent with the guidance from the Clerk's office. I realize there's not going to be any perfect solution here for anyone, but we're trying to be flexible and this seems pretty close, so I really hope we can make it work.

Thanks,
Mike

From: Michael Mongan
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:07 AM
To: 'Hawkins, Kyle' <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: CA v. TX

Thanks Kyle. Just tried you to discuss. Can you give me a call to chat about this briefly? I should be at my desk for the next few hours (or just let me know a time / number that works for you).

Thanks,
Mike

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Michael Mongan <Michael.Mongan@doj.ca.gov>; Sam Siegel <Sam.Siegel@doj.ca.gov>
Cc: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Pettit, Lanora <Lanora.Pettit@oag.texas.gov>; Stone, Judd <Judd.Stone@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: CA v. TX

Mike and Sam,

Thanks for the call yesterday. After many calls today, I can report that we hope to agree to a joint proposal, but the specific dates you proposed yesterday are unworkable for various reasons for one or more of the entities on our side.

The Texas coalition and the individual plaintiffs thus propose the below dates. This schedule offers even more slack than the one we discussed yesterday while still concluding the briefing in August. We're confident the Court would be agreeable to this proposal. After all, all but two of the cases heard this past October were not fully briefed until after August 27, which is the final date we've proposed below. Last October's most high-profile cases—the Title VII cases, which involved multiple judgments, parties, and amici—weren't fully briefed until September 10, less than a month before they were argued on October 8.

Please let us know your thoughts. If you agree to the below, we'd suggest we take this to DOJ for what I hope would be their agreement. If the below schedule is unacceptable to you, we are happy to continue to discuss, or alternatively submit parallel proposals to the Court.

Thanks,
Kyle

Opening Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents

On or before Monday, May 11, 2020 (70 days after cert grant)

All Amici in Support of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents Regardless of Issue

On or before Monday, May 18, 2020 (7 days after principal)

Opening Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners/DOJ

On or before Wednesday, July 8, 2020 (58 days after blue brief)

All Amici in Support of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners Regardless of Issue

On or before Wednesday, July 15, 2020 (7 days after principal)

Reply Brief of Petitioners/Cross-Respondents

On or before Friday, August 7, 2020 (30 days after red brief)

Reply Brief of Respondents/Cross-Petitioners—limited to remedial issue

On or before Thursday, August 27, 2020 (20 days after yellow brief)

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Blake Bee
Cc: Albert Lama
Subject: Re: CLD In Person Trainings - Reboot

Blake and AI- The Texas AG's Office is open completely but is telecommuting where feasible. I do not know when we will stop our majority telecommuting.

We have converted our internal in-person training to virtual or cancelled for the rest of this calendar year. To the extent that this reflects our approach, we have not been considering scheduling training with travel or outside internal non-virtual trainings really until the beginning of next school year, but its is fluid and changing as information becomes available.

For me personally, I would not feel comfortable planning to travel (not related to court/cases) at this point or asking my people until before next school year starts, but that is dependent on infection rates as we go forward.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 24, 2020, at 10:39 AM, Blake Bee <bbee@naag.org> wrote:

Hi CLD Faculty,

I hope everyone is safe and sound during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. I'm reaching out to seek your input on rebooting in person CLD mobile trainings when the appropriate time comes. Obviously this will not happen immediately, but I wanted to gather your thoughts for when that becomes feasible. To that end, I have a few questions for you below.

Have any of your offices' indicated when a re-opening will occur? When would you personally feel comfortable traveling? Do you believe their will be a desire from your offices to hold in person mobile trainings assuming health safety protocols are in place? What about sending AGO staff to national CLD trainings?

I recognize that the answer to many if not all of these questions may be "I don't know." That is totally fine. However, if you can answer any of these questions now or in the near future, I would be extremely grateful if you would forward them to me.

Please reply with any comments or thoughts only to me and AI.

I truly hope you and your families are healthy and safe. NAGTRI cannot thank you enough for all you do for the attorney general community.

Best,

Blake

Blake Bee

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Visit NAAG's [Members-Only COVID-19 Resource Page](#). AGO staff can request access to the page [here](#).

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Borgmann, Holly
Subject: RE: Coronavirus and ADT Operations

Thanks, Holly.

From: Borgmann, Holly <hborgmann@adt.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus and ADT Operations

Jeff,

Good morning. I hope you all are managing okay with what must be crushing amount of working coming in. I'm reaching out on behalf of ADT. As you may know, we maintain one of our largest alarm monitoring centers in Irving, TX. Alarm calls from around the country have approximately a 1 in 4 chance of going through Irving, where our agents monitor burglar, fire, carbon monoxide, and EMS alerts.

Many states are now looking at quarantines, and some are shutting businesses down entirely. If our alarm monitoring center in Irving, which operates 24/7, 365 days a year, were to be forced to close, our customers could be left unprotected. This facility is key to our operations and protects families and businesses around the country.

There is also the possibility that our technicians could be barred from making necessary repairs to malfunctioning alarms in homes, businesses, government offices, etc., thus driving up the number of false alarms and tying up first responders' time.

General Paxton has been a terrific advocate for the security industry, and I'm hoping that he'll continue to advocate for our industry as it relates to this latest challenge. If Texas is contemplating such action, can you please keep necessary services like alarm monitoring in mind?

Please give me a call if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks in advance.

Holly

Holly Borgmann
Vice President, Government Affairs
ADT Security Services
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:08 PM
To: Foley, Melissa
Subject: Re: Coronavirus Emergency Funding Solicitation

Thanks make sure Lacey and Michele Price know if they proceed

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 7:18 PM, Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

FYI

Melissa G. Foley

Division Chief
Grants Administration Division
Office of the Attorney General
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Cell: [\(512\) 560-9625](tel:(512)560-9625)

From: Britt, Amy <Amy.Britt@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>; Smirl, Cody <Cody.Smirl@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Morales, Trey <Trey.Morales@oag.texas.gov>; Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov>; Watson, Karly <Karly.Watson@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus Emergency Funding Solicitation
Importance: High

David and Cody,

We wanted to let you know there is a solicitation available for emergency coronavirus supplies that is due May 29, 2020. Funds awarded must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

The solicitation can be found here: <https://bjao.org/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553>

Thanks,

Amy Britt

Grants Coordinator
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Office of the Attorney General

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Kitterman, Shawn
Subject: Re: COVID-19

Thanks for saying so! Let me know if there is an area you think I need to put my attention to!

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:51 AM, Kitterman, Shawn <Shawn.Kitterman@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

I knew you would be on it 😊

I appreciate all you and the team are doing to keep things working during these difficult times. I know the employees don't consider all the extra efforts of our management team during these times to ensure we are taken care of and the agency is still working. Thank you!

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Kitterman, Shawn <Shawn.Kitterman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19

We are working on a policy to allow temporarily during crisis

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On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:47 AM, Kitterman, Shawn <Shawn.Kitterman@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you for sharing. This is an excellent response to a difficult situation.

I did not know that reimbursement was an option. Interesting. They will need to, and I know they will, keep a close eye on those requests for reimbursement.

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Kitterman, Shawn <Shawn.Kitterman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Maxwell, David" <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 7:12:08 AM CDT
To: "Mateer, Jeff" <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>, "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>, "Mase, Lacey" <Lacey.Mase@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: COVID-19

This is what i sent to all of my employees yesterday after Deputies. Lacey i am having FSU give me a daily report of who and how many people they check in who are not employees of the agencies using our buildings so we can evaluated that aspect of our restrictions. Stay dry today.

David M. Maxwell
Director of the Law Enforcement Division
Texas Attorney General's Office
300 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78711
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Maxwell, David" <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>
Date: April 2, 2020 at 11:17:59 AM CDT
To: Law Enforcement Division - All <Law Enforcement Division-All@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: COVID-19

In my discussions with the First Assistant Jeff Mateer he asked me to pass on some policy changes that will be in affect during the remainder of this pandemic. From now until these restrictions are rescinded we will not be hosting any meeting from outside the agency. The exception to this would be hiring interview boards where the applicants would be required to appear in person. For those of you that do come to the office to work you cannot bring your children or any family members to the office. We do have a mandatory telecommuting policy in place for all employees as of today. You are not required to have a certain number of people at the office in order to keep the office open. That being said we will consider and approve employees reporting to the office for work on a case by case basis. Everyone should have the ability to work for home and if there is an issue that would prevent you from being productive at home, please let your chain of command know and we will consider options on a case by case. It is conceivable that some of you may be using

your personal phone for work and your WIFI. In instances where this burden has caused you to exceed your data plan on either one and there is a cost associated with that then please forward your documentation to your supervisor. OAG has gotten an opinion from the Comptrollers Office that these charges are reimbursable and we are developing the mechanism to pay you for the overage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the hard work you do daily and the contribution that you make to Texas. These are difficult times unlike anything that I have seen in my lifetime. Let your actions be guided by common sense and science, not fear. This too will pass and a year from now will be a memory. Be courteous and thoughtful to those around you, take care of your loved ones and let me know if there is anything I can do for you. God bless you!

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Maxwell, David
Cc: Smirl, Cody; Anderson, Jason; Behrens, Ross
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Webinar: Children Online -- Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak | April 6, 2020

Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 11:12 AM, Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

We will assign someone to register. Ross will you take care of this? Thanks.

David M. Maxwell
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Austin, Texas 78711
512-936-5907

On Apr 1, 2020, at 10:45 AM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Let's get at least one someone to register and watch please

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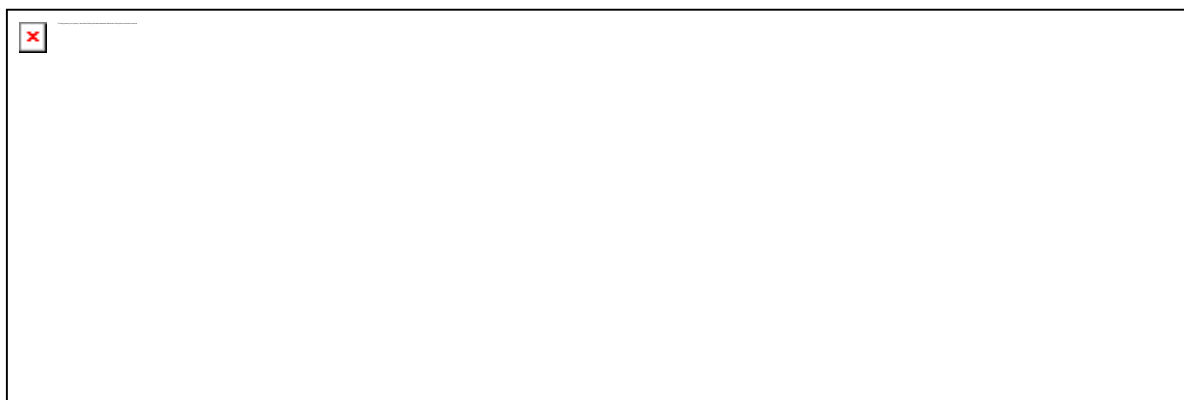
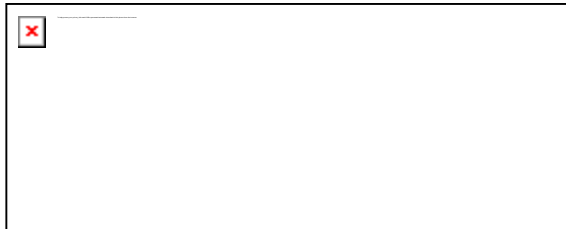
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From: Amy Tenney Curren <announcements@naag.org>
Date: April 1, 2020 at 10:00:59 AM CDT
To: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Webinar: Children Online -- Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak | April 6, 2020
Reply-To: announcements@naag.org

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COVID-19 Webinar: Children Online -- Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak

A Collaborative Webinar with NAGTRI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)

Monday, April 6, 2020
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Gina Cabrejo, Criminal Justice Instructor, NAGTRI Center for International Partnerships and Strategic Collaboration, National Association of Attorneys General

Presenters:

- Daniel Kenny, Special Agent/Program Manager U.S. Department of Homeland Security, ICE Child Exploitation Investigations Unit, and Liaison to the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice
- John Pizzuro, Commander, New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

The response to COVID-19 has required schools to close and children to stay indoors for long periods of time, during which they are likely to spend more time online. The panelists, will discuss the impact that quarantine and isolation might have on sexual

exploitation of children through the internet, including live child sex streaming over electronic devices and gaming systems. The webinar will also discuss online child exploitation investigations in a time of increased online activity by children.

The panel includes experts from the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program (ICAC) and the Department of Homeland Security's Child Exploitation Investigation Unit. The ICAC, which helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The CEIU uses cutting edge investigative techniques to bring justice to consumers, producers, and distributors of child pornography, as well as predators engaging in child sex tourism.

No CLE credit will be provided for this free webinar, and it will not be recorded. Participants are strictly prohibited from recording it independently.

If you would like to submit a question to the speakers prior to the webinar, please email your question to webinar@naag.org.

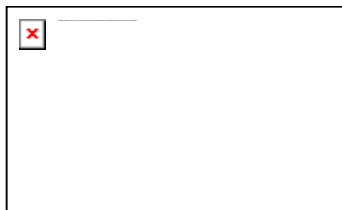
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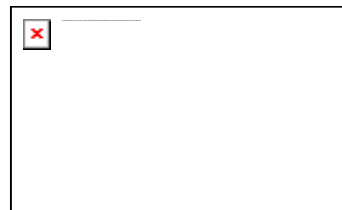
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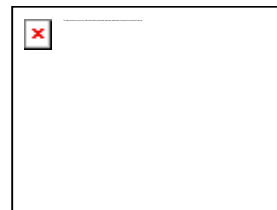
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From: Cary, Katherine
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To: Molinare, Shanna
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Webinar | Correctional Legal Challenges in the Age of a Global Pandemic April 16, 2020

I know it has been crazy for you! I do miss all my peeps a lot

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2020, at 2:35 PM, Molinare, Shanna <Shanna.Molinare@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

So busy. It's amazing how many balls there are to try to juggle. But I know you all have that and so much more.

Looking forward to a return to something close to a more recognizable normal. 😊

Shanna E. Molinare
Division Chief, Law Enforcement Defense Division
Office of the Attorney General of Texas
Telephone: (512) 936.1299
Email: shanna.molinare@oag.texas.gov

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Thursday, April 16, 2020

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Bereket Tesfu, Program Counsel, NAGTRI

Presenters:

- Andrew Bruck, Executive Assistant Attorney General, New Jersey Attorney General's Office
- Eric Haskell, Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
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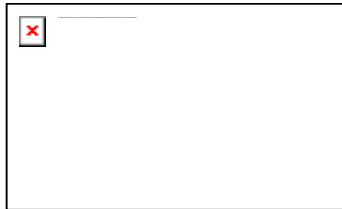
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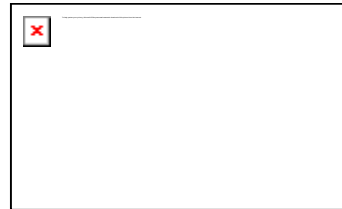
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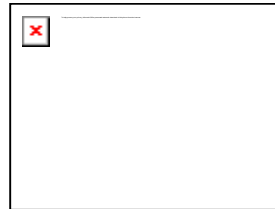
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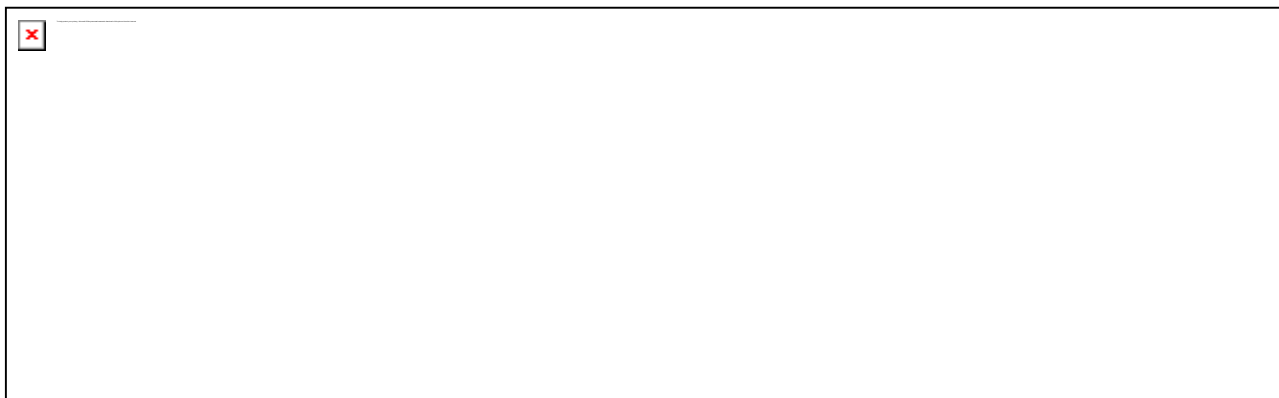
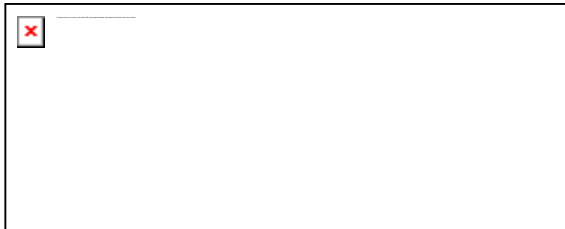
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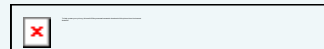


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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Goodwin, Angela
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Webinar | Elections in the Shadow of COVID-19: Practical Difficulties and Legal Flashpoints | April 24, 2020

Awesome- thanks

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On Apr 17, 2020, at 2:12 PM, Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

TY; I'll forward it to the EF team.

A.G.

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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:11 PM
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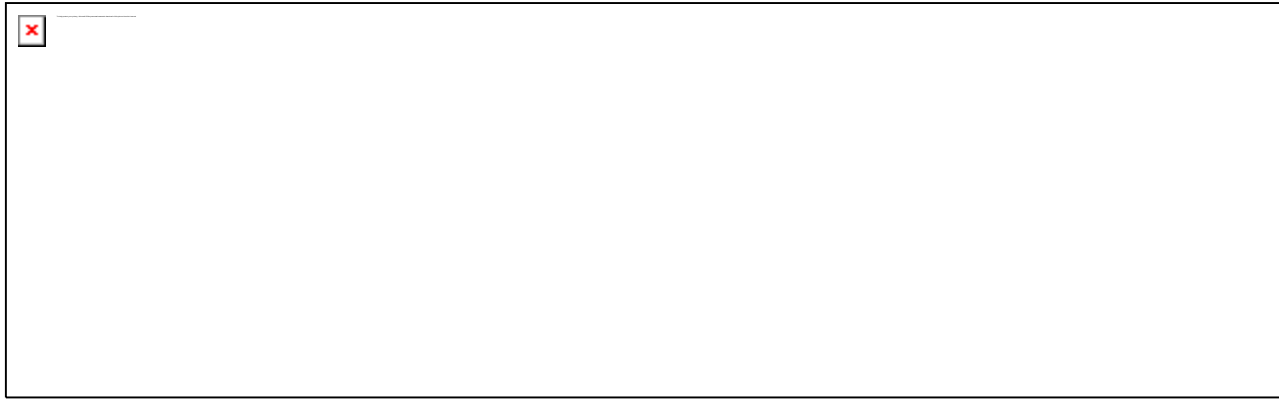
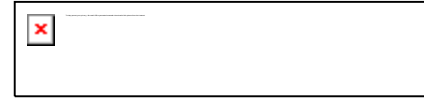
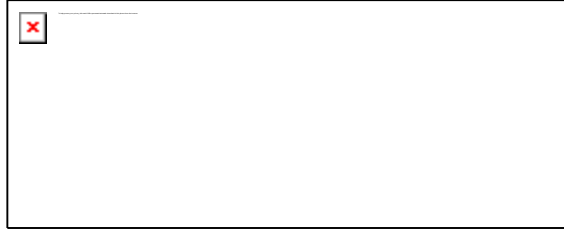
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Friday, April 24, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET

Moderator:

- Ari Telisman, Director, NAGTRI Center for Legal Advocacy and Faculty Development, National Association of Attorneys General

Presenters:

- Robert M. Stein, Lena Gohlman Fox Professor of Political Science, Rice University
- Professor Michael Morley, The Florida State University College of Law

The coronavirus pandemic is changing how elections are being held in America. In this webinar, elections experts Robert Stein and Michael Morley will discuss the practical and legal issues that states and territories are facing in this election cycle.

The following topics will be covered:

- How states and territories can hold elections in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic
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- Navigating the different laws governing the electoral process
- Legal flashpoints

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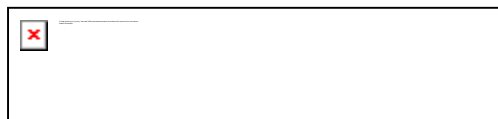
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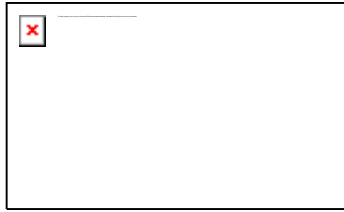
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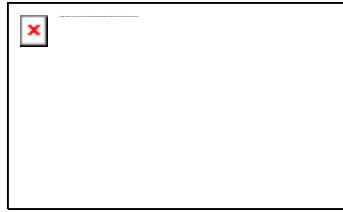
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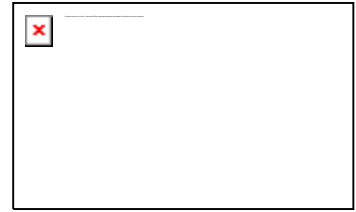
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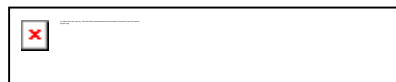


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To: Frederick, Matthew
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Webinar | Remote Appellate Advocacy in the Wake of COVID-19 | April 21, 2020

Good news! Crazy times.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2020, at 4:14 PM, Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good to hear. So far, so good here. Staying safe and relatively sane.

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I am- how are you and yours?

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On Apr 13, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Missy. I hope you're staying safe.

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Tuesday, April 21, 2020
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ET

Hosted by the NAGTRI Center for Legal Advocacy and Faculty Development

Moderator:

- Ari Telisman, Director, NAGTRI Center for Legal Advocacy and Faculty Development, National Association of Attorneys General

Presenter:

- Jim Layton, Tueth Kenney Cooper Mohan Jackstadt P.C., Former Solicitor General of Missouri

The coronavirus pandemic has caused appellate courts across the country to hear oral arguments by phone or video. This poses new challenges and opportunities for appellate practitioners. In this webinar, Former Missouri Solicitor General Jim Layton will discuss how you can be prepared, professional, and persuasive at your next remote appellate argument. The following topics will be covered:

- How appellate courts are handling their dockets in light of COVID-19
- Preparing for remote oral argument
- Becoming familiar with the virtual courtroom and practicing remote oral argument

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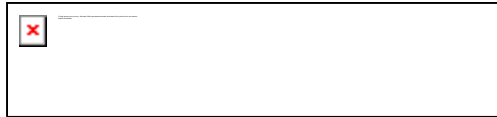
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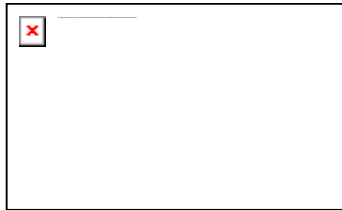
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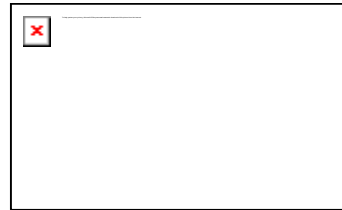
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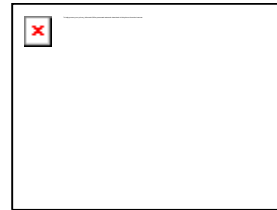
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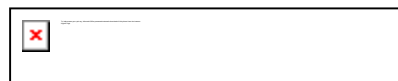
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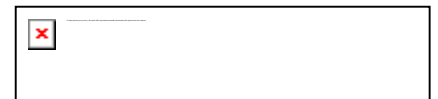
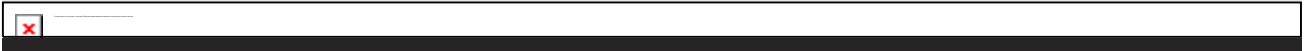
Should we send to all the Division Chiefs? Deps? What do you think?

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Tuesday, April 14, 2020

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Hosted by the NAGTRI Center for Leadership Development

Moderator:

- Blake Bee, Director, NAGTRI Center for Leadership Development

Presenter:

- Laurie Lyte, JD, MS, MAPP, Director of Professional Development and Planning, Maryland Attorney General's Office

This series is designed to help you embrace what has become the new normal of remote work by providing tips and techniques you will be able to implement right away to make a difference. We will address timely topics that will help you not just survive in this changed work environment, but also thrive. We will focus on different ways you can set yourself and your organization up for success, as well as help others shine from afar. The series will include topics relating to engaging a remote workforce, effective communication, motivating yourself and others, coaching from a distance, building connections in a virtual world, goal setting when everything is a priority, and building resilience.

This first program of the series Remote Working 101 will cover the foundations for success - for you, for your organization, and for others - by focusing on techniques that will ease the transition to remote work in a fast-paced environment where uncertainty exists and change is constant. The presenters will discuss challenges and opportunities that this transition brings through a lens of how these topics present in the attorney general community. The discussion will include analysis of situations and application of tools that can help individuals and organizations feel more comfortable during this transition and beyond.

The program is intended for staff at all levels in attorney general offices, to include supervisors, attorneys, investigators, support and administrative personnel. No CLEs will be offered for this webinar.

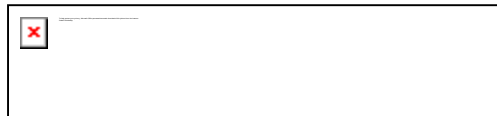
Attendees are encouraged to submit questions or comments for the presenter to address. In advance of the program, attendees are encouraged to think about what has gone well so far during this transition. Consider the following questions: What is working well throughout this transition to remote work? What has pleasantly surprised you? We hope to incorporate those bright lights into the presentations. To the extent that attendees are comfortable sharing their bright lights or have questions, please contact Laurie Lyte at llyte@oag.state.md.us. For registration or logistical questions, please email webinar@naag.org.

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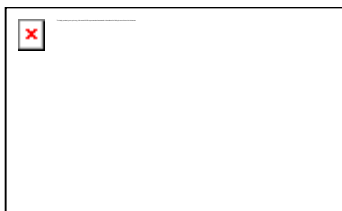
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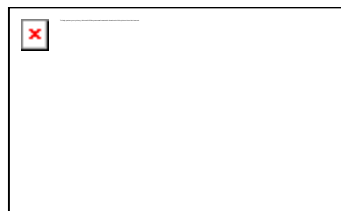
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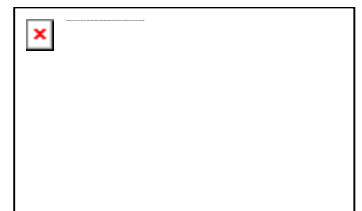
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To: Stone, Judd
Subject: Re: Cruz Office Contact

Hmmmm. It bounced!

Andrew.Davis@judiciary-rep.senate.gov. Is this correct?

Thanks again for the contact. I know him a little bit from the time we overlapped at OAG.

Ben

From: Stone, Judd <Judd.Stone@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Cruz Office Contact

I know that Andrew can point you to the right person—should be Andrew.Davis@judiciary-rep.senate.gov. Glad to help of course. :)

And good to see you too!

From: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Stone, Judd <Judd.Stone@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Cruz Office Contact

Judd,

Happy Friday and good to see you on zoom a few nights ago. Do you know the best person to contact for constituent affairs? A good friend of the office is working on setting up Social Security Disability for a family member. Thanks!

Ben Williams

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff
Cc: Penley, Mark
Subject: Re: CVSD Status - End of March

After talking to Gene and Tina let me report back after the crucial deployment of the second set of laptops and the headsets to see what impact this has on the numbers

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 2, 2020, at 7:20 AM, Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 10:10 PM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Let me talk to Tina to understand better what she is doing and what could be done

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 3:55 PM, Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks.

Open to any ideas folks may have to help them.

From: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: CVSD Status - End of March

Jeff:

I thought you might like to see Gene's end of month report for the Crime Victims Services Division. Teleworking has reduced the daily average for payments by more than 50%. Gene, Doris and their team are doing a great job of keeping things moving, despite the limitations which teleworking imposes on their normal operations. I commend

Gene and his team for their creative efforts and their devotion to their mission!

Mark

From: McCleskey, Gene
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Contreras, Doris <Doris.Contreras@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: CVSD Status - End of March

Mark-

Here is a status report for the month of March by program in CVSD in view of the challenges we have faced. Overall I am very proud of the work done by the division- each day staff are doing things to try and assist victims in Texas.

Crime Victims' Compensation Program (CVC)

- Payments..... In March CVC paid \$5,537,050.66 and for the fiscal year thru March \$42,546,849.36
 - o We were forecasting to pay \$6.8 million in March
 - o Average payments per day in March \$251,684.12 (2nd – 31st 22 working day
 - March 2nd – 16th \$351,585.55 average per day
 - March 7th – 31st \$151,782.69 average per day (so you can easily see the impact of COVID-19)
- Equipment- 20 additional laptops are expected to be fielded next week
 - o 50 wired headsets for use have been ordered- the headsets will give us a phone capability – IT Division is very close on the software for this. We don't expect the headsets to arrive for several weeks.
- 10 or less staff are in the office during the day at any one time for CVC – they are staggered both by time and by work role/section so as to not be close and interact.
- There is a backlog that is increasing every day in CVC due to the inability of staff to fully work from home on these areas – we can do all of these things, just not at the same volume:
 - o Reviewing and importing all types of bills
 - o Data entering, importing, and releasing new applications
 - o Eligibility decision making
 - o Awards case management
 - o Setting up victims, claimants, and providers in the Comptroller system

Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

- Selected staff go to the office each day to process mail and applications for ACP participants. No backlog.

SAPCS & Policy

SANE Certification

- Staff have been able to maintain the program while working from home. No backlog.

SATP (Sexual Assault Training Program)

- Staff have maintained relationships with the field while working from home.

SAPCS grants

- Staff have kept pace with current grant offering (SAPCS Federal) while working from home

Sexual Assault Task Force

- OAG designee has maintained contact with Office of the Governor staff, reviewed documents and conducted conference calls to provide information for the statutorily required strategic plan

Telehealth Advisory Council

- OAG designee attended advisory council zoom meeting and provided updates on CVSD processing.

TAMUHSC Contracts

SANE Training is currently on hold, TAMUHSC staff are providing updates to the field about reschedule of SANE coordinator meeting, we are looking for ways to get video trainings to field to help them satisfy some of the certification requirements

- TECP and technical assistance work is ongoing, TAMUHSC staff is providing daily help with responding to SANEs questions regarding certification during the COVID-19 response
- Telehealth implementation has been delayed due to COVID-19, but staff are working remotely to ensure pilot is up by Fall
- All invoices have been processed by CVSD staff. No backlog

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/26/2020

Good morning!

Nothing to report.

Ben

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:21 AM
Subject: Daily Check-In Report - 3/26/2020

Good morning,

Please respond if you will be out sick or have been exposed to the covid-19 infection. If you have nothing to report, please still respond 'nothing new to report. This has to be reported daily to HR by 11 AM. Thanks so much.

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/26/2020

Nothing to report

On Mar 26, 2020, at 8:21 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/26/2020

Nothing new

On Mar 27, 2020, at 8:33 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/30/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 7:53 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 3/31/2020

nothing

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On Mar 31, 2020, at 7:52 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/1/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 7:32 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/1/2020

Nothing new

On Apr 1, 2020, at 7:32 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/2/2020

Nothing

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On Apr 2, 2020, at 7:36 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/3/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 7:18 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/6/2020

Good morning. Nothing to report.

Ben

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:36 AM
Cc: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Check-In Report - 4/6/2020

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/6/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 6, 2020, at 7:36 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/6/2020

Nothing new thanks!

On Apr 6, 2020, at 7:36 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/7/2020

Nothing new!

On Apr 7, 2020, at 7:18 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/9/2020

Good morning. Nothing to report.

Ben

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:20 AM
Cc: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Check-In Report - 4/9/2020

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/9/2020

Nothing

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/9/2020

Nothing new, thanks!

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/13/2020

Thanks you too

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2020, at 8:26 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Happy Monday, whatever that means now....

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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 8:26 AM
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Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/13/2020

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/15/2020

Nothing

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On Apr 15, 2020, at 7:43 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/16/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/16/2020

Nothing new!

On Apr 16, 2020, at 7:26 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/17/2020

Happy Friday to you!

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 17, 2020, at 8:32 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Happy Friday.....

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/17/2020

Nothing

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On Apr 17, 2020, at 7:34 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/20/2020

Good morning, Grace. All is well at the Williams household. Nothing to report.

Ben

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:36 AM
Cc: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Check-In Report - 4/20/2020

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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/20/2020

No COVID-19

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 6:36 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/21/2020

That'd be great, thanks! I think pw should be
Thanks!

On Apr 21, 2020, at 9:55 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Let me know if you need me to enter 8 hours comp time for you in CAPPs today. I have your CAPPs ID number but not your password. Thanks so much.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:52 AM
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Nothing new

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/22/2020

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 22, 2020, at 7:37 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/23/2020

Nothing

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/24/2020

Nothing new!

On Apr 24, 2020, at 7:41 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/27/2020

Doing ok- sad weekend dealing with family. At least weather pretty.

Glad you got the

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 27, 2020, at 8:20 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good Monday morning. Was your weekend? I got my "walk" on this weekend, 10 miles Saturday & 6 ½ miles yesterday, I need to get back to the office, I'm walking the tread off my shoes.

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff
Subject: Re: Facebook Announcement Data for Good (EMBARGOED)

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 6, 2020, at 4:53 PM, Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Will Castleberry
Date: April 6, 2020 at 1:47:05 PM CDT
To: Will Castleberry <
Subject: Facebook Announcement Data for Good (EMBARGOED)

Hey all

I hope everyone is safe and well. We will announce some new data tools that we are offering to hospitals and public health systems to help them flatten the global COVID-19 curve. You can find our full announcement and highlights below. As there are always privacy questions around these kinds of tools, I want to make sure you have the right information in case you are asked by policymakers or your constituent. Our Data for Good tools **only share aggregate information** using [privacy preserving techniques](#). I know many of your states have found our [Disaster Maps](#) useful for this, and other, crises. With regard to the surveys, this will occur off-Facebook and we will not have access to users' responses. We will continue to be transparent about our approach and consult with privacy experts about our practices. As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Announcement:

As part of our [Data for Good](#) program, we help academics and non-governmental organizations understand population movements through aggregated data. We have heard from these researchers how valuable this information can be in responding to COVID-19, so we're releasing three Data for Good products:

- Improved co-location insights that not only help researchers better understand general movement patterns like commute patterns, but also the probability that people in areas with disease outbreaks will come in contact with new

populations. These maps are important to understand the actual chance that a disease will be spread by human to human contact.

- Trends on staying near home by generating statistics at a county or regional level that show whether populations are generally staying in one part of town, presumably close to home, or whether populations are on average visiting many parts of a city or town. Around the world, many countries and regions have issued orders related to sheltering in place and people generally staying home. While Facebook data in aggregated format does not answer this question about specific households, these trends provide important insights into whether non-pharmaceutical interventions are headed in the right direction towards flattening the COVID-19 curve.
- A social connectedness index that shares the likelihood of friendship across states and countries, in aggregate, is another helpful input for disease modeling, as well as understanding the areas from where areas hardest hit by COVID19 might seek support.

In addition, starting today in the US, some people will see a link at the top of News Feed to an optional, off-Facebook survey to help health researchers better monitor and forecast the spread of COVID-19. The survey — run by Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Delphi Research Center (a CDC Center of Excellence) — is designed to help health researchers identify COVID-19 hotspots earlier so public health organizations can respond faster, and can also help health systems plan their responses to when, where and how they can reopen parts of society. **CMU won't share individual survey responses with Facebook, and Facebook won't share information about who you are with the researchers.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Will Castleberry
Facebook Public Policy
202.420.0173

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Bunker-Henderson, Nichole
Subject: Re: FEMA Stakeholder Advisory: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic - Ventilator Request

Thank you!!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 31, 2020, at 8:15 PM, Bunker-Henderson, Nichole <Nichole.Bunker-Henderson@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

I do! I will send it to their GC. They are on top of it.

Thanks!

Nichole Bunker-Henderson
Associate Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation
Office of the Texas Attorney General
(512) 936-1864 (office)
(512) 660-8064 (cell)

On Mar 31, 2020, at 8:07 PM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Do you have a contact at DSHS to send this to? Thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Date: March 31, 2020 at 7:38:34 PM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: FEMA Stakeholder Advisory: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic - Ventilator Request

This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

Please see the below and share with your state partners from FEMA's Office of External Affairs, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division.

Ryan Greenstein
Special Assistant to the Executive Director

National Association of Attorneys General
1850 M Street NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
202.326.6262 office
rgreenstein@naag.org
www.naag.org

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From: FEMA-IGA <FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:14 PM
To: FEMA-IGA <FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov>
Subject: FEMA Stakeholder Advisory: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic
- Ventilator Request

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March 31, 2020
Contact: Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division
Phone: 202-646-3444

Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic - Ventilator Request

Given the scarcity of the ventilators in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and the current capacity of the private sector to meet the demand, the federal government has adopted the process below to manage federal ventilator resources to ensure the ventilators are shipped to the states in the amount needed to manage the immediate crisis. In the case of ventilators, immediate

is defined as requirements necessary to sustain life within a 72-hour window.

To submit a request, states and tribes will work through their FEMA/ HHS regional leadership. In order for a request to be processed, the state/tribe must provide detailed responses to the following five questions:

1. How many usable ventilators, ICU beds, and convertible ventilators are currently available within the state or tribe?
2. What is the current hospital bed and ICU bed occupancy rate in the state/tribe?
3. How many new ICU beds does the state/tribe estimate it can stand-up **and** the number of ventilators, or FDA-approved [ventilator alternatives](#), it can or is standing up?
4. What is the decompression ability of hospitals in the state/tribe (i.e.: are there currently field hospitals or alternate care facilities established)?
5. How many anesthesia machines are in the state/tribe **and** have they been converted?

Once the requesting state or tribe provides the FEMA/ HHS Region with the answers to these five questions, then the requirement is validated at the Regional level and forwarded to FEMA's National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) for processing.

At present, the federal government has 10,469 total ventilators available, which includes 9,404 in the Strategic National Stockpile and 1,065 available from the Department of Defense.

In addition to submitting requests through this process, state, and tribal officials are encouraged to share the FDA's [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for Ventilators](#) issued on March 24. The EUA allows anesthesia gas machines and positive pressure breathing devices to be modified for use as ventilators. The EUA also provides guidance to assist health care personnel on use of other ventilators like CPAP devices for sleep apnea, with COVID-19 patients in respiratory distress, as well as on shelf life of existing ventilators.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of External Affairs, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Kilgore, Jerry W.
Subject: Re: Follow up

Sure thing. Thanks!

On Apr 14, 2020, at 1:17 PM, Kilgore, Jerry W. wrote:

No worries. I know how the AG's office can get emergency after emergency. Can I have the General Counsel of ARDA (timeshare industry) join with me on that day? If so, I will just email you a slide deck we gave to the office some time ago for background but we would not go through the deck.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Kilgore, Jerry W. >
Subject: Re: Follow up

****EXTERNAL SENDER****

Jerry, some time-sensitive issues have come up today. Could we bump this call to Friday? Would 11:30 CST then work? Thanks.

On Apr 13, 2020, at 6:32 PM, Kilgore, Jerry W. > wrote:

Thanks. I appreciate you reaching out. Yes I can make that work and will call you on the number below

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2020, at 7:28 PM, Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

****EXTERNAL SENDER****

Jerry, thanks for your note. Would talking tomorrow at 11:30 CST work? If so, I'll be at . Thanks.

Zina Bash
Senior Counsel to the Attorney General
Office of the Texas Attorney General

On Apr 13, 2020, at 4:47 PM, Kilgore, Jerry W.
wrote:

Zina: I hope you are doing well during this pandemic. We met in DC in late February and I introduced you to one of my clients who was with the timeshare industry. I wanted to follow up with you on some issues they are facing. I had asked Jeff Mateer after the meeting if you might be the right person to speak with on the issue. Thanks so much for your consideration in contacting me back. My cell phone also is 804 9206079.

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Albert Lama
Subject: Re: Help us identify COVID-19 training topics

Wishing world was not so ugly right now too. Thankful for standing up 4000 people telecommuting in a week. It was a feat!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2020, at 2:21 PM, Albert Lama <alama@naag.org> wrote:

Hope that you are staying safe and healthy... Wish I was in Austin this week!!

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Amy Tenney Curren <acurren@naag.org>
Cc: Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Subject: Re: Help us identify COVID-19 training topics

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Thanks! Wishing my NAAG family well.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2020, at 7:04 AM, Amy Tenney Curren <acurren@naag.org> wrote:

Missy,

Thank you so much for this and sorry for the delay – for some reason it landed in my spam folder.

I will make sure we consider these topics.

Hope you are doing well,
Amy

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
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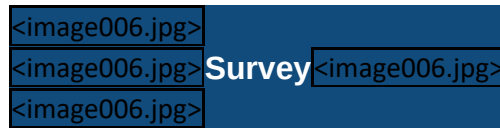
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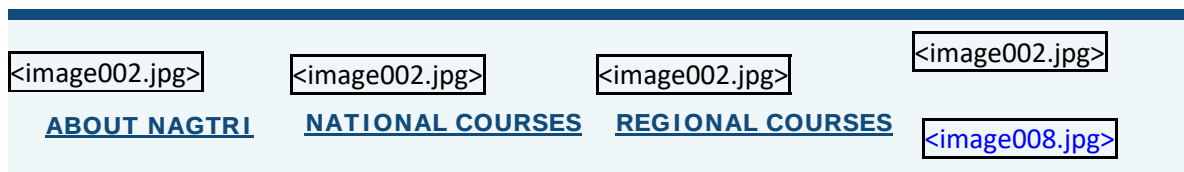


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Thank you in advance for your input.
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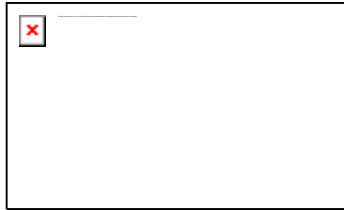
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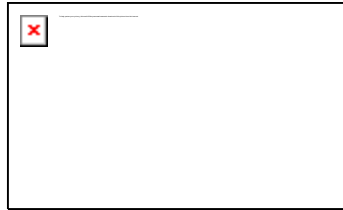


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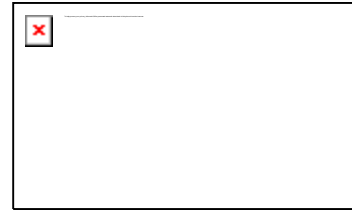
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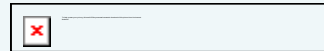


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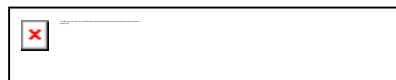


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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Penley, Mark
Cc: Mateer, Jeff; Goodwin, Angela
Subject: Re: HT Prosecutors' Conference cancellation

Have you discussed with Lisa Massock in procurement to see if the coronavirus will avoid any cancellation fees?

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 16, 2020, at 6:21 PM, Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Jeff:

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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Penley, Mark
Cc: Goodwin, Angela; Cary, Katherine
Subject: RE: HT Prosecutors' Conference cancellation

thanks

From: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov>; Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: HT Prosecutors' Conference cancellation

Jeff:
We have been told there are no cancellation fees at this point. That was a major reason we wanted to cancel now, so that we would not incur any penalties or be seen in a negative light by the AT&T Center in the future.

Thanks, Mark

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov>; Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: HT Prosecutors' Conference cancellation

Mark, I'm ok with cancelling. Let us know if there any associated costs.

From: Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
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Thanks, Mark

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Maxwell, David
Subject: Re: Hurricane Evacuation and Planning Meeting, 042420

Ok cool- I will mention it to Lesley French too in case but y'all are the main deal

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On Apr 24, 2020, at 9:21 AM, Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

I will have JB do it. he attended the one yesterday and took very good notes to brief me. I will prepare something for Deputies.

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Smirl, Cody <Cody.Smirl@oag.texas.gov>; Maxwell, David <David.Maxwell@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Hurricane Evacuation and Planning Meeting, 042420

Since this is destiny and will happen do you want to send more than just one person to the zoom? Then perhaps do a short briefing at Deps? I would imagine we will be in deep.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Abbott, James" <James.Abbott@oag.texas.gov>
Date: April 24, 2020 at 7:52:22 AM CDT
To: OAG-SOC-Team <OAG-SOC-Team@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Hurricane Evacuation and Planning Meeting, 042420

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Begin forwarded message:

From: State of Texas SOC2 <SOC2@dps.texas.gov>
Date: April 24, 2020 at 7:18:45 AM CDT
Subject: Hurricane Evacuation and Planning Meeting, 042420

Good morning Emergency Management Council
Representatives,

Please join us for a planning discussion meeting

Wednesday April 29 at 12:00pm on the state's hurricane evacuation and sheltering response during COVID-19. This will be the first in a series of meetings leading into hurricane season.

Attached is the **Agenda** for your reference.

Call-in information is below

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and have a great day!

Topic: Hurricane Evacuation and Sheltering Meeting
Time: Apr 29, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Unit Chief- Mass Care
Texas Division of Emergency Management
Cell: 512-623-9278

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Williams, Ben
Subject: Re: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

I have share with the appropriate staff

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 9:28 AM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy,

See the following and attached. IBM is offering some tools at no cost to help with constituent interaction.

Ben

From: Michael Garcia < >
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: IBM Watson for Citizen Self-Service - COVID-19 CFF-3 OAG.pptx

Ben,

We are making our AI Watson Assistant for Citizens available to government with pre-built COVID resposes for **90 days at no charge** to help with the current situation and off-load strained agency employees.

IBM has developed a multilingual, conversational Virtual Assistant that can field both **voice calls and web chats** regarding inquiries about COVID-19 as well as answer questions about how to get services or what may be changing in how agencies deliver services. We have pre-built COVID-19 responses to help agencies get started quickly to provide consistent information and relieve the pressure on agency employees. This can be extended / trained to include Texas Agency-specific information and responses.

Included at no charge for 90 days is unlimited access to Watson Assistant, Voice Integration and Discovery services, initial set-up and deployment, access to Expertise Connect services, and the pre-trained COVID intents in English and Spanish.

Web chat can be up in a day. Voice integration can be done in 4-5 days.

Michael Garcia
604 W 14th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
512-626-9159 cell

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: ICYMI: VA Extends Financial, Benefits and Claims Relief to Veterans (Thursday, April 2)

You might get questions- not sure. I will forward all Vets stuff to you.

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On Apr 7, 2020, at 11:15 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks....

Grace A. Moody

*Executive Assistant to Katherine Cary, Chief of Staff
Veterans Liaison (LNC (SW/AW) (Ret., USN)*

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From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: ICYMI: VA Extends Financial, Benefits and Claims Relief to Veterans (Thursday, April 2)

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Date: April 7, 2020 at 8:59:51 AM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: ICYMI: VA Extends Financial, Benefits and Claims Relief to Veterans (Thursday, April 2)

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Please see the below from the White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office addressed to attorneys general regarding federal actions with the goal of providing veterans with financial, benefits and claims assistance amid the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

It references the administrations' actions related to the discharge of student loan debt for totally and permanently disabled veterans that occurred following the release of the attached NAAG letter on the same topic.

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Lydgate, Joanna (AGO)
Cc: Ryan Greenstein
Subject: Re: Information Request: Clinician Immunity re: COVID-19 State of Emergency

Sorry wasn't more help. Hang in there and stay safe.

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 1:48 PM, Lydgate, Joanna (AGO) <joanna.lydgate@state.ma.us> wrote:

Thanks so much

Joanna Lydgate

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 2:08 PM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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In Texas, this was not addressed in the Executive Orders. Texas has some statutes already on the books with medical liability limitations.

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From: Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 10:02:47 AM CDT
To: Albert Lama <alama@naag.org>
Cc: "joanna.lydgate@mass.gov" <joanna.lydgate@mass.gov>, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: Information Request: Clinician Immunity re: COVID-19 State of Emergency

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein
Subject: Re: Information Request: Clinician Immunity re: COVID-19 State of Emergency

No problem- will try to answer when we can!

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 1:26 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Thanks, Missy!

Ryan

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein
Subject: Re: Information Request: Overflow Health Care Facilities

Ryan,

Texas AG doesn't have this type of information. Hope all is well.

Missy

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 1:55 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

This is being sent to all Chief Deputies / Chiefs of Staff:

Michigan is in the process of setting up an overflow health care facility and/or a step-down facility. They are requesting any information from other states who have set up similar alternative care facilities, things like, organization structure, contracting, staffing etc.

Please submit your responses to Jessica McGivney mcgivneyj@michigan.gov and Ryan Greenstein at rgreenstein@naag.org by Wednesday, April 8th.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Kenneth Lee
Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Kenneth – Thanks for letting me know. While I was very much looking forward to my trip to Chicago, I'm confident this is the right move to combat the spread of this pandemic. I hope you and your peers are hunkering down and staying safe. I'd love to come out this fall and look forward to setting something up. If there's anything I can do for the chapter in the meantime, please let me know.

Best,
Kyle

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I hope this email finds you well. On Thursday, the President of the University of Chicago announced that the entire school will be moving to remote teaching for next quarter. Unfortunately, all student and speaker events have also been cancelled.

Thank you so much for agreeing to speak with our chapter this year and working with us to plan your event. We were all looking forward to your visit. We pray that this pandemic will abate quickly and that we return to normalcy soon. We will stay in touch, and hopefully we can work to have you visit in the next year.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kenneth

On Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 3:38 PM Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu> wrote:

Great! Thank you for your flexibility! I will tentatively put that in our calendar.

Sincerely,
Kenneth

On Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Hi Kenneth – It looks like the only date that should work is Thursday, April 30—but there is one caveat. The Fifth Circuit has informed me it's going to schedule one of my cases for argument sometime that week.

I can try to make sure they don't book me for the 30th, but I don't fully control that. So I would suggest that we pencil in the 30th and hope for the best!

Thanks,

Kyle

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Great! Thank you so much!

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 4:16 PM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Hi Kenneth – No problem. I'm sure we can work something out—let me study my schedule and get back to you ASAP.
Thanks.

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I hope this email finds you well. Unfortunately, the school has told us that we are not allowed to host any student organization events after May 8th. This was an unexpected change from last year that we just found out about. I was wondering if we could reschedule your event to a date on or before May 8th. I deeply apologize for all the inconvenience and the late notice.

Some dates that could potential work are:

April 21-24

April 27-May 1st

May 7th

May 8th

Please let me know if you are able to reschedule. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On Wed, Feb 12, 2020 at 3:29 PM Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu> wrote:

Ok, I will contact Breanna and let her know! I also let SG Hawkins know that we will accommodate his request. I also let him know we haven't had those same problems and that we don't expect a protest.

Thanks!

Best,

Ken

On Wed, Feb 12, 2020 at 10:04 AM Matthew Pociask <pociask@uchicago.edu> wrote:

Wow that is unfortunate. Stanford sucks anyway.

We will definitely accommodate SG Hawkins' preferences. But be sure to let him know that our students typically behave themselves, and we do not expect a protest, even if the topic were DACA.

Ken, can you do me a favor and email Breanna Robinson (breanna@uchicago.edu) at Student Affairs and let her know of the issue with Hawkins at Stanford, as well as the date he will come here to speak ? They will want to know, and might send a Dean on call to attend as a back stop .

Thanks!

On Wed, Feb 12, 2020, 9:20 AM Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu> wrote:

Some unfortunate news from Stanford...

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From: **Hawkins, Kyle** <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 10:15 PM

Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

To: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>

Hi Kenneth – I spoke earlier this week at Stanford Law School on DACA. My event was protested; a bunch of students staged an elaborate demonstration and walk-out. I've got thick skin, but I was very troubled to see student members of the Stanford Fed Soc targeted by their peers as bigots and racists for inviting me. They didn't deserve to be mistreated simply because they asked me to come speak.

In the interest of avoiding that in the future, I'd like to speak at Chicago on a topic that at least on its face isn't likely to be a lightning rod for protest. I therefore propose the following topic: The Role of the State Solicitor General. And I would keep the description very vague—something like about how over 40 states now have SGs as their chief appellate lawyers, and the SGs play instrumental roles in major litigation that shapes the nation, and students who want to make a difference in their states/communities should consider careers in state AG offices. Avoid details in any public-facing messaging.

To be sure, in the course of addressing that topic, I am happy to give examples of the big cases we're involved with, including DACA. But I'd like to keep the event title and description as vanilla as possible, if that's OK with you. Any concerns?

Thanks,

Kyle

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 9:32 AM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Yes! May 12 will be perfect. We look forward to hosting you then.

Please let me know what topic you would like to speak on.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On Sat, Jan 25, 2020 at 9:16 AM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

How about Tuesday, May 12—is that still good?

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>

Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 7:00 PM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

Here are five dates that would work:

Tuesday, May 5th

Thursday, May 7th

Tuesday, May 12th

Wednesday, May 13th

Thursday, May 14th

Please let me know if any of these would work for you.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 6:48 PM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks Kenneth. Can you let me know maybe 5-6 dates in May/June that would work for y'all? I'm optimistic we can make something work!

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>

Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 10:11 AM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I hope this email finds you well. I apologize for not emailing earlier.

I wanted to follow up to see if we can set a date for your talk in the spring quarter.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 10:26 AM Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu> wrote:

All of those potential topics sound wonderful. I will be in touch in November.

Thank you,

Kenneth

On Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 5:20 AM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you. Please ping me in early November—I'll have a better sense then of how May is shaping up.

As for potential topics, here are the three I most commonly discuss: (1) admin law and the future of *Chevron*; (2) DACA; (3) the role of the state solicitor general and careers in state practice. We might want to steer clear of DACA because of the timing; it's possible that SCOTUS will have decided the rescission cases by then. But we can evaluate this next month.

Best,

Kyle

From: Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:40 PM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at the University of Chicago Federalist Society

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you so much for considering our invitation. We would love to have you visit in the Spring.

There is no rush to schedule a date -- we can absolutely touch base in a month.

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 12:34 PM Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Mr. Lee,

Many thanks for reaching out and for the gracious invitation. I hope to accept for the Spring quarter, though my schedule is a little too up in the air at the moment to commit to a specific date. I will target early-to-mid May. Can we touch base in about a month to see how things have developed?

Best,

Kyle

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2019, at 1:48 PM, Kenneth Lee <kennethl@uchicago.edu> wrote:

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The University of Chicago Federalist Society chapter would be delighted to have you as a speaker this year, and I am writing to extend an invitation.

The University of Chicago Law School has one of the nation's most active Federalist Society chapters, and we usually draw a large and lively crowd. Given the breadth as well as depth of your experience, there are numerous potential topics for your talk that will be of great interest and value to our members and the student body as a whole.

If you are available and interested, please let me know what works well for you, and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule. We have three quarters of the school year: Fall (October & November), Winter (January & February), Spring (April & May). We would love to have you any of those time periods. I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your consideration of our invitation.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lee

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Re: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM Eastern Time)

Perfect

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On Apr 21, 2020, at 10:03 AM, Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Excellent. I know Jeff is not able to join, but Blake is going to also listen in.

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
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Zina has it as well

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Date: April 21, 2020 at 10:00:32 AM CDT
To: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM Eastern Time)

Thank you

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM Eastern Time)

White House call for Jeff in case you don't have the details

Sent from my iPad

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From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Date: April 21, 2020 at 8:28:40 AM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM Eastern Time)

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

Please see below for the weekly invitation to the White House's COVID-19 call for state and local leaders.

Ryan Greenstein
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Visit NAAG's [Members-Only COVID-19 Resource Page](#). AGO staff can request access to the page [here](#).

From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 7:16 PM
Subject: INVITATION: State, Local, Tribal National COVID-19 Briefing Call (Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM Eastern Time)

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State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

On **Wednesday, April 22, at 11:30 AM Eastern Time (note time change)**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a

briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials from the White House, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, among others. Registration instructions are below. We ask that you

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Time: 11:30 AM Eastern Time (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
- If you are attempting to register but cannot "submit" your information, please try again at a later time.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.

Recent Announcements

- **President Trump Announces Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!:** On Thursday, April 16, President Trump unveiled the [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!](#) Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window. They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild). Additionally, where appropriate, the guidelines recommend Governors working on a regional basis to satisfy outlined criteria and to progress through the tiered phases. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country. Find a Fact Sheet here: [President Donald J. Trump Is Beginning](#)

**the Next Phase In Our Fight Against Coronavirus –
Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.**

- **USDA Announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program:** On Friday, April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (**CFAP**) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in response to COVID-19. This \$19 billion relief program will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and \$3 billion in purchases of fresh produce, dairy and meat.
- **DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Releases Revised Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance:** On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers **guidance** to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19. Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers. Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to “employees” or “contractors” have been changed to “workers.”
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announce New Nursing Home COVID-19 Transparency Effort:** On Sunday, April 19, CDC **announced** new regulatory requirements that will require nursing homes to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Finally, CMS will also require nursing homes to fully cooperate with CDC surveillance efforts around COVID-19 spread.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country’s State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

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- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On Thursday, April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled [new guidelines](#) ([download here](#)) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.
- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On Tuesday, March 31, the White House announced updated [Coronavirus Guidelines for America \(Español\)](#), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [guidance](#) recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission). On April 8, CDC also provided [guidelines](#) regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.
- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Response and](#)

Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership.

FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](#). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](#).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](#) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](#) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](#) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](#). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](#) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Follow the White House on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](#)) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's [YouTube](#) page.
- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](#).
- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control

Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency**

Resources: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid ([CMS](#)), Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)), Department of Education ([DoED](#)), Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)), Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)), Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), Department of State ([DOS](#)), Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), Department of Energy ([DOE](#)), Department of Commerce ([DOC](#)), Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)), Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), Department of the Treasury ([USDT](#)), Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Killion, William
Subject: Re: Iraq evacuation

Thanks for flagging—had not yet seen!

On Mar 31, 2020, at 11:25 AM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

Here's the latest online. Will keep an eye out for anything more specific:

The Iraqi Ministry of Health has confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and the U.S. Consulate General in Erbil are working to identify flight options. Commercial flights may be available this week – please monitor your email closely for flight information. If you have not already done so, please fill out the form in the link below if you are a U.S. citizen wishing to depart on the next available commercial flight:

[Form for U.S. Citizens in Iraq Requesting Travel Information](#)

Please do not fill this form out if you have already sent an email to ErbilACS@state.gov or BaghdadACS@state.gov and have received a confirmation email. Fill out the form only once. Please do not contact the Consulate by phone to confirm your form has been received; we will reply when we have your information.

If commercial flights do become available, please note:

- You must fill out the form in the link above or email us directly to receive flight information.
- Flights will not be free. You will be responsible for booking and paying for all tickets. Commercial estimates for U.S. destinations are likely to be in excess of \$2,500 per ticket. If you cannot afford this cost and need a loan, contact us via e-mail. Loans must be repaid in the United States.
- Flight destinations will be limited. Upon arrival to the United States, passengers will be responsible for their own onward arrangements.
- The Embassy has no control over airline baggage or pet policies.
- The current suspension on all flights to and from Iraq is in effect until April 11, but please note this could be extended. If you choose not to depart when flights are made available, please be prepared to shelter in place until commercial flights resume.

Actions to Take:

- Consult the [CDC website](#) for the most up-to-date information.
- For the most recent information on what you can do to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19, please see the [CDC's latest recommendations](#).
- Visit the [COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov](#) for the latest information.
- Visit our Embassy webpage on COVID-19 at <https://iq.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/> for information on conditions within Iraq, as local government restrictions can change quickly.
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.

Assistance:

- American Citizen Services Unit, U.S. Embassy Baghdad (public access suspended) or U.S. Consulate Erbil – 413 Ishtar, Ankawa, Erbil, Iraq

- BaghdadACS@state.gov
- ErbilACS@state.gov
- <https://iq.usembassy.gov>
- State Department – Consular Affairs
+1-888-407-4747 or +1-202-501-4444
- [Iraq Country Information](#)
- [Iraq Travel Advisory](#)
- Enroll in the [Safe Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security updates
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:03 PM

To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Iraq evacuation

Thank you!! Fingers crossed for some good news soon—appreciate your note!!

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Sounds like there has been good progress lately and hopefully have more news soon.
Thanks.

Bill

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:07:09 PM

To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Iraq evacuation

Thanks a million!

On Mar 29, 2020, at 6:53 PM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

Haven't heard anything new to share at this time. Will follow up again.
Thanks.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 13:45

To: Killion, William

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> From: Killion, William

> Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:43 AM

> To: 'Bash, Zina' <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

> Subject: RE: Iraq evacuation

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> Not sure I could get into the detail of our operations. The embassy posted the following note which you probably already saw:

https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttps-3A_iq.usembassy.gov_security-2Dalert-2Du-2Ds-2Dembassy-2Dbaghdad-2Diraq-2Dmarch-2D26-2D2020_%26d%3DDwIGaQ%26c%3DZ_mC1sqOcfBCM1ZptXokOj7_ss37GsaAMzCZyvOxKN4%26r%3DaGX1oZznsS1d-Ho4ioqR9fZpu5RHpvsF97fgteZBE2k%26m%3DApidd0OQEaEtiwGuoi4NMQvNRpnfggHmr3zSJTrz1WA%26s%3DdXQp7KBu2laTMAfbRXfOHIKe87nBDMLf8GzF6wVCfu0%26e&data=02%7C01%7CKillionW%40state.gov%7C71955bc060ce4119406c08d7d408ee7d%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C637211007142202106&sdata=ENkvTABvXHAFSbADVDsFcAMbJLDKQqZGa%2FQOUP0Riq4%3D&reserved=0

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> From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

> Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:56 AM

> To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

> Subject: Re: Iraq evacuation

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> Bill, sorry for one additional question: do you already know the date that your personnel will be evacuated / is it disclosable? The family is holding on to hope that they'll get out with them, but if that's more unlikely than not, I'd like to be able to tell them by what date they can kind of know that might not be possible.

> Thanks!

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>> On Mar 26, 2020, at 2:12 PM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

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>> Sounds like post is familiar with this case and they are evaluation options (as we are elsewhere for others). They should continue to be in

touch with that email address (BaghdadACS@state.gov) and, of course, register for STEP so they can get alerts pushed to them. Sorry I don't have more at this time. Thanks.

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>> Bill

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

>> Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:47 PM

>> To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

>> Subject: Re: Iraq evacuation

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>> Thank you! The family asked me to make clear that the airport in Erbil has been closed since March 17—before State requested Americans to return—so they never had an opportunity to comply. FYI. Thanks again!

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>>>> On Mar 26, 2020, at 1:38 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

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>>> Bill will be in touch!

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>>> From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

>>> Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:36 PM

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Mashburn, Kyle
Subject: Re: Launch of the "Stay Well, Texas" Public Health Campaign

Ok then yes ok to post

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 11:48 AM, Mashburn, Kyle <Kyle.Mashburn@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

So far I have posted it to twitter a little bit earlier today and will post to facebook around 1:30 this afternoon.

From: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 11:46 AM
To: "Mashburn, Kyle" <Kyle.Mashburn@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Launch of the "Stay Well, Texas" Public Health Campaign

Are we posting this on other social media?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 1, 2020, at 11:20 AM, Mashburn, Kyle <Kyle.Mashburn@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Hi Missy, would you want me to post the highlighted below to our LinkedIn page?

Texans must work together to fight #COVID19. Head to <http://tea.texas.gov/staywell> for vitally important public health guidance to stop the spread.

If we stand apart as a community now, we will be together again soon.

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Thanks!

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Kyle Mashburn

Multimedia Production Specialist
Office of the Attorney General
Communications Division
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From: Marc Rylander <Marc.Rylander@oag.texas.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 10:06 AM
To: "Mashburn, Kyle" <Kyle.Mashburn@oag.texas.gov>, "Garcia, Alejandro" <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Launch of the "Stay Well, Texas" Public Health Campaign

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*Director of Communications &
Senior Advisor to the Attorney General*
Office of the Texas Attorney General
512.463.2050
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From: Britt Snipes <Britt.Snipes@gov.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:52 AM
Subject: Launch of the "Stay Well, Texas" Public Health Campaign
Importance: High

Good morning,

I wanted to pass along this important message from Frank Ward with TEA.

In partnership with the Office of the Governor, the Texas Education Agency is asking all state agency partners to help push out these Public Health messages to their audiences. Working together, we can reach tens of millions of Texans with these important messages.

Please see the attached "Stay Well, Texas" graphic (one in English and Spanish).

TEA has worked with the Department of State Health Services to develop resources on preventing the spread of COVID-19 for schools to share with their communities and staff. Beginning today, Apr. 1, TEA is encouraging all schools to launch a coordinated campaign of email, text, voice, and social messages using the provided resources.

Additional materials, including an email for parents, an email for staff, a text message, and a social media post, can be found on this website: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/public-health-resources>.

The materials today explain the campaign overall. Future messages will focus on topics such as the importance of social distancing and the science supporting handwashing as a method to reduce the spread of disease.

For the next several days, TEA will be releasing materials by the day prior that are intended for release during the first few days, so please check back [here](#) daily to find new resources to post for this campaign.

Thank you again for sharing, Frank!

Best,

Britt Snipes

Press Assistant

Office of the Governor

Press Office: 512-463-1826

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff
Subject: Re: Likely Case

Received

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 24, 2020, at 4:37 PM, Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McCarty, Darren" <Darren.McCarty@oag.texas.gov>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 4:35:07 PM CDT
To: "Mateer, Jeff" <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>, "Mase, Lacey" <Lacey.Mase@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Likely Case

From: Obaldo, Rachel <Rachel.Obaldo@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:32 PM
To: HR-Absence Reports <HR-Absence@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: McCarty, Darren <Darren.McCarty@oag.texas.gov>; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole <Nichole.Bunker-Henderson@oag.texas.gov>; DeLeon, MaryLou <MaryLou.DeLeon@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Likely Case

I've just been informed that _____ likely has COVID-19. She started running a fever this afternoon and feels terrible. Her doctor thinks she has COVID-19 but doesn't think she needs to be tested (shortage of tests and her symptoms are obvious). Her daughter has a cough and her husband has a mild fever as well.

They've been instructed to stay at home at least through April 4 and monitor their oxygen levels.

We believe the last day she was physically in the office was March 13 but are trying to verify that.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Rachel R. Obaldo

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Chief

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Jessie Councilman
Cc: Natalie Seitz; Paige Giles; Cole Smith; Hannah Penner
Subject: Re: Live Ground Truth | Banjo's Fight Against COVID-19 (Texas)

Great! It'll be me, our chief of staff Missy Cary, and one of our law-enforcement leads, Cody Smirl. I will forward them the invite. Thanks!

On Apr 27, 2020, at 12:59 PM, Jessie Councilman <jessie@teambanjo.com> wrote:

Thanks for the option, Zina. This works well - my team will circulate an invite for a time during the available block. Let us know if you would like to include anyone other than yourself on the invite.

Thanks,
Jessie

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 10:35 AM Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you! Would some time in the 1:00-2:00 CST / 11:00-12:00 PT window work for you on Wednesday (April 29)?

On Apr 23, 2020, at 10:01 PM, Jessie Councilman <jessie@teambanjo.com> wrote:

Hi Zina,

Great to hear from you -- hope you are well. Yes, the offer to provide you with a demo of our COVID-19 solutions is still on the table. Let us know your availability starting Wednesday (4/29) and we will find a time to connect.

The Live Time tool is currently on hold several months due to COVID-19. The solution for Texas was around human trafficking and we were partnering with the Dallas area to run the pilot program. We were well on our way to deploying the solution with Dallas, but when coronavirus hit in March all of our counterparts had to immediately cease their involvement in the project and commit all resources to fight the pandemic. We fully understand and support our partners in this decision and look forward to reconnecting with them once coronavirus has subsided. In the meantime, we look forward to working with you and your team on our COVID-19 solutions that can be deployed immediately, for free.

Thanks,
Jessie

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 6:53 AM Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:
Jessie, is this offer still on the table—we'd love to see this demo. Would any time this week or the beginning of next work? Thanks! Also, could you tell me what next steps are for kicking off the tool in our office? Does it require an in-person meeting or would we be able to conduct next steps virtually? Thanks!

On Mar 27, 2020, at 10:59 AM, Jessie Councilman
<jessie@teambanjo.com> wrote:

Hi Zina,

We are inviting you to a video call to see how other government agencies and healthcare partners are using our free technology to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

Together, we are facing a truly unprecedented situation. The global coronavirus pandemic is affecting all of our families, our businesses, our communities, and our way of life. During this time, I wanted to reach out and update you on how we're approaching the situation at Banjo.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, to whom we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. And we're truly inspired by the selfless healthcare workers around the world who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people in need.

Second, at Banjo we are committed to helping healthcare providers and government decision makers in an effort to curtail COVID-19. Specifically, we have created a new COVID-19 Live Ground Truth module that provides a comprehensive and contextualized view of where outbreaks are taking place to give health related organizations and public agencies access to the information needed to make better, informed decisions to keep communities safer. We are working with partners to ingest and to provide relevant and visualized data sources to show the interconnection between factors -- capacity, resources, heatmaps of symptoms and diagnosed cases, to name a few. Our capabilities allow customers to significantly reduce response times and tactfully deploy resources to help eliminate loss of life or suffering. All of this occurs in conformance with the Safe Harbor provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) Privacy Rule and free of charge. Please find attached the COVID-19 Live Ground Truth by Banjo to learn more.

Banjo's solutions were founded upon getting better information faster to those who support emergency situations. Today is no different; our team is ready to support all those fighting COVID-19.

If you are interested in learning more about our COVID-19 Live Ground Truth module, please provide dates/times that work best for you to see a demonstration of the product and discuss solutions in more detail.

Be safe,
Jessie

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Faisal Sheikh
Cc: Moody, Grace; Travis Thompson
Subject: Re: NAAG AG Symposium in Denver Canceled

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2020, at 2:37 PM, Faisal Sheikh <fsheikh@naag.org> wrote:

Hi Missy,

As you probably know, AG Symposium in Denver has been canceled. Unfortunately it will not be rescheduled. We have already canceled your room at the Westin Denver. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We are hoping to provide some resources and perhaps webinars on pertinent subject-matter related to the covid-19 crisis, so please let us know if you have any ideas. One possible idea that my colleague Travis Thompson (copied here) came up with is a possible webinar on the uptick in cyberattacks on critical agencies and infrastructures during this crisis. We are only in the conception stage, but please keep it in mind.

Most importantly, we wish you, yours, and all of the people of Texas and beyond the best of health and safety during this time.

Best regards,

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From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle
Cc: Hacker, David; Cary, Katherine; Mase, Lacey; McCarty, Darren; Bunker-Henderson, Nichole; Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Re: NAAG Call on Corona-Virus Issues AGOs Facing

Actually, I'm not sure I have. Thanks for sharing.

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 5:59 PM, Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

I assume y'all got this.

From: Dan Schweitzer <dschweitzer@naag.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:38 PM
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To: Civil Amicus Contacts

FYI, the following was sent to the states' respective Civil Chiefs. You are welcome to participate:

At the request of multiple respondents, NAAG is organizing a call on **THURSDAY, March 26 at 4pm EST** to discuss issues civil divisions are seeing in their jurisdictions and to share best practices.

Please join at the number below:

/ PIN

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To: Ryan Greenstein; Moody, Grace
Cc: Aranda, Loretta; Mase, Lacey; Hilton, Gracie
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Thanks all- let's calendar it

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On Apr 27, 2020, at 2:39 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Grace,

Great, thanks so much. We'll be in touch again as we get a bit closer to set up a call on content and logistics.

If possible, we always enjoy having the AG, Missy, or another member of leadership kick off the first day with welcoming remarks and have found it beneficial for the attendees also. Other than adding that to the internal calendar if possible, I think we're set and will loop back again in a few weeks.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,
Ryan

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Ryan,

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Ryan,

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From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
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All,

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Thanks for checking that, Grace.

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Zoe

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Zoe Reinstein
Cc: Aranda, Loretta; Mase, Lacey; Ryan Greenstein
Subject: Re: NAGTRI Training Cancellation – Core Leadership Competencies (TX)

No worries- we can turn such a training around very quickly from our perspective. So y'all can wait until you're ready. We can set it up this summer for the Fall. Whatever works.

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Good morning Missy,

I hope that you're well and staying safe. Following up on our messages below, I wanted to let you know that my colleague Ryan Greenstein (copied) will be in touch in the coming weeks to work on reschedule this training for later this year. If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to let us know.

My best,
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From: Zoe Reinstein
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To: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
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Subject: RE: NAGTRI Training Cancellation – Core Leadership Competencies (TX)

Great, thank you Missy! We will be in touch in the coming weeks to reschedule for later this year.

Wishing you all well!

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To: Zoe Reinstein <zreinstein@naag.org>

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Subject: Re: NAGTRI Training Cancellation – Core Leadership Competencies (TX)

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Obaldo, Rachel
Subject: Re: NAGTRI Webinar: The New Small Business Bankruptcy Chapter - Timely Help in a Time of Crisis | April 30, 2020

so all good

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On Apr 24, 2020, at 10:19 AM, Obaldo, Rachel <Rachel.Obaldo@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

And I hope all is well with you

From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Obaldo, Rachel <Rachel.Obaldo@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: NAGTRI Webinar: The New Small Business Bankruptcy Chapter - Timely Help in a Time of Crisis | April 30, 2020

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Date: April 24, 2020 at 9:08:00 AM CDT
To: "Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>

**Subject: NAGTRI Webinar: The New Small Business Bankruptcy
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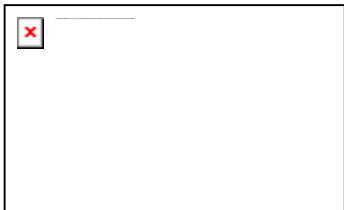
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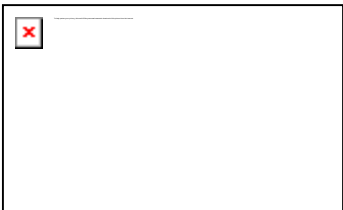


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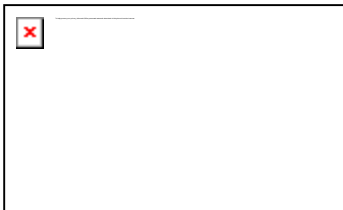
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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Goodwin, Angela
Cc: Penley, Mark
Subject: Re: New hire from MF-Civil

Awesome

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On Mar 26, 2020, at 4:29 PM, Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy and Mark –

I talked with Nichole B-H about our desire to hire one of her attorneys into our Election Fraud section. Nichole was very gracious and gave us her blessing. She believes this employee (Halie Daniels) has an interest in prosecution and will do a good job for our EF team.

A.G.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff
Cc: Mase, Lacey; McLeod, Tina
Subject: Re: Next Generation Data Center Services – Enhancing Shared Technology Services for Your Agency

Received

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On Mar 30, 2020, at 4:36 PM, Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

From: Kyle Gavit <kyle.gavit@dir.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Amanda Crawford <amanda.crawford@dir.texas.gov>
Subject: Next Generation Data Center Services – Enhancing Shared Technology Services for Your Agency

Dear Colleague:

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) is pleased to announce the upcoming release of a suite of new Data Center Services (DCS) for our customers. Beginning in fiscal year 2021, Next Generation DCS will enhance the secure IT services provided to you with an upgraded, state-of-the-art data center environment that is focused on rapid, secure, and consistent service delivery at a competitive price. Our overall business case estimates a cost reduction for Texas over the next four years thanks to successful negotiations with our vendor partners. Through Next Generation DCS, you can expect:

- Service Continuity and Performance
- Best-of-Breed Technology Solutions
- Increased Information Security Services
- Economies of Scale
- Lower Total Cost to Texas
- Enhanced Regulatory Compliance
- Increased uptime and reliability
- Reduced agency burden through offering IT-as-a-Service

Overall, Next Generation DCS will result in lower costs to Texas as a whole, but the effect on each agency will vary depending on agency business models and the varied utilization of DCS services. Your individual costs are highly dependent on your agency's service tier selections, data retention policies, disaster recovery requirements, and consumption trends. While most agencies will realize savings, some will see cost increases. Regardless, Next Generation DCS will provide your agency with more modernized technology solutions and state-of-the-art security services. We stand ready to help you navigate through the changes to ensure you are able to maximize the benefits.

We are sending your Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer, and DCS support staff the preliminary budget forecast package, including updated current biennium and fiscal year 2022/2023 estimates. DIR is available to work with you during this transition, and the upcoming legislative cycle, to answer your questions and assist you with obtaining appropriation adjustments to align with the new model. Specifically, we will be hosting webinars in the coming days for your IT leaders, CFO, finance contacts, and DCS customer representatives. In these webinars, we will review the contents of the DCS Shared Services forecast workbook, the forecasting methodology, and the DCS forecast timeline.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am happy to set up a meeting where DIR can answer questions for you. Thank you for partnering with us as we transition to the next generation of technology services for Texas.

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Amanda Crawford | Executive Director
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Todd Stumpf; Jonathan Buring
Subject: Re: Official Letter Request

Todd and Jonathan -

See the following. This is a copy of the online form the governor is using to collect firm leads on PPE. Feel free to call me and discuss. To update the group, I'm making sure we are not stepping on toes getting this equipment into the state. The governor announced that he will get 5.5M masks by April 11. Most of these are coming from the Fed's. He announced he also plans to distribute 100k per day starting the following week. That's still not enough and he will need access to more. That said, we don't want to mess up the current allocations and have them clawed back, we want to work in tandem.

I'll send an update shortly.

Ben

Procurement Form

We are grateful for the support of Texas's coronavirus response efforts.

Please submit one product per form submission.

First Name[]

Last Name[]

Phone Number[]

Email

Title[]

Role[]

Manufacturer Name[]

Manufacturer Location

Vendor Name[]

Vendor Address[]

Vendor City[]

Vendor State [Select V]

Vendor Zip[]

Vendor Tax ID Number (EIN)[]

FDA Registration [Select V]

FDA Product Registration [Select V]

NIOSH Certificate [Select V]

CE Product Registration [Select V]

Proof Of Certifications

Provide a link with certifications for FDA, CE, and NIOSH. Brokers must also provide a written confirmation from the manufacturer confirming supply and delivery, as well as, an official quote on letterhead.

Product Type [Select V]

If Other, please describe

Product Name[]

Product Specs

Product Address[]

Product City[]

Product State
[Select V]

Product Zip[]

Quote For 500,000[]

Quote For 1 Million[]

Quote For 5 Million[]

Quote For 10 Million[]

Quantity Available Immediately [Select V]

Quantity to be Produced with Estimated Production Schedule

Payment Terms

(i.e. deposit or prepayment requirements, payment schedule, if any)

Payment Method

(i.e. ACH, e-check, wire transfer, etc.)

Does Include Shipping [Select V]

Estimated Shipping Date[]

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Other

[Submit Form]

From: Todd Stumpf <tstumpf@pegasuslogistics.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:28 PM

To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>

Cc: Ken Beam >; Jonathan Buring >; Gentry Beach <>; Chad Heller

Subject: Official Letter Request

Hi Ben,

Thank you for your time on the phone.

One of the requirements(new) for China Export Customs is an official, signed govt document on your letterhead that references the urgent need and one relevant party for these 2.5M masks.

The relevant party would be:

The Great State of Texas on behalf of:

Eminent Commercial, LLC

4908 Tiger Lily Way

Austin, TX 78730

State of Texas PO# 20-0003-575EM-085

The attorney general is an acceptable govt entity.

Can you please create and send to me by end of day? I will send to China Customs for review and approval.

I am eagerly awaiting your call with Atlas and I will text you now to look for this email.

Todd Stumpf | Director of International Operations

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Mase, Lacey
Subject: Re: Preparing For Re-Entry: Key Considerations For Returning Employees To The Workplace Amid The COVID-19 Crisis | Goodwin - JDSupra

This one is more law oriented

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> On Apr 21, 2020, at 3:36 PM, Mase, Lacey <Lacey.Mase@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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> Another interesting article.

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> <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/preparing-for-re-entry-key-52295/>

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Ari Telisman
Subject: Re: Presenter needed for a short webinar on courtroom advocacy when appearing by phone/video

Y'all take care and stay safe

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 12:20 PM, Ari Telisman <atelisman@naag.org> wrote:

Hi Missy!

Thanks for letting me know. Neil Kelly from the Rhode Island AGO is handling the webinar. We were fortunate to have several faculty volunteer – I love our NAGTRI faculty family!

Hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

Take care,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Ari Telisman <atelisman@naag.org>
Subject: Re: Presenter needed for a short webinar on courtroom advocacy when appearing by phone/video

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Ari-

So far no one in Texas has the expertise to speak but everyone is interested in the subject! Please keep asking us to help- we will find one we can help on.

Missy

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On Mar 23, 2020, at 2:16 PM, Ari Telisman <atelisman@naag.org> wrote:

Dear NAGTRI faculty,

As we know, courts across the country are conducting more hearings by phone or video in light of the coronavirus pandemic. NAGTRI would like to hold a short webinar (perhaps 20 minutes) to discuss how attorneys can be effective advocates when appearing by phone or video. If you have expertise in this area and are interested in presenting, please let me know. We would like to hold the webinar in about two weeks. PowerPoint is not required, but we are happy to create one if you'd like.

Thank you so much.

Stay healthy and safe,

Ari Telisman

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From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: RE: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

Thank you!

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

Coronavirus Meeting – I just sent you the appointment

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Subject: RE: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

Good morning. Is there a meeting in place of Strategy today?

Ben

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Hacker, David <David.Hacker@oag.texas.gov>; Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>; Ellis, John <John.Ellis@oag.texas.gov>; Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>; Wicker, Drew <Drew.Wicker@oag.texas.gov>; Karstens, Elise <Elise.Karstens@oag.texas.gov>; Brickman, Blake <Blake.Brickman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

fyi

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: FW: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

This is being sent to all Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff:

The below is being forwarded from the White House IGA team.

Best,
Ryan

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
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Subject: President's Coronavirus Guidelines For America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Donald. J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19. Below, please find additional information on ***The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread***. Please feel free to share broadly.

As a reminder, the CDC's official Coronavirus website – www.coronavirus.gov – is the best source for up-to-date information and guidance.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
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The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

- 1) Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
- 2) If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

- 3) If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
- 4) If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
- 5) If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
- 6) If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- 7) Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
 - a. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
 - b. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
 - c. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
 - d. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
 - e. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
 - f. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- 8) Practice good hygiene:
 - a. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
 - b. Avoid touching your face.
 - c. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
 - d. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

* School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

** Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

*** In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

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IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit

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DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts — **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shopping trips, and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:56 AM
To: NealyCox, Erin (USATXN)
Cc: Jackson, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Price-Gouging, Hoarding, etc

Thanks, Erin. We are doing well and I hope you and your family are as well.

Our point person on this is Jenny Jackson, our Consumer Protection Division Chief. I've copied her on this email and she can provide you with contact information.

From: NealyCox, Erin (USATXN) <Erin.NealyCox@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Price-Gouging, Hoarding, etc

Hey Jeff:

Hope you and your family are well. And hope your team is managing the challenges and uncertainty. With us, it's a day to day thing – I am sure no different for you.

I wanted to make sure you knew that we have a special coordinator set up for all forms of COVID-19 scams/frauds/price gouging, etc. If we can bring to bear any of our resources, please don't hesitate to let us know.

DPS tells me David Maxwell in your office is the point person. If that's correct, can I put him in touch with Fabio Leonardi in my office? Always great to partner with you.

Best, ENC



Erin Nealy Cox
United States Attorney
Northern District of Texas

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Jonathan Mathers; Ken Paxton
Cc: Robledo, Lorena
Subject: Re: Price Fixing by Major Meatpackers

Thanks, Jonathan. I've sent this to our Consumer Protection division chief. We will keep you posted.

Ben Williams

From: Jonathan Mathers <Jonathan.Mathers@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Ken Paxton <Ken.Paxton@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Williams, Ben <Ben.Williams@oag.texas.gov>; Robledo, Lorena <Lorena.Robledo@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Price Fixing by Major Meatpackers

March 31, 2020

The Honorable Ken Paxton
Office of the Texas Attorney General
300 W. 15th Street
Austin TX 78701

RE: Price Fixing by Major Meatpackers

General Paxton:

As Texans, Americans, and the World attempt to overcome the challenges of a coronavirus pandemic, there are some that appear to be using the crisis for profit. In these times of tragedy, food is one of the most valuable items. Currently, the media is running countless stories showing grocery store shelves, and meat cases picked clean.

During the coronavirus outbreak, packer margins have risen sharply with box beef prices charged to retailers skyrocketing up over 20%, or an additional \$260 gross margin per head more than doubling their margins. Yet despite the incredible demand in Texas, as well as across the United States, cattle have dropped hundreds of dollars per head at auction.

Prices paid for feeder calves (750 pounds) to the cow/calf operator are down on average \$225 a head over the last month while "Fat Cattle" (1,350 pounds) that are heading to the packing house are down an average of \$320 a head. Both types of cattle have seen prices drop approximately 20% for the last 30 days.

Cargill, JBS, National Beef, and Tyson control approximately 85% of the nation's beef packing market. These four companies are in a unique position within the supply chain to exert control over the price paid for cattle and

the amount charged to the retailers. Industry experts from around the United States, believe the four companies are working together in a monopoly structure to manipulate the market.

Senator Chuck Grassley stated in a Tweet:

Beef is flying off grocery shelves but farmers are seeing prices go down If packers are illegally manipulating markets during crisis we need USDA & DOJ & CFTC to investigate + help farmers. 4 companies control 80% of market & they're taking advantage

All indications are that the market manipulation has cost the Texas cattle industry over \$150 Million, while the potential price gouging has cost Texas consumers \$225 Million in just the last 30 days. For consumers, these prices are seen and felt at the checkout counter. And while consumers are blaming the retailers, the real culprit for higher consumer prices are the Packers.

As you know, Texas cattle producers don't want a hand-out from Washington, they want a fair playing field and a free market system that works. If we are to protect the sustainability of the beef supply in Texas and America, then this market manipulation must be addressed.

As Chairman of Agriculture and Livestock, I request your office to begin an immediate investigation into price gouging and market manipulation by the meat packers. And if my office can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rep. Drew Springer (HD68)

Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

Jonathan Mathers
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Williams, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM

Thanks, Grace. Nothing to report.

Ben

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:24 AM
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM - Absent Report 03/23/20

Nothing new to report

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM - Absent Report 03/23/20

Nothing

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2020, at 10:20 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Just confirming that you have Nothing to Report. Thanks so much.

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From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM - Absent Report 03/23/20

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To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: RESPONSE NEEDED by 10:30 AM

Nothing to report

On Mar 25, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Importance: High

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Killion, William
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Amazing news—THANK YOU! Thanks for the update and for everything else you're doing—which I'm sure I can't imagine the half of...

On Mar 23, 2020, at 4:04 PM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

State is working on permissions from the host government for a chartered flight to Cusco, Peru. The flight could potentially be as soon as tomorrow. The first flight will not accommodate all U.S. citizens in Peru, but we expect this to be the first of several flights. The Embassy has compiled a list of U.S. citizens who have stated they are in Cusco and want help with a flight out. The Embassy will work its way through that list.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:14:40 AM
To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thank you! That's more than enough info.

On Mar 22, 2020, at 10:13 AM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

We're working on options for those in Cusco. Sorry I don't have more at the moment. Thanks.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:50:21 AM
To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Bill, do you anticipate all flights leaving from Lima? Our constituents are in Cusco and say they can't get to Lima because all transport is shut off. I'm wondering if there is any plan for Cusco or if they just need to do something to get to Lima, as impossible as that seems right now. Thanks for any thoughts!

On Mar 21, 2020, at 3:56 PM, Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

Pushed out via STEP

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to LIMAACS@state.gov inbox if you are interested in such a flight. In the subject line of your e-mail, please write “Flight Registration: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME.”

In your email please provide the following:

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- Citizenship (only for Legal Permanent Residents of the U.S.)
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Email address
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The U.S. Embassy in Lima encourages U.S. citizens in Peru to adhere to local quarantine measures to prevent the spread of the virus and to continue to check with airlines for upcoming flights departing the country.

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:46:07 AM

To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Students in Peru

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Bill

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thanks very much, Bill! We have been keeping up with the website and have the information below. The news out of politico re State chartering flights isn't reflected on the site so our constituents are clamoring for more information (as you can imagine, they're desperate by this point)! That said, I empathize with your position and understand if there is simply nothing more to report at this time. (I was at the WH for the first two years of the Admin, on the receiving end of inquiries like this, and know that the media can get out in front of us and/or report incorrect info—all very unhelpful....) We'll continue to check the website and in the meantime if there is anything you can share, we would be MOST grateful! Good luck out there!

On Mar 20, 2020, at 6:39 PM,
Killion, William
<KillionW@state.gov> wrote:

Zina,

Flights are things the Department is considering and working on. In the meantime, citizens in Peru should make sure to stay in touch with the embassy:

For American citizen emergencies, please do not hesitate to contact us via email, limaacs@state.gov<<mailto:limaacs@state.gov>> or call 618-2000. And also register with STEP <https://step.state.gov/step/> so that alerts can be pushed direct to folks down there as the embassy sends them.

This is the latest alert from the embassy:

U.S. Embassy Lima continues to provide emergency American Citizen Services.

- **March 20 Update:** LATAM Airlines has also created an [online signup page](#) for travelers to express interest in flights.
- **March 19 Update:** Avianca Airlines notified the U.S. Embassy it has created an [online signup page here](#) for travelers to express interest in flights departing from Lima and Cusco to destinations including the United States. If you are interested in this offer, please respond immediately through the link.
- The U.S. Embassy encourages you to keep contacting your airline for reservation and flight updates. Major airlines with flights from Peru to the United States, available websites and customer service telephone numbers are below:
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U.S. Carriers

American Airlines

800-433-7300

800-633-3711

Delta Airlines

1-800-221-1212

United Airlines

1-800-864-8331

Non-U.S. Carriers

Latam

+51 (01) 213-8200

Avianca

+1-800-284-2622

The Government of Peru has closed all international travel in and out of Peru and restricted internal domestic travel within Peru. The U.S. Embassy in Lima understands the challenges that the rapidly evolving international response to the COVID-19 pandemic has caused U.S. citizens seeking to return to the United States. We are monitoring closely developments and will share additional information as it becomes available.

- The Government of Peru is encouraging U.S. Citizens to register using the following link: [iPeru through The Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism \(MINCETUR\)](#)
- We encourage all U.S. citizens in Peru to register with the U.S. State Department using the following link: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#)
- **Entry and Exit Requirements:**
- The Peruvian government declared a national [state of emergency](#) on March 15, 2020, at 8:00 PM Peru local time. Under the state of emergency, Peru enacted 15 days of mandatory quarantine, starting at 00:00 on March 16, 2020. At 23:59 PM on March 16, 2020, the Peruvian Government closed all international borders (land, air, and maritime) and suspended all interprovincial travel within Peru (land, air, and river). American Citizens who remain in Peru should arrange lodging for the duration of the quarantine period and plan to limit their movements. Limited quarantine exemptions include movement to obtain food and medical care. Travelers currently in country should consult [iPeru](#) for

the latest guidance for tourists. The Embassy will provide a daily update on this page as this situation develops

- As of March 17, Jorge Chávez International Airport in Lima is closed to the public. Please contact your airline carrier for updates on flight information.
- The Peruvian government issued a decree on March 14 suspending the docking of all cruise ships in Peruvian ports for 30 days.
- American Airlines announced via its [website](#) on March 14 that it will suspend service from Dallas/Fort Worth and Miami to Lima, Peru effective end of day March 16, after flying all legs scheduled through the end of that day. This suspension will last through May 6.
- On March 13 the Peruvian government issued a decree to suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia, beginning on March 16, for 30 days.
- On March 12 President Martín Vizcarra announced the suspension of classes at university and vocational educational institutions, following his March 11 announcement suspending primary and secondary school classes through March 30.

Quarantine Information:

- As of 05:00 on Thursday March 19, the Government of Peru fully implemented its movement restrictions as part of their national quarantine strategy:
- A mandatory daily curfew from 8:00 pm – 05:00 am.
- Inter-regional travel by road has been restricted unless authorized by the Government of Peru.
- Private vehicles are prohibited from driving around Lima.

- **Country-Specific Information:**
 - As of 1:00 PM Peru local time on Friday 20, 2020, the [Peruvian Ministry of Health \(MINSA\)](#) has 263 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Peru, with four reported deaths.

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or send an email
to infosalud@minsa.gob.pe. Responses may be in Spanish only.

- [Peruvian Ministry of Health banner on preventing COVID-19 transmission](#)

Other links:

- [COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov](#)
- [CDC page on COVID-19](#)
- [Travel.state.gov Country Information and Travel Advisory page](#)
- [What State Department Can and Can't Do in a Crisis](#)
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<Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:10 PM

To: Killion, William

<KillionW@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thanks a lot, William. Moving to bcc. Bill, I read the politico story a few hours ago saying that State is putting charter flights together to bring Americans home from Peru (and Morocco). General Paxton is in touch with Texans down there and hoping to get more information on the State flights mentioned in that article. Anything you might be able to share would be incredibly helpful—and reassuring. Thank you!

On Mar 20, 2020, at

5:18 PM, Crozer,

William F.

EOP/WHO

<William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Bill – can you connect with Zina Bash with the Texas AG’s team? They have questions about Americans in Peru.

From: Crozer, William F.
EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:43 PM

To: 'Martin, Chuck' <Chuck.Martin@house.ga.gov>; Gaines, Houston <Houston.Gaines@house.ga.gov>

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U.S. Embassy Lima continues to provide emergency American Citizen Services.

- **March 20 Update:** LATAM Airlines has also created an [online signup page](#) for travelers to express interest in flights.
- **March 19 Update:** Avianca Airlines notified the U.S. Embassy it has created an [online signup page here](#) for travelers to express interest in flights departing from Lima and Cusco to destinations including the United States. If you are interested in this offer, please respond immediately through the link.
- The U.S. Embassy encourages you to keep contacting your airline for reservation and flight updates. Major airlines with flights from Peru to the United States, available websites and customer service telephone numbers are below:

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U.S. Carriers

American Airlines

800-433-7300

800-633-3711

Delta Airlines

1-800-221-1212

Non-U.S. Carriers

Latam

+51 (01) 213-8200

Avianca

+1-800-284-2622

United Airlines

1-800-864-8331

The Government of Peru has closed all international travel in and out of Peru and restricted internal domestic travel within Peru. The U.S. Embassy in Lima understands the challenges that the rapidly evolving international response to the COVID-19 pandemic has caused U.S. citizens seeking to return to the United States. We are monitoring closely developments and will share additional information as it becomes available.

- The Government of Peru is encouraging U.S. Citizens to register using the following link: [iPeru through The Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism \(MINCETUR\)](#)
- We encourage all U.S. citizens in Peru to register with the U.S. State Department using the following link: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#)

Entry and Exit Requirements:

- The Peruvian government declared a national [state of emergency](#) on March 15, 2020, at 8:00 PM Peru local time. Under the state of emergency, Peru enacted 15 days

of mandatory quarantine, starting at 00:00 on March 16, 2020. At 23:59 PM on March 16, 2020, the Peruvian Government closed all international borders (land, air, and maritime) and suspended all interprovincial travel within Peru (land, air, and river). American Citizens who remain in Peru should arrange lodging for the duration of the quarantine period and plan to limit their movements. Limited quarantine exemptions include movement to obtain food and medical care. Travelers currently in country should consult [iPeru](#) for the latest guidance for tourists. The Embassy will provide a daily update on this page as this situation develops

- As of March 17, Jorge Chávez International Airport in Lima is closed to the public. Please contact your airline carrier for updates on flight information.
- The Peruvian government issued a decree on March 14 suspending the docking of all cruise ships in Peruvian ports for 30 days.
- American Airlines announced via its [website](#) on March 14 that it will suspend service from Dallas/Fort Worth and Miami to Lima, Peru effective end of day March 16, after flying all legs scheduled through the end of that day. This suspension will last through May 6.
- On March 13 the Peruvian government issued a decree to suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia, beginning on March 16, for 30 days.
- On March 12 President Martín Vizcarra announced the suspension of classes at university and vocational educational institutions, following his March 11 announcement suspending primary and secondary school classes through March 30.

Quarantine Information:

- As of 05:00 on Thursday March 19, the Government of Peru fully implemented its movement restrictions as part of their national quarantine strategy:
- A mandatory daily curfew from 8:00 pm – 05:00 am.
- Inter-regional travel by road has been restricted unless authorized by the Government of Peru.
- Private vehicles are prohibited from driving around Lima.
- As of March 16, Peruvian security services deployed to enforce the national quarantine throughout the country so there would be an increased visual presence including vehicle checkpoints, dismounted patrols, and static positions. The security services include members from the Peruvian National Police, and Peruvian military.
- [The Quarantine policy](#) severely restricts all movement but some exceptions include:
- Traveling to the supermarket or pharmacy
- Traveling to provide assistance to the elderly or small children
- Traveling to the hospital for emergencies

- Patients presenting symptoms of COVID-19 who may have been exposed are referred to onsite Ministry of Health officials for potential isolation and testing.

Country-Specific Information:

- As of 1:00 PM Peru local time on Friday 20, 2020, the [Peruvian Ministry of Health \(MINSA\)](#) has 263 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Peru, with four reported deaths.

Local Resources:

- Travelers currently in country should consult [iPeru](#) for the latest guidance for tourists. [iPeru](#) English website at <https://www.peru.travel/en/useful-data/iperu> for updates. iPeru has a WhatsApp number that will respond to questions in English: [\(+51\) 944 492 314](tel:+51944492314).
- MINSA encourages the public to use the emergency 113 phone number to report suspected cases directly to government authorities.
- If you have symptoms, dial the toll free number 113, send a WhatsApp to +51-952-842-623, or send an email to infosalud@minsa.gob.pe. Responses may be in Spanish only.
- [Peruvian Ministry of Health banner on preventing COVID-19 transmission](#)

Other links:

- [COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov](#)
- [CDC page on COVID-19](#)
- [Travel.state.gov Country Information and Travel Advisory page](#)
- [What State Department Can and Can't Do in a Crisis](#)
- [Peruvian Ministry of Health banner on preventing COVID-19 transmission](#)

From: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:10 PM

To: Killion, William <KillionW@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Students in Peru

Thanks a lot, William. Moving to bcc. Bill, I read the politico story a few hours ago saying that State is putting charter flights together to bring Americans home from Peru (and Morocco). General Paxton is in touch with Texans down there and hoping to get more information on the State flights mentioned in that article. Anything you might be able to share would be incredibly helpful—and reassuring. Thank you!

On Mar 20, 2020, at 5:18 PM, Crozer, William F.
EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
wrote:

Bill – can you connect with Zina Bash with the Texas AG’s team? They have questions about Americans in Peru.

From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:43 PM
To: 'Martin, Chuck' <Chuck.Martin@house.ga.gov>;
Gaines, Houston <Houston.Gaines@house.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: Students in Peru

FLIGHT INFORMATION FOR U.S. CITIZENS

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Delta Airlines

1-800-221-1212

Latam

+51 (01) 213-8200

United Airlines

1-800-864-8331

Please continue to check the [U.S. Embassy in Lima COVID-19 information page](#) for updates.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Barnes, Jeremy
Subject: Re: St. Mary's Law Alumni contact info

Y'all too

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 25, 2020, at 5:09 PM, Barnes, Jeremy <jbarnes8@stmarytx.edu> wrote:

Good deal. You guys stay safe and healthy!!

Jeremy Barnes

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From: Cary, Katherine [mailto:Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:28 PM

To: Barnes, Jeremy <jbarnes8@stmarytx.edu>

Subject: Re: St. Mary's Law Alumni contact info

Looks good- my email address below still works, but the new one is Katherine.cary@oag.texas.gov

Personal email is:

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 24, 2020, at 2:33 PM, Barnes, Jeremy <jbarnes8@stmarytx.edu> wrote:

Katherine,

Good afternoon, I hope your day is going well. As the Coronavirus has seemingly prevented many of us from a normal workday, I figured this might be a good time to attempt to update our contact info for you. Below is what we have on hand, see anything that needs corrected? Also, do you want us to contact you differently than listed below?

Prefix, First, Last: **Katherine Cary**

Primary Business Organization: **Office of the Attorney General**

Preferred Address Line 1: **200 W 14th St**

Preferred Address Line 2:

Preferred City: **Austin**

Preferred State: **Texas**

Cell Phone:

Work Phone 1: **(512) 936-1395**

Work Phone 2:

Home Phone:

Email 1:

Preferred Business Email Address: katherine.cary@oag.state.tx.us

Preferred Personal Email Address:

Personal Email Address 2:

Business Email Address:

If you can, please let me know what needs to be changed or added. That would be extremely helpful!

Sincerely,

Jeremy Barnes

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Bunker-Henderson, Nichole
Subject: Re: Teledentistry for Texans Urgently Needed

Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:13 PM, Bunker-Henderson, Nichole <Nichole.Bunker-Henderson@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Of course!

Nichole Bunker-Henderson
Associate Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation
Office of the Texas Attorney General
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(512) 660-8064 (cell)

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:12 PM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Can you forward to your contact at the Dental Board?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Toni Engram < >
Date: April 2, 2020 at 6:11:41 PM CDT
To: "Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov" <Wbush@tsbde.texas.gov>,
"Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov" <Cnichols@tsbde.texas.gov>,
"Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov" <Luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov>,
"Heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov" <Heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov>,
"Jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov" <Jessica.olson@ltgov.texas.gov>,
"Darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov" <Darrell.davila@ltgov.texas.gov>,
"Cary, Katherine" <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>,
"Stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov" <Stacey.chamberlin@senate.texas.gov>,
"Ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov" <Ginny.bell@senate.texas.gov>,
"Robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov" <Robert.papierz@senate.texas.gov>,
"Matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov" <Matthew.dowling@senate.texas.gov>,
"Chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov" <Chris.steinbach@senate.texas.gov>,
"Drew.graham@senate.texas.gov" <Drew.graham@senate.texas.gov>,
"Cody.terry@senate.texas.gov" <Cody.terry@senate.texas.gov>

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"Carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov" <Carrie.smith@senate.texas.gov>,
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"Louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov" <Louie.sanchez@senate.texas.gov>,
"Dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov" <Dave.nelson@senate.texas.gov>,
"Gavin.massingill@speaker.texas.gov"
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<Jonathan.mathers@house.texas.gov>,
"Stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov" <Stephanie.klick@house.texas.gov>,
"Bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov" <Bryan.schufelt@house.texas.gov>
Subject: Teledentistry for Texans Urgently Needed

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I was shocked and disappointed to see the TSBDE letter to dentists this week, informing us that "Texas currently does not have any rules that would permit teledentistry," and that "dentists in Texas are not authorized to practice teledentistry." When many other states, the ADA, and the federal government, are all relaxing rules around telehealth to make sure that patients get care in the safest way possible, the TSBDE is actually making it harder for patients to receive care. In the state that I love so dearly, that so embraces small government principles, this rule handcuffs the thousands of Texas dentists who want to do our part to help our patients, and help our state come through this pandemic.

Dentists in private practice talk to patients on the telephone, usually for no charge, all the time. This has been done for decades, because it often saves the patient and the dentist an unnecessary trip to the office, and it's simply the right thing to do. This is, in fact, teledentistry. Is the TSBDE suggesting that we may no longer call our patients on the phone? How much more effective can we be then, if we can also see our patient, and even see a photo of their affected area? Immensely. We can more effectively triage patients, help them manage non-urgent issues at home, and arrange to see only true emergencies, and refer to the emergency room only when absolutely necessary.

Is a virtual exam as effective as a tactile exam? No. Can a physician diagnose strep throat virtually as effectively as she can in person? No. But are both of these scenarios beneficial for both

the patient and the doctor, especially given current situation? Without question!

I know it is not the TSBDE's intention to ensure more Texans go to the emergency room for odontogenic infections. But that is the result of these 20th century guidelines, written for a pre-COVID19 world. My colleagues and I implore you, please untie our hands, allow us to practice 21st century dentistry, in this post-COVID19 world. Allow us to care for our patients and fellow Texans.

Sincerely,

Dr. Toni Engram
TX License # 23952
Lifelong Texan

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Fisher, Ryan
Subject: Re: Today's Hearing

Thank you for sending this!!

On Apr 15, 2020, at 9:52 AM, Fisher, Ryan <Ryan.Fisher@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

FYI

From: Fisher, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Robledo, Lorena <Lorena.Robledo@oag.texas.gov>; Paylor, Brittney <Brittney.Paylor@oag.texas.gov>; Tran, Colleen <Colleen.Tran@oag.texas.gov>; Bowman, Adriane <Adriane.Bowman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Today's Hearing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZzuGf5QBYo>

Here' the link to the YOutube Live for Mail-in ballot virtual hearing. If you need something to do....

Ryan Fisher
Director
Intergovernmental Relations Division
Office of the Attorney General
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Austin, TX 78701
(512) 936-1440

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Foley, Melissa
Subject: Re: Update on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Perfect thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 11:56 AM, Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

The BJA funds aren't available or posted yet, but we are keeping a close eye on it and will let you all know when it becomes available and if it is something we qualify to apply for.

Thanks again,
Melissa

Melissa G. Foley
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From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Thanks! I know he is behind on processing cyber tips so perhaps this is an area but not sure

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On Mar 30, 2020, at 11:46 AM, Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Yes, we are researching them now and will let Maxwell and his group know if it is something that they could tap in to.

Thanks!
Melissa

Melissa G. Foley
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From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

You bet- perhaps we want to look into what those opportunities are - not sure

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2020, at 11:35 AM, Foley, Melissa
<Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you Missy

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From: Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Foley, Melissa <Melissa.Foley@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Update on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

See portion about JAG grants

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 8:55:18 AM CDT
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Subject: Update on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

*This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief
Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:*

On Friday, the President signed HR 748 into law. This is the largest stimulus package in American history with over \$2 trillion being distributed to federal agencies, private industry, state and local governments, and directly to many American adults. As the bill is 335 pages long, NAAG is providing some high points that may be helpful to the attorney general community and are relevant to previous NAAG policy letters. This is in NOT a comprehensive overview of the bill and is only meant to highlight a few select portions that attorneys general and their staff may find relevant. Full text of HR 748 is attached along with a breakdown of the \$2 trillion from the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

- How much will my state get in total?
 - o \$150 billion is being divided between the states, territories, tribes, and District of Columbia with each state receiving at least \$1.25 billion with the actual amount being largely based on the state's population. See the attached from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for a breakdown of how much each state will receive in millions. Also attached is a breakdown in billions from the Tax Foundation that also includes the territories and the tribes.
- Is there additional money available for state or local law enforcement?
 - o Yes, \$850 million is included for state and local law enforcement and will be available through the [Byrne JAG program](#). These grants are managed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) at USDOJ.
- What impact will HR 748 have on the courts?
 - o The bill includes \$500,000 for the US Supreme Court and \$6 million for the Courts of Appeals and District Courts to assist with continued operations during the pandemic. The bill also authorizes federal courts to conduct certain criminal hearings through video or telephone conferencing.
- Does the bill offer any support to upcoming elections?
 - o Yes, the bill includes \$400 million in Election Security Grants. States are required to provide a report to the

Election Assistance Commission accounting how the grant was used within 20 days of an election in the 2020 federal election cycle within the state.

- How do the direct payments to residents work?
 - o All U.S. residents with adjusted gross income below \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples) will receive \$1,200 (\$2,400 for married couples) with potentially an additional \$500 per dependent. The New York Times has developed a comprehensive frequently asked question page [HERE](#) that addresses questions around the direct payments as well as explanations of how the bill impacts other direct benefits for individuals such as student loans, charitable contributions, unemployment, and retirement accounts.
 - o Role of the Attorney General: Several attorneys general have already issued warnings to consumers about possible scams related to individuals trying to steal personal and financial information under the guise of needing the information to issue stimulus checks. It is likely these will occur in other jurisdictions as well.
- What's next?
 - o Though a timeline is unclear, it is likely that there will be a fourth stimulus package and additional legislation related to COVID-19 prior to the conclusion of the pandemic. The Senate has adjourned until April 20th, though Sen. McConnell acknowledged that they may reconvene sooner if needed. The House has not yet announced when it will reconvene.
- How does the bill address NAAG policy priorities?
 - o **LSC Funding:** In [2019](#) and [2018](#), NAAG sent letters to Congress in support of robust funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). This bill provides an additional \$50 million to the LSC for continued operations during the pandemic.
 - o **42 CFR Part 2:** In [2019](#), NAAG sent a letter to Congress with three requests

regarding federal barriers to treating opioid use disorder. This included replacing privacy rules in 42 CFR Part 2 to be more aligned with privacy rules in HIPPA. This bill fulfilled NAAG's request and has aligned 42 CFR Part 2 regulations with HIPPA so substance use disorder records may now be utilized by the medical community in the same manner as all other medical records. Rep. Mullin of Oklahoma and Rep. Blumenauer of Oregon, both sponsors of the OPPS Act, led this effort in the House. Sens. Manchin and Capito of West Virginia, sponsors of the Protecting Jessica Grubb's Legacy Act, led this effort in the Senate.

- o **District of Columbia Relief Funds:** Following [Thursday's letter](#) supporting the District of Columbia receiving a higher allocation of funds, NAAG engaged with several leadership offices in both chambers and the White House. Though the additional funding was not included, House leadership offices informed NAAG that they were aware of the concern and were supportive of the District of Columbia receiving a higher amount. NAAG will reengage on this specific issue when the expected fourth stimulus bill is introduced.
- o **Cannabis:** In [May 2019](#), NAAG sent a letter to Congress supporting the SAFE Banking Act, which would allow cannabis commerce to utilize banking systems legally to accommodate industry in states that have legalized certain uses of marijuana. The Hemp industry circulated a petition to include this in the stimulus, which was unsuccessful. These banking changes were NOT included and the bill explicitly excluded cannabis businesses from participating in the bill's Paycheck Protection Program that is designed to aid small businesses. Cannabis businesses also remain ineligible for disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration.

NAAG regularly engages with Congress following NAAG letters signed by 36 or more attorneys general. If you would like NAAG to connect you with a member of your Congressional delegation's staff, we are glad to assist.

Ryan Greenstein

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein
Cc: Bill Stiles; Hacker, David; Bangert, Ryan
Subject: Re: UPDATE: 2pm Reply Requested: Support Request from DC AG Karl Racine

Please let other states know. I've even told states joined because they were told we had joined. That was false. Please correct.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 26, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Jeff,

Thank you for letting me know. It will be corrected.

Ryan

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From: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Cc: Bill Stiles <StilesB@ag.louisiana.gov>; Hacker, David <David.Hacker@oag.texas.gov>; Bangert, Ryan <Ryan.Bangert@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: UPDATE: 2pm Reply Requested: Support Request from DC AG Karl Racine

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Texas has NOT joined this letter. Please revise immediately.

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On Mar 26, 2020, at 2:58 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants:

The attached letter has reached NAAG policy with 36 signatures. Due to time constraints, it will be sent at 4:15pm. If you'd still like to join, email Ryan Greenstein at rgreenstein@naag.org

Jurisdiction	
Alabama	
Alaska	X
American Samoa	
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	X
Colorado	X
Connecticut	X
Delaware	X
District Of Columbia	X
Florida	X
Georgia	
Guam	
Hawaii	X
Idaho	X
Illinois	X
Indiana	x
Iowa	X
Kansas	
Kentucky	
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Missouri	
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Pennsylvania	X
Puerto Rico	
Rhode Island	x
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	X
Texas	X
Utah	
Vermont	x
Virgin Islands	
Virginia	x
Washington	X
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	X
Wyoming	
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From: Ryan Greenstein
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Cc: Swaruup, Vikram (OAG) <Vikram.Swaruup@dc.gov>; Wilkins, Elizabeth (OAG) <elizabeth.wilkins@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: UPDATE: 2pm Reply Requested: Support Request from DC AG Karl Racine

This is being sent to all Attorneys General, Chief Deputies/Chiefs of Staff, and Executive Assistants on behalf of District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine:

Attached is the latest version of the District of Columbia letter with the 23 states that have joined so far. If your office would still like to join, **please contact my Chief of Staff Elizabeth Wilkins at elizabeth.wilkins@dc.gov or (202) 316-2033 and Senior Counsel Vikram Swaruup vikram.swaruup@dc.gov or (202) 355-4257 to join the letter by 2pm EST today.**

Signatory List of 1:30pm EST

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California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Illinois
Iowa
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
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AG Racine is pleased to update you that Montana AG Tim Fox and Alaska AG Kevin Clarkson have joined this now bipartisan letter, as have DE, VA, MN, MA, NY, NC, ME and OR. Vermont also just joined. We appreciate that this is a short timeline; please consider joining us. A redline with a few changes, as well as a clean version, is attached.

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I sincerely appreciate all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and I am praying for all of you, your families, and the residents of your states in the midst of this crisis.

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From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Ryan Greenstein
Subject: RE: UPDATE: 2pm Reply Requested: Support Request from DC AG Karl Racine

Thank you. Appreciate the response.

From: Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Mateer, Jeff <Jeff.Mateer@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Bill Stiles <stilesb@ag.louisiana.gov>; Hacker, David <David.Hacker@oag.texas.gov>; Bangert, Ryan <Ryan.Bangert@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: UPDATE: 2pm Reply Requested: Support Request from DC AG Karl Racine

Jeff,

Yes, absolutely. Due to the forms not being used with the quick turnaround, we only accepted emails from Chief Deputies or AGs sent to me or sent directly to the DC contacts and then forwarded to me by for our records. When DC passed along the incorrect updated list with Texas on it, I missed that there was not an accompanying email from you, Ryan, David, or Kyle that I had assumed had been sent to DC without me cc'd. NAAG would never allow a signature added if we thought permission came from anyone other than the AG and their leadership team.

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So it is absolutely clear CWAG is not authorized to grant permission for us to join a letter or brief. In my office, the only authorized persons are me, Ryan Bangert, David Hacker or Kyle Hawkins.

Is that clear? I am not happy about this.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 26, 2020, at 3:35 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Jeff,

The updated email has been sent. To get the correction out quickly, the letter is still attached but the signatures will be removed before any other action occurs.

DC staff let me know via phone that they thought the message they of Texas' support came to their office from CWAG. They are confirming for me now and I will forward you whatever I receive.

Ryan

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Who said we joined?

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On Mar 26, 2020, at 3:20 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Will do, thanks.

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Please let other states know. I've even told states joined because they were told we had joined. That was false. Please correct.

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On Mar 26, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Ryan Greenstein <rgreenstein@naag.org> wrote:

Jeff,

Thank you for letting me know. It will be corrected.

Ryan

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Texas has NOT joined this letter. Please revise immediately.

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The attached letter has reached NAAG policy with 36 signatures. Due to time constraints, it will be sent at 4:15pm. If you'd still like to join, email Ryan Greenstein at rgreenstein@naag.org

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Arkansas	
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Connecticut	X

Delaware	X
District Of Columbia	X
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Guam	
Hawaii	X
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Signatory List of 1:30pm EST

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From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Penley, Mark
Subject: Re: US Attorney COVID19 Coordinators

Thanks- Keep these handy too

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 31, 2020, at 3:39 PM, Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

The Covid 19 coordinator for the Northern District is Fabio Leonardo. The main number is 214/659-8600. I will try to get his email address.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2020, at 3:34 PM, Cary, Katherine <Katherine.Cary@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Perfect- thanks

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On Mar 31, 2020, at 3:33 PM, Penley, Mark
<Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy:

The contact for the Eastern District of Texas is:

AUSA Frank Coan
U.S. Attorney's Office
110 N. College St.
Tyler, TX 75202
903/590-1400 or 903/590-1404
Email: FCoan@usa.doj.gov

Thanks, Mark

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>; Penley, Mark
<Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: US Attorney COVID19 Coordinators

Mark- They say that they will send us the list, but I think if you can it would be nice to reach out. If you want to wait for the list then I understand, but if not ok to reach out.

Zina- thank you!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 31, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Bash, Zina
<Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

The coordinator for John's office is Mike Galdo and he's been in touch with Jenny from consumer. He also said that he's been given contact info for Shane Attaway in your division, Mark, and plans to be in touch (if he hasn't already).

On Mar 31, 2020, at 10:52 AM, Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Missy: I don't know anything. Do you want me to reach out to the my contacts and find out who the Covid 19 coordinator is for the USAO in Dallas. I can also find out about the Southern and Eastern Districts.

Thanks, Mark

From: Cary, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Bash, Zina
<Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>; Penley, Mark <Mark.Penley@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: US Attorney COVID19 Coordinators

What do y'all know about this?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Toth
<ctoath@naag.org>
Date: March 31, 2020
at 8:32:15 AM CDT
To: Chris Toth
<ctoath@naag.org>
Cc: Albert Lama
<alama@naag.org>, Andy Wright
<awright@naag.org>, Ryan Greenstein
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>
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COVID19 Coordinators

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Generals,

Last week, NAAG was informed by USDOJ that each US Attorney had been directed to appoint a prosecutor in their office as the office's designated COVID19 coordinator. NAAG requested a complete list of coordinators to share with your offices. As of yesterday afternoon, USDOJ is still compiling the complete list. In the meantime, USDOJ recommended each attorney general office connect with their regular contact in their jurisdictions' US Attorney Offices so your staff can connect with their local designated coordinator.

NAAG will share the full list once received from USDOJ via email and via the AGO-only portal. If you have not already, click [HERE](#) to request access to the NAAG Member Resource page. Please share this link with anyone in your office who you would like to receive access.

Additionally, USDOJ transitioned to a new Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison yesterday. The new liaison is Danielle Douglas and can be reached out Danielle.E.Douglas@usdoj.gov

V/r,
Chris

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Daily Check-In Report - 4/15/2020

Nothing new!

On Apr 15, 2020, at 7:43 AM, Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Please respond if you will be out sick or have been exposed to the covid-19 infection. If you have nothing to report, please still respond 'nothing new to report. This has to be reported daily to HR by 11 AM. Thanks so much.

Grace A. Moody

*Executive Assistant to Katherine Cary, Chief of Staff
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From: Mateer, Jeff
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:12 PM
To: All OAG Chiefs
Cc: All OAG Deputies
Subject: Update on Telecommuting

Chiefs:

Good afternoon. I hope everyone is having a restful weekend and the opportunity to spend meaningful time with your family and friends.

Please pardon the interruption but I wanted to provide you all with a brief update on telecommuting.

We continue to make every effort and take all necessary precautions to prevent the impact of COVID-19 on our OAG family. On Friday, I asked each of you to take certain actions with regard to telecommuting to ensure the continuity of OAG operations, including requiring eligible employees to telecommute at least one day during this coming week. I want to clarify that this does not restrict telecommuting to only one day per week, and to protect the health and safety of everyone, I encourage you to be generous in allowing more frequent telecommuting in the coming weeks.

For employees who believe they are at a higher risk of developing severe illness due to COVID-19, they should be allowed to telecommute full-time until March 31, 2020 (this date is subject to change). A verbal representation from the employee that he/she is high-risk is sufficient; no documentation or other proof is necessary. For reference, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, high-risk individuals include people 65 years or older, and/or people with medical issues, like heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, or a weakened immune system (www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/).

If you have high-risk employees who don't work in positions suitable for telecommuting, please notify Human Resources for guidance.

Thank you all for your efforts. Please don't hesitate to contact me or your Deputy if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Jeff

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March 16, 2020 - March 22, 2020

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Monday, March 16

9:00am - 10:00am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
/ Pin:) (PDB 8th Floor Conference Room (Dial-in:
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4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

10:00am - 11:00am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
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 Hornsey, Brittany

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Wednesday, March 18

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Thursday, March 19

4:00pm - 5:00pm Coronavirus call
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Friday, March 20

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

March 23, 2020 - March 29, 2020

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Monday, March 23

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Tuesday, March 24

11:15am - 12:15pm OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
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Hornsey, Brittany

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Wednesday, March 25

Thursday, March 26

4:00pm - 5:00pm Coronavirus call
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Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Sunday, March 29

March 30, 2020 - April 5, 2020

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Monday, March 30

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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11:15am - 11:45am OAG Coronavirus Meeting (Dial-in:
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Hornsey, Brittany

4:00pm - 5:00pm DSHS Daily COVID-19 Statewide Conference Call
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Wednesday, April 1

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Thursday, April 2

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Friday, April 3

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Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5

April 6, 2020 - April 12, 2020

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Thursday, April 9

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Friday, April 10

AGENCY CLOSED: Good Friday 2020

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Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

Easter Day

April 13, 2020 - April 19, 2020

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Monday, April 13

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Tuesday, April 14

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Wednesday, April 15

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Thursday, April 16

11:30am - 12:30pm Pfizer Call Regarding Coronavirus
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Friday, April 17

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Saturday, April 18

Sunday, April 19

April 20, 2020 - April 26, 2020

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Monday, April 20

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Tuesday, April 21

SKELETON CREW: San Jacinto Day 2020

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Wednesday, April 22

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Thursday, April 23

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Sunday, April 26

April 27, 2020 - May 3, 2020

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Tuesday, April 28

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Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, April 30

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