

## **Summary of Significant State Action Related to COVID-19**

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For more detailed information on other actions made by Governor Douglas A. Ducey in response to COVID-19, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>.

### **Arizona Partnering with Trump Administration to Extend Unemployment Benefits**

- On August 14, 2020, the Governor's Office announced that Arizona is partnering with the Trump Administration to extend a weekly sum of \$540 in unemployment benefits to nearly 400,000 Arizonans. \$300 of the total weekly sum is provided by the federal government through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding pursuant to executive action taken by the President on August 8, 2020. Arizona has applied for the federal funding, and the Governor's Office expects approval quickly.
- Payments will be made retroactively for each week after July 26, 2020.

### **Arizona Department of Health Services Phased Reopening Plan for Paused Industries**

- On August 10, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) released a phased reopening plan for businesses that are required to pause operations in compliance with Executive Order 2020-43 (see below for a summary). The phased reopening will be based on counties meeting several public-health benchmarks, as outlined in the following tables that are from the Arizona

Governor's website  
(<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/08/arizona-department-health-services-phased-reopening-plan-paused-industries>):

### **Benchmarks**

“All three of the following benchmarks must be met for 14 days, with a 12-day reporting lag period to move from a higher transmission phase to a lower one.”

<b>BENCHMARKS</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Substantial</b>
CASES	<10 cases/100,000	10-100 cases/100,000	>100 cases/100,000
PERCENT POSITIVITY	<5%	5-10%	≥10%
COVID LIKE ILLNESS	<5%	5-10%	>10%

### **Phased Reopening**

BENCHMARKS	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Gyms	50% occupancy, must continue to implement ADHS mitigation requirements until < 3% positivity	25% occupancy, must implement ADHS mitigation requirements	Closed
Movie Theaters, Water Parks and Tubing	50% occupancy, must continue to implement ADHS mitigation requirements until < 3% positivity.	50% occupancy, must implement ADHS mitigation requirements	Closed
Bars and nightclubs that have a food establishment permit	50% occupancy, only if converted to restaurant service per ADHS mitigation requirements until < 3% positivity.  Once < 3% positivity, 50% occupancy operating as a bar with ADHS mitigation requirements.	50% occupancy, only if converted to restaurant service per ADHS mitigation requirements.  Encourage outdoor dining	Closed
Bars and nightclubs without a food establishment permit	Closed until 3% positivity. Once 3% positivity, operate at 50% occupancy with ADHS mitigation requirements.	Closed	Closed

- For a dashboard indicating whether counties meet these benchmarks, please visit <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-community>.
- Upon reopening, a business must implement DHS-prescribed safety protocols and guidelines and must submit an attestation form stating they are in compliance. The attestation form must be posted in a visible location at the business.
- For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/08/arizona->

[department-health-services-phased-reopening-plan-paused-industries](#).

## **COVID-19 School Benchmarks by Arizona County**

- On August 6, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-51 (see below for a summary), the Arizona Department of Health Services recommended public health benchmarks for counties to meet before schools provide hybrid (virtual and in-person) learning. On a county-by-county basis, the recommended benchmarks require all of the following:
  - A two-week decline in the number of COVID-19 cases or two weeks of cases below 100 per 100,000 population;
  - For initial opening, two weeks of percent positivity less than seven percent within the county; and
  - Two weeks with COVID-like illness hospital visits below ten percent.
- For more information, please visit <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>.

## **Executive Order 2020-52: Continuation of Executive Order 2020-43 – Slowing the Spread of COVID-19**

- Extends the provisions of Executive Order 2020-43 (see below for a summary), including those pausing certain business operations. The provisions will be reviewed for repeal or revision every two weeks.
- This Executive Order was signed by the Governor on July 23, 2020.

## **Executive Order 2020-51: Arizona: Open for Learning**

- Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services to develop public health benchmarks for returning to in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction.
- Requires schools to begin teacher-led distance learning instruction on the first day of school.
- Requires schools to begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the day as required by Executive Order 2020-41 (see below for a summary).
- Establishes school operation notification requirements.
- Requires schools to develop and implement a policy requiring face coverings for all staff and students over age five.
- This Executive Order was signed by the Governor on July 23, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/07/governor-ducey-announces-additional-dollars-flexibility-and-clarity-arizona>.

### **Executive Order 2020-49: Continued Postponement of Eviction Enforcement Actions**

- Extends moratorium on residential evictions until October 31, 2020. The Executive Order takes effect on July 23, 2020. For more details, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>.

### **Executive Order 2020-48: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory – Slowing the Spread of COVID-19**

- Supersedes the reporting requirements established in Executive Orders 2020-13, 2020-22(4), 2020-23 and 2020-30(10) and 2020-37 (for a summary of these orders, please see below).

- Requires all hospitals, except for Special Hospitals providing psychiatric services, to report the following:
  - A list of all COVID-19 confirmed and suspected patients.
  - Whether the hospital is operating in conventional, contingency or crisis care.
  - The number of non-essential surgeries performed each day.
- Imposes certain requirements on all hospitals, Nursing Care Institutions, Specialty Hospitals providing Long Term Acute Care, Hospice Inpatient Facilities, Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities, Assisted Living Centers, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IIDs), Medical Group Homes for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Home Health Agencies and Recovery Care Centers and requires them to report certain COVID-19-related information on certain schedules. For a detailed list of these requirements, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>.
- Requires hospitals, except for Special Hospitals providing psychiatric services, to update their plans to increase intensive care and medical surgical bed capacity by 50% by July 17, 2020.
- Requires hospitals to develop and implement plans for enough staff for every licensed and proposed surge intensive care unit and medical surgical bed by July 17, 2020.
- Requires all insurers to cover COVID-19 transfer and treatment to and from all hospitals and other healthcare institutions. Also requires insurers to approve COVID-19 discharges to post-acute healthcare institutions or alternate care sites.
- Requires pediatric services to accept admissions of patients up to 26 years of age.

- This Executive Order was signed on July 9, 2020 and will terminate after 60 days, unless renewed.

## **Executive Order 2020-47: Reducing the Risk, Slowing the Spread – Limiting Indoor Dining**

- Requires all restaurants with indoor seating statewide to operate at less than 50% of the permitted fire code occupant load, excluding restaurant staff from the total count.
- Requires restaurants to ensure at least six feet of separation indoors between parties or groups at different tables, booths or bar tops, unless they are separated by glass or plexiglass. Outdoor dining areas similarly must have at least six feet of separation between tables, benches or other areas where patrons sit or wait to be seated.
- Requires restaurants to eliminate any indoor standing room where patrons can congregate and encourages restaurants to use reservation systems.
- Requires buffets, cafeteria-style and self-serve food bars to close.
- Defines “restaurant” as “an establishment regularly open for the serving of food to guests for compensation and that has kitchen facilities connected with the restaurant for keeping, cooking and preparing foods required for ordinary food service.”
- In addition to criminal penalties, authorizes county health inspectors, law enforcement and state agencies to abate violations of this Executive Order or any other guidance issued by the Department of Health Services related to limiting the spread of COVID-19.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on July 9, 2020 and takes effect at 10:00 PM on July 11, 2020.

## **Launching Staff Initiative**

- On July 9, 2020, Governor Ducey's Office announced that the state will offer to help staff up to 20% of beds and nursing resources for hospitals participating in Arizona's Surge Line. As part of these efforts, Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-48: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory – Slowing the Spread of COVID-19 (for a summary, please see above).

## **New COVID-19 Testing Partnerships**

- On July 9, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) announced new partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to offer up to 5,000 free COVID-19 tests each day at certain Phoenix-based locations.
- DHS is also partnering with Arizona State University to provide saliva-based COVID-19 testing and is partnering with Sonora Quest Laboratories and Euroimmun/PerkinElmer to expand the ability to process COVID-19 tests.

## **Guidance from the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control Regarding Executive Order 2020-43**

- On June 30, 2020, the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) issued guidance regarding Executive Order 2020-43: Pausing of Arizona's Reopening – Slowing the Spread of COVID-19 (see below for a summary). The guidance is as follows:
  - The temporary pause of operations only applies to bar (series 6) and beer and wine bar (series 7) licenses.
  - Holders of other liquor licenses in addition to a series 6 or series 7 license (or "stacked" licenses) may continue operations under the other license, but only if the primary purpose is not the sale of alcohol. Note that series 6

license cannot stack with a series 12 license. For a list of allowable stacking, please visit [https://azliquor.gov/forms/lic\\_stacked\\_permitted.pdf](https://azliquor.gov/forms/lic_stacked_permitted.pdf).

- Holders of series 6 and series 7 licenses whose primary purposes is the sale of alcohol must pause operations, but they may offer food and beverages through to-go, carry-out and delivery options as outlined in Executive Order 2020-09 and the DLLC's accompanying guidance (see below for summaries).
- Each business must make its own determination as to whether its primary purpose is the sale of alcohol, taking the following into account:
  - Certain businesses' primary purposes is clearly not the sale of alcohol, such as golf courses, resorts, salons and barbershops.
  - The DLLC will consider the nature of the business' operations prior to Executive Order 2020-40 (see below for a summary) or June 29, 2020.
  - License holders should consider how their historical operation compares to existing regulations.
  - Providing dine-in services in connection with selling alcohol is not enough by itself. Providing services other than selling alcohol must be a substantial and consistent focus of the business.
- The DLLC will immediately and summarily suspend noncompliant licenses to protect public health and safety and may pursue additional remedies as provided by law.
- All holders of any liquor license must comply with Executive Order 2020-40 (see below for a summary), which requires compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Department

of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Holders in violation of Executive Order 2020-40 are subject to civil and criminal penalties.

### **Executive Order 2020-44: Protecting Public Health for Students and Teachers**

- Requires all schools to delay the start of in-person classes until August 17, 2020, but allows schools to begin the school year on their regularly planned start date through distance learning, subject to certain requirements.
- Allows a school district or charter school to delay benchmark testing.
- Requires schools that have implemented child care programs to continue offering those programs until the start of in-person classes.
- Delays any conflicting provisions in Executive Order 2020-41 (please see below for a summary).
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on June 29, 2020 and will expire upon the start of in-person classes.

### **Executive Order 2020-43: Pausing of Arizona's Reopening – Slowing the Spread of COVID-19**

- Prohibits organized events of more than 50 people, unless the event is approved by a city, town or county and the event implements adequate safety precautions. Allows for a city, town or county in unincorporated areas to deny a request for an organized event due to public health concerns related to COVID-19 or to approve the event subject to certain conditions or restrictions.
- This Executive Order does not inhibit engagement in constitutionally protected activities, such as speech and religion,

or in any legal or court process so long as it is conducted in a way that provides appropriate physical distancing to the extent feasible.

- Requires the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to cease issuing Special Event licenses and Fair/Festival licenses from June 29, 2020 until July 27, 2020.
- Effective at 8:00 PM on June 29, 2020, the following must pause operations until July 27, 2020:
  - Bars, meaning any entity holding a series 6 or series 7 liquor license. Bars may continue serving through pick up, delivery and drive through operations as provided for in Executive Order 2020-09 (for a summary, please see below).
  - Indoor gyms and fitness clubs or centers.
  - Indoor movie theaters.
  - Water parks and tubing operators.
- Pools may continue to operate as follows:
  - Pools operated as part of a public accommodation, such as hotel pools, must prohibit groups larger than ten people from congregating together in or near the pool.
  - Privately owned pools located in public areas, such as apartment complex pools, may remain open provided that signage is included at all entrances to the pool reminding people to maintain physical distance and that groups larger than ten should not congregate.
- Requires entities to attest that the entity is in compliance with guidance issued by the Department of Health Services related to COVID-19 business operations prior to reopening. Allows for

local jurisdictions to take immediate action against an entity operating without submitting the attestation.

- Allows law enforcement and any regulatory agency to take immediate enforcement action against any business that fails to follow this Executive Order or any guidance issued by the Department of Health Services related to COVID-19.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on June 29, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

**“Mask Up. Safer At Home. Be Responsible.”**

- At a press conference on June 25, 2020, Governor Ducey urged Arizonans to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:
  - Limit time away from home.
  - Practice physical distancing.
  - Wear a face mask.
  - Follow the Department of Health Services guidance.

**Executive Order 2020-42: Renewal of Executive Order 2020-27 – The “Good Samaritan” Order**

- Extends Executive Order 2020-27: The “Good Samaritan” Order – Protecting Frontline Healthcare Workers Responding to the COVID-19 Outbreak (for a summary, please see below) until December 31, 2020.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on June 25, 2020.

## **Executive Order 2020-41: 2020-2021 School Year: Prioritizing Kids and Schools During COVID-19**

- Allows school districts and charter schools to provide distance learning to students in order to limit class sizes and provide options to parents who feel it is best for their child to not attend school in person. Establishes distance learning requirements.
- Streamlines the purchasing process for schools to obtain COVID-19 related items, such as personal protective equipment.
- Allows for Career and Technical Education Districts to participate in distance learning options, subject to the requirements outlined in this Executive Order.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on June 24, 2020 and will remain in effect for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/06/governor-ducey-superintendent-hoffman-announce-azcares-flexibility-and-funding>.

### **AZCares: Flexibility and Funding for Schools and Families**

- On June 24, 2020, Govern Ducey announced a \$270 million plan to assist public schools in safely opening for the 2020-2021 school year. The plan includes:
  - \$200 million in increased funding for remote learning and to assist schools with budget shortfalls resulting from declining enrollment.
  - \$40 million devoted to expanding broadband in rural communities.
  - \$20 million to support high-need schools.
  - \$6 million to assist with teacher shortages.

- \$1 million in microgrants to support innovative programs.
- \$1 million for vehicles for the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind.
- \$700,000 for leadership development through Beat the Odds Leadership Academy.
- \$500,000 for tutoring through Teach for America.
- For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/06/governor-ducey-superintendent-hoffman-announce-azcares-flexibility-and-funding>.

## **Expanded COVID-19 Testing**

- On June 24, 2020, Govern Ducey announced several efforts to expand COVID-19 testing in Arizona, including:
  - Securing an additional Roche testing machine for Sonora Quest Laboratories.
  - Providing additional funding, as needed, to laboratories for testing services.
  - Providing 10,000 specimen collection kits to Sonora Quest Laboratories to assist with increased demand.
- For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/06/arizona-working-health-care-and-federal-partners-expand-covid-19-testing>.

## **Arizona COVID-19 Requirements**

- For COVID-19-related requirements that apply to the following, please visit <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>:

- Businesses.
- Restaurants & Bars.

## **Executive Order 2020-40: Containing the Spread of COVID-19 – Continuing Arizona Mitigation Efforts**

- Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services to implement a consistent, statewide system for case investigation and contact tracing. The Arizona National Guard may assist in contract tracing activities.
- Requires businesses to update and enforce written policies in accordance with Executive Order 2020-36 (for a summary, please see below) and authorizes law enforcement and regulatory agencies to bring enforcement actions against businesses for non-compliance.
- Requires law enforcement and regulatory agencies to first educate and promote best practices, and requires them to give notice and an opportunity to comply before initiating any enforcement action for a violation of this Executive Order.
- Allows a county, city or town to adopt policies regarding the wearing of face masks based on local conditions. Requires enforcement of such policies to first focus on educating and promoting best practices and requires that notice and an opportunity to comply be provided before any enforcement action is taken.
- This Executive Order is effective beginning at 12:00 AM on June 18, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

### **Arizona COVID-19 Guidance**

- For COVID-19-related guidance on the following topics, please visit <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease->

[control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home](https://www.azdhs.gov/dhs/control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home):

- Restaurants.
- Barbers & Cosmetologists.
- Retail Establishments.
- Pools.
- Gyms & Fitness Providers.
- Spas.
- Places of Worship.
- Casinos.
- Youth Activities.

### **Reopening Schools and Resuming Organized Youth Activities**

- On May 28, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that Arizona schools will resume classes at the start of the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.
- Governor Ducey also announced that organized youth activities, such as summer leagues, summer camps and day camps may resume.
- Guidance for organized youth activities is provided in a link under “Arizona COVID-19 Guidance” above. Guidance for schools will be posted when available. Please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/newsroom> for more information.

### **Coronavirus Relief Funding for Local Governments**

- On May 27, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Governor's Office will be providing nearly \$600 million in coronavirus relief and recovery aid to local governments and nonprofit organizations.
- \$441 million of the aid will be direct, flexible funding for local cities, towns and counties that did not receive direct funding from the federal government. The aid comes from the new AZCares Fund, and it will be allocated based on 2019 census data.
- \$150 million will also be available for local governments, tribal communities, schools and other organizations to apply for expedited reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Administration for coronavirus-related expenses.
- For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/05/governor-ducey-announces-nearly-600-million-local-coronavirus-relief-funds>.

### **Executive Order 2020-37: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory – Continuing to Monitor Responsiveness to COVID-19**

- Supersedes the reporting requirements established in Executive Orders 2020-13, 2020-22(4), 2020-23 and 2020-30(10) (for a summary of these orders, please see below).
- Allows the Department of Health Services and local health authorities to access confidential patient information, including medical records.
- Requires hospitals, laboratories, Nursing Care Institutions, ICF-IIDs and DD Medical Group Homes to report certain COVID-19-related information every 24 hours. For a detailed list of information required to be reported, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>.
- Requires COVID-19 specimen testing to be coordinated.

- Requires the Department of Health Services and local health authorities to share personnel and other resources to help implement this Enhanced Surveillance Advisory.
- This Executive Order was signed on May 21, 2020 and will terminate after 60 days, unless renewed.

### **Funding for Arizonans in Need**

- On May 20, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$300,000 in grant funding to organizations providing rental assistance, telehealth and health transportation services.

### **Funding for Expanding Child Care**

- On May 20, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$500,000 from the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund has been allocated to organizations providing out-of-school child care and will be used help support extended hours and enrichment programs.

### **Extended Arizona Testing Blitz**

- On May 15, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health Services announced that the Arizona Testing Blitz will be extended for an additional two weeks. May 16, 2020 was originally the last day of the Blitz.
- The Arizona Testing Blitz began on May 2, 2020 with the goal of testing 10,000 to 20,000 people for COVID-19 each Saturday for several weeks.
- Testing will be available to anyone who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- For more information on the expanded COVID-19 testing in Arizona and the Arizona Testing Blitz, please visit [azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz](https://azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz).

## **Funding to Support Seniors and Individuals with Medical Needs During COVID-19**

- On May 15, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$300,000 from the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund to help organizations that support senior citizens, the homebound and those who with medical needs. The support these organizations provide includes assisting with grocery shopping, delivering meals and providing transportation.

### **Guidance for Theaters**

- On May 14, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health Services issued the following guidance for theaters:
  - Theaters should take measures to ensure customers do the following:
    - Stay home when sick.
    - Protect themselves while at the theater by:
      - Staying at least six feet from others.
      - Avoiding theaters if they are at high risk for severe illness (including those over 65 and anyone with serious underlying health conditions).
      - Not touching their eyes, nose or mouth.
      - Using touchless payment where possible, or to use hand sanitizer immediately after paying.
      - Using hand sanitizer after leaving the theater and washing their hands upon returning home.
  - Theaters should additionally:

- Maintain physical distancing, to the extent possible.
  - Provide and require employees to wear face masks when possible.
  - Provide access to soap and water for handwashing or hand sanitizer stations around the theater for employees and customers.
  - Require employees to regularly wash their hands.
  - Operate with reduced occupancy and limit areas where people can congregate.
  - Consider staggered showtimes.
  - Consider spacing out seating for those who are not in the same party to at least six feet apart when possible. Also consider limiting seating to alternate rows.
  - Wipe pens, counters or surfaces between use.
  - Implement symptom screening for employees.
  - Arrange concession areas and break rooms to provide for physical distancing, sanitize areas and equipment regularly and avoid using shared items such as condiments.
  - Consider not providing alcohol except at a concession area with clean glasses.
  - Consider posting signs and otherwise advising customers of expectations, and train employees in accordance with this guidance.
- Theaters providing on-site child care should avoid gatherings if physical distancing of at least six feet between

those not living together cannot be maintained. If child care must be provided:

- Limit the number of children.
- Maintain physical distancing.
- Implement symptom screening for staff and participants.
- Stagger drop-off and pick-up times as much as possible.
- Discourage sharing equipment, such as toys.
- Ask parents to consider if their children are capable of staying at least six feet away from others.
- Follow CDC guidance on Child Care Programs that Remain Open.

### **Funding for Organizations Supporting Children with Special Needs During COVID-19**

- On May 14, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a \$100,000 grant from the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund to help programs supporting children with special needs that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The funding will help organizations continue to adjust operations and offer new services during the pandemic, such as video conference check-ins, telemedicine and laptops.

### **Arizona Enrichment Centers to Offer Child Care to Grocery Store and Food Bank Employees**

- On May 14, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Arizona Enrichment Centers Program will offer prioritized child care for children of grocery store and food bank employees. This is in

addition to the child care already provided for first responders, critical health care workers and essential public employees.

- The program will continue to offer services to eligible families through the end of July, 2020.

### **Funding for Food Banks to Fight Hunger**

- On May 13, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a \$500,000 grant from the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund to help Arizona food banks, some of which have experienced a demand of up to five times greater than usual due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **Long-term Care Facility Testing and Limited Reopening of Major League Sports, Pools, Gyms and Spas**

- On May 12, 2020, in addition to Executive Order 2020-36 (see below), Governor Ducey announced the following:
  - An accelerated plan to test all staff and residence of long-term care facilities.
  - Limited reopening of major league sports, without fans, on May 16, 2020.
  - Pools, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation, may reopen on May 13, 2020.
  - Gyms and fitness providers, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation, may reopen on May 13, 2020.
  - Spas, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation, may reopen on May 13, 2020.
  - Guidelines for places of worship to enhance physical distancing and safety.

- For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/05/governor-ducey-announces-next-phase-arizona-recovery>.

## **Executive Order 2020-36: Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger**

- The following will take effect May 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM:
  - Arizona must institute a policy that promotes physical distancing, encourages social connectedness and allows businesses to gradually and safely reopen in compliance with federal guidelines.
  - Executive Orders 2020-18 (stay home order), 2020-24 (involving travel restrictions) and 2020-33 (returning stronger order) are rescinded. Please see below for a summary of each order. All other COVID-19-related orders remain in effect.
  - Vulnerable individuals, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, are advised to take reasonable steps to limit time away from home. Members of households with vulnerable individuals should take precautions to protect them.
  - Everyone should maximize physical distance from others when in public. Social settings where physical distancing is not practical should be avoided.
  - Businesses, non-profits, institutions, professions and entities must develop and implement policies based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Arizona Department of Health designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. These policies must include the following:

- Promoting healthy practices.
- Intensifying cleaning, disinfecting and ventilation practices.
- Monitoring for illness.
- Ensuring physical distancing.
- Providing necessary protective equipment.
- Allowing and encouraging telework where feasible.
- Providing plans to return to work in phases, where possible.
- Limiting groups of no more than ten, where feasible.
- Nothing in this Executive Order prevents people from engaging in constitutionally protected activities, such as speech, religion or participating in the democratic process.
- Prohibits counties, cities and towns from issuing any regulation in conflict with this Executive Order.
- This Executive Order was signed on May 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

**Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC)  
Guidance on Executive Order 2020-34: Building on COVID-19  
Successes – Resuming Additional Business Operations for  
Barbers, Cosmetologists and Dine-in Restaurants**

- On May 7, 2020, the DLLC issued guidance on Executive Order 2020-34 (see below). The guidance interprets Executive Order 2020-34 to permit dine-in alcohol services at licensed establishments that follow the protocols and best practices outlined in the Executive Order.

- The guidance also interprets Executive Order 2020-34 as not eliminating the temporary liquor provisions set forth in Executive Order 2020-09 (see below), which allow establishments to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers to be consumed off site.
- For a copy of the guidance, please visit [https://azliquor.gov/assets/documents/homepage\\_docs/Covid19\\_EO\\_2020-34%20\\_Guidance.pdf](https://azliquor.gov/assets/documents/homepage_docs/Covid19_EO_2020-34%20_Guidance.pdf).

### **Proclamation Declaring May 6, 2020 as Arizona State Employee Recognition Day**

- Governor Ducey issued a proclamation declaring May 6, 2020 as Arizona State Employee Recognition Day. The Proclamation recognizes the significant contributions made by state employees, particularly during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- A copy of the proclamation can be found here: [https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/state\\_employee\\_recognition\\_day\\_2020.pdf](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/state_employee_recognition_day_2020.pdf).

### **Celebrating Arizona's Nurses**

- On May 6, 2020, Governor Ducey issued the following statement recognizing today as National Nurses Day:
  - “We’ve always known that our nurses are superheroes. And that’s more apparent than ever as they serve on the frontlines in Arizona’s fight against COVID-19. To all of our nurses – thank you for stepping up and serving Arizona so well in this time of need. We are immensely grateful to you and your families. Keep up the great work, and know that Arizona stands with you today and every day.”

### **Cisco Installing Public WiFi at Arizona Libraries**

- The Governor's Office announced on May 5, 2020 that the state is partnering with Cisco to provide external WiFi internet access points to high-need communities so students participating in distance learning and others can access WiFi from areas outside local library buildings. For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/05/cisco-install-public-wifi-arizona-libraries>.

### **Proclamation Declaring May 5, 2020 as Arizona Teacher Appreciation Day**

- Governor Ducey issued a proclamation declaring May 5, 2020 as Arizona Teacher Appreciation Day. The proclamation recognizes the countless efforts of Arizona's teachers that are continuing to serve students while schools are closed during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- A copy of the proclamation can be found here: [https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/teacher\\_appreciation\\_day\\_2020.pdf](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/teacher_appreciation_day_2020.pdf).

### **Executive Order 2020-35: Reporting by Nursing Care Institutions, Residential Care Institutions, ICF-IIDs and DD Medical Group Homes to Residents and Families Regarding COVID-19**

- Requires Nursing Care Institutions, Residential Care Institutions, ICF-IIDs and Medical Group Homes for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to do the following:
  - Report to current residents, next of kin and guardians the number of diagnosed cases and deaths resulting from COVID-19 in the facility within 24 hours and provide regular updates on efforts to keep residents safe.
  - Report the number of diagnosed cases and deaths resulting from COVID-19 in the facility, upon request, to prospective residents, next of kin or guardians who have submitted an application to reside at the facility.

- Report the number of diagnosed cases and deaths resulting from COVID-19 in the facility, upon request, to a transferring resident, next of kin or guardian prior to the transfer.
- Information provided pursuant to this Executive Order must only be used for individual decision-making purposes and not for any other reason.
- This Executive Order was signed on May 4, 2020 and will be in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **Executive Order 2020-34: Building on COVID-19 Successes – Resuming Additional Business Operations for Barbers, Cosmetologists and Dine-in Restaurants**

- Effective Friday, May 8, 2020, licensed barbers and cosmetologists may resume operations so long as they establish and implement protocols and best practices for businesses to address COVID-19, including the following:
  - Using face coverings for employees and customers.
  - Operating by appointment only.
  - Following the protocols directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety and the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- Effective Monday, May 11, 2020, dine-in services may resume so long as they establish and implement protocols and best practices for businesses to address COVID-19, including the following:
  - Enacting physical distancing policies.
  - Limiting the number of diners.

- Following the protocols directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety and the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- Those who visit businesses to obtain these services shall not be in violation of Governor Ducey's Stay Home Order, as amended (see below).
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on May 4, 2020.

### **Guidelines for Retail Businesses and Customers as Openings Resume Next Week**

- On May 1, 2020, Governor Ducey released additional guidelines for retail businesses set to resume partial operations next week. The guidelines include the following:
  - For customers:
    - Stay home if sick.
    - Order online or use curbside pickup if possible.
    - Protect yourself while shopping by:
      - Staying at least six feet from others.
      - Using a cloth face covering.
      - Shopping during hours when fewer people are present.
      - Using special store hours if you are at high risk.
      - Disinfect shopping carts.
      - Not touching eyes, nose or mouth.

- Using touchless payment, if possible.
- Using hand sanitizer when leaving the store and washing your hands thoroughly when arriving at home.
- For retail businesses:
  - Facilitate the ability for customers to follow the above-mentioned guidelines.
  - Maintain physical distancing.
  - Operate with reduced occupancy and capacity with special attention to limiting areas where people can congregate.
  - Implement comprehensive sanitation protocols.
  - Provide delivery and curbside pickup options.
  - Close fitting rooms, meeting rooms or other enclosed spaces that do not allow for appropriate physical distancing.
  - Implement symptom screening for employees.
  - Consider offering cloth face coverings for employees and visitors to wear.

## **Employment Opportunities for Arizonans**

- For information on employment opportunities in Arizona, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/05/employment-opportunities-arizonans>.

## **Arizona Attorney General Opinion Related to the Application of Executive Order 2020-18 (Stay-Home Order) to Religious Worship**

- On April 30, 2020, the Arizona Attorney General issued an opinion (the Opinion) related to religious worship under Governor Ducey’s Stay-Home Order.
- The Opinion states that church attendance is an essential activity under the Governor’s Stay-Home Order because the order expressly states that essential activities include “[e]ngaging in constitutionally protected activities such as speech and religion.”
- The Opinion also states that the Stay-Home Order does not impose an absolute six-foot social distancing requirement on constitutionally protected activities, such as religion, but encourages these activities to be “conducted in a manner that provides appropriate physical distancing to the extent feasible.”

**Executive Order 2020-33: Returning Stronger – Amending the Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Order [Amendments to the Summary in Bold]**

- Institutes a “Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected” policy designed to promote physical distancing and encourage social connectedness.
- Requires all individuals in the state to limit the time away from their residence, except for the following:
  - To engage in Essential Activities (see below).
  - For employment, volunteer work or to otherwise participate in Essential Functions. For a summary of Essential Functions, please see Executive Order 2020-12: Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services (Executive Order 2020-12) below.
  - To utilize services or products provided by Essential Businesses (see Executive Order 2020-12 below).

- To engage in work for sole proprietorships or family owned businesses, if the work is located separate from the residence and it is not open to the public.
- A person may only leave their residence for Essential Activities, to participate or receive Essential Government Functions or to engage in Essential Functions outlined in Executive Order 2020-12.
- Essential Activities include the following:
  - Obtaining necessary supplies and services for household consumption and use, such as: groceries, supplies needed to work from home, school assignments for distance learning and products needed to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential maintenance of the residence.
  - Seeking medical, behavioral health or emergency services, obtaining medication or medical supplies and other similar activities essential for health and safety.
  - Caring for a family member, friend or pet at another residence, such as by transporting them to obtain medical services.
  - Engaging in outdoor exercise, but only when it can be done while using appropriate physical distancing.
  - Engaging in work, including volunteer work, for Essential Functions (see Executive Order 2020-12 below), such as transporting children to child care in order to work in an essential service.
  - Engaging in legal proceedings or in constitutionally protected activities, such as speech and religion, so long as it is conducted in a way providing appropriate physical distancing.

- **Visiting retailers that are permitted to operate under this Executive Order (see below).**
- No one is required to provide proof justifying their activities under this Executive Order.
- Requires individuals to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person when using shared or outdoor spaces for Essential Activities.
- Requires that a person in violation of this Executive Order be notified and given an opportunity to comply before they are arrested.
- Requires individuals to limit the use of public transportation unless it is absolutely necessary for Essential Activities or Essential Functions. Also requires riders to maintain physical distancing, to the extent possible, from other riders or the driver when using public transportation for Essential Activities or Essential Functions.
- Allows individuals in unsafe residences, such as victims of domestic violence, to leave in order to obtain a safe alternative location.
- Requires businesses and government entities that remain open as Essential Functions under Executive Order 2020-12 to implement physical distancing rules.
- Allows non-essential businesses to continue operations that do not require in-person, on-site transactions and encourages them to maintain at least minimum operations where possible.
  - **Effective May 4, 2020, retailers not classified as essential services under Executive Order 2020-12 that sell goods may operate through delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, curbside delivery or by-appointment-only**

**service so long as they implement procedures designed to address COVID-19.**

- **Effective May 8, 2020, retailers not classified as essential services under Executive Order 2020-12 that sell goods may open their stores to customers so long as they implement procedures designed to address COVID-19.**
- **Areas where people may congregate in enclosed or confined areas, such as indoor shopping malls, must continue to limit their operations. However, retailers located within these buildings may offer delivery, curbside or by-appointment-only services.**
- **To operate under this Executive Order, retailers must implement rules and procedures that facilitate physical distancing of at least six feet between individuals and must establish sanitation measures as set forth by the United States Department of Labor or the Arizona Department of Health Services.**
- **Nothing in this Executive Order requires retailers to open for business.**
- This Executive Order does not prohibit working from home, take-out or delivery services from restaurants or operating a single-owner business with no on-site public interaction as long as appropriate physical distancing and sanitation precautions are observed.
- Encourages individuals to improve social connectedness by doing the following:
  - Maintaining ongoing communication with current social support structures, such as family, friends and neighbors.

- Educating others about the negative impacts of social isolation.
  - Developing resilience-building habits, such as engaging in physical activity and in virtual social gatherings, assisting neighbors and engaging in volunteer opportunities.
  - Sharing information about new social services and resources to help improve family stability and financial health, and that help with suicide prevention.
- Exempts homeless individuals from this Executive Order, but strongly urges them to obtain shelter as soon as possible.
  - Prohibits counties, cities and towns from issuing any regulation inconsistent with this Executive Order.
  - **This Executive Order was signed on April 29, 2020 and is effective until May 15, 2020, unless modified, extended or rescinded.**

### **Arizona Medicaid Program Advances \$41 Million in Payments to Providers**

- On April 28, 2020, the Arizona Governor's Office announced that the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is advancing over \$41 million in scheduled payments to hospitals and other providers in an effort to help them address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and to help ensure provider viability during the emergency.

### **Expanded COVID-19 Testing and the Arizona Testing Blitz**

- On April 27, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Department of Health Services has partnered with Arizona health care providers to launch the Arizona Testing Blitz initiative with the goal of testing 10,000 to 20,000 people for COVID-19 each Saturday for three consecutive weeks.

- Testing will begin Saturday, May 2 and will be available to anyone who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19. As part of the Blitz, drive-through or onsite testing will be available at various locations statewide.
- Several health care providers and other organizations have also recently announced additional COVID-19 testing locations and the availability of COVID-19 antibody testing.
- For more information on the expanded COVID-19 testing in Arizona and the Arizona Testing Blitz, please visit [azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz](https://azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz) and <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/04/expanding-testing-arizona>.

### **Executive Order 2020-32: Requesting Exemption from Executive Order 2020-10 – Elective Surgeries**

- Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish minimum criteria that hospitals, healthcare facilities and providers must meet to be exempted from Executive Order 2020-10, which temporarily prohibits elective surgeries (for a summary of Executive Order 2020-10, please see below). Also requires DHS to include certain criteria outlined in this Executive Order and establish an exemption-request process.
- Prohibits hospitals, healthcare facilities and providers that have received an exemption pursuant to this Executive Order from being eligible to request or receive personal protective equipment distributed by state or county health departments.
- Elective surgeries for those exempted from Executive Order 2020-10 may begin on or after May 1, 2020.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 22, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

## **Arizona and Swire Coca-Cola Providing 30,000 Liters of Water to the Navajo Nation**

- On April 22, 2020, Governor Ducey announced the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and Swire Coca-Cola delivered 30,000 liters of Dasani Water and Coca-Cola beverages to the Navajo Nation in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **Nearly 600,000 Children to Receive Pandemic School Meal Replacement Benefits**

- On April 21, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the federal government has authorized the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide P-EBT Pandemic School Meal Replacement Benefits to households with children that are eligible for free or low cost school meals.
- Eligible households will receive benefits equivalent to one free breakfast and one free lunch per child. Families that have been accessing meals from schools during COVID-19-related school closures will still qualify for these benefits.
- Benefits under this program are retroactive, beginning March 16, 2020. For more information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/04/arizona-provide-nearly-600000-children-pandemic-school-meal-replacement>.

## **Masks Delivered to Banner Health**

- On April 17, 2020, Governor Ducey joined with members of a local church to help deliver 10,000 N95 masks to Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix with another 10,000 being planned for delivery in the coming weeks.

## **Arizona Comes Together to #LightAZBlue**

- On April 16, 2020, several Arizona organizations and government agencies lit up their buildings with blue lighting in support of Arizona's medical professionals and first responders who are on the front lines fighting against COVID-19.

### **Arizona Department of Insurance Seeks Insurance Extensions for Arizonans**

- The Arizona Department of Insurance is urging life, health, motor vehicle, property, casualty and other insurers to work with their customers in order to ensure continued coverage. Among the relief being sought is the following:
  - Refraining from canceling insurance policies due to non-payment during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  - Waiving late fees, interest and other penalties.
  - Delaying premium increases.
  - Suspending the use of credit reports for rating.
  - Extending time frames to undergo medical examinations.

### **Executive Order 2020-31: Expanding Food Options for Commercial Vehicle Drivers**

- Requires the Department of Transportation (ADOT) to issue no-fee permits to licensed mobile food vendors that allow them to provide take-away food services at rest areas.
- Prohibits mobile food vendors from selling alcohol at highway rest areas and requires them to abide by and promote Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, including physical distancing standards.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on April 15, 2020.

## **Executive Order 2020-30: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory – COVID-19**

- This additional enhanced surveillance advisory allows the Department of Health Services or a local health authority to disclose the addresses (and no other identifying information) of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days to a public official with responsibility for administering the emergency call response of first responders (“Receiving Entity”).
- Requires information disclosed under this Order to be confidential and requires the Receiving Entity to only use such information as necessary for responding to emergency calls.
- Requires the Receiving Entity to update its lists pursuant to this Order on a daily basis and establishes requirements for adding and removing addresses from the lists.
- Prohibits the retention of any information disclosed or records created pursuant to this Executive Order after it expires. Destruction of such information must happen promptly, securely and permanently in the same way criminal history information is destroyed.
- Requires the Receiving Entity to ensure that dispatch of first responders to an address identified as COVID-19 positive will not result in the delay of emergency services.
- Requires hospitals to disclose additional COVID-19-related information.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 14, 2020 and will remain in effect for 60 days, unless reissued. For a full copy of the order, please visit [file:///C:/Users/dudall/Downloads/eo\\_2020-30\\_enhanced\\_surveillance.pdf](file:///C:/Users/dudall/Downloads/eo_2020-30_enhanced_surveillance.pdf).

## **Executive Order 2020-29: Increased Telemedicine Access for Worker's Compensation**

- Requires workers' compensation insurance plans, self-insurance plans and the Special Fund ("Insurers") to cover all healthcare services that can be provided through telemedicine by any Arizona licensed healthcare provider.
- Requires Insurers to allow for all electronic means of telehealth, including telephone and video calls.
- Requires Insurers to allow a patient's home to be an approved location to receive telemedicine services and generally prohibits them from requiring in-person exams.
- This Executive Order is effective beginning April 14, 2020 and will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. For more details, the Order may be viewed here: [file:///C:/Users/dudall/Downloads/eo\\_2020-29\\_increased\\_telemedicine-workers\\_comp.pdf](file:///C:/Users/dudall/Downloads/eo_2020-29_increased_telemedicine-workers_comp.pdf).

## **Executive Order 2020-28: On the Job Training for Assisted Living Facility Caregivers**

- Allows assisted living caregivers to become certified through on-the-job training and establishes certification requirements.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 14, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

## **Governor Ducey Seeks Input for Economic Recovery**

- On April 14, 2020, Governor Ducey requested input from Arizona's lodging and business sectors regarding the state's economic recovery and post-COVID-19 adaptations to everyday business practices.

## **Antibody Tests for Health Professionals and First Responders**

- On April 14, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a partnership between the state and the University of Arizona to make antibody tests available for 250,000 health care professionals and first responders, provided the tests are federally approved.
- Antibody tests are used to detect antibodies in an individual's blood sample in order to determine if they were exposed to COVID-19, were infected and then recovered.

### **Additional Ventilators**

- On April 10, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that 100 additional ventilators are being sent to Arizona from the Strategic National Stockpile.

### **Reopening of St. Luke's Medical Center**

- On April 9, 2020, Governor Ducey announced the reopening of St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix to serve as overflow capacity for hospitals statewide, if needed. With the help of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the state was also able to secure 339 ICU high-acuity beds.

### **Executive Order 2020-27: The "Good Samaritan" Order – Protecting Frontline Healthcare Workers Responding to the COVID-19 Outbreak**

- Provides immunity from civil liability to the following in the course of providing medical services while responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency:
  - Arizona-licensed healthcare professionals.
  - Volunteer health professional registered and recruited through the Arizona Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.
  - Arizona-licensed emergency medical care technicians.

- Healthcare institutions, treatment facilities and other sites designated by the Department of Health Services to help in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- This Executive Order does not provide immunity from civil liability resulting from gross negligence or from reckless or willful misconduct. Such conduct includes providing medical services while intoxicated.
- Nothing in this Executive Order negates any other legal defenses against liability.
- The immunities granted in this Executive Order will survive its expiration.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 9, 2020 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2020, unless extended.

### **Online SNAP Purchases**

- On April 9, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service approved Arizona's request for Arizonans currently receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to be able to purchase food online through Walmart and Amazon.

### **Internet Hotspots for Arizona Students**

- On April 8, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a mobile hotspot drive to assist school children that are currently at home due to COVID-19 and that do not have access to the internet. As part of the drive, the state will donate 200 hotspot devices. For more details or information on how to donate, please visit <https://arizonatogether.org/>.

### **Hospitals to Receive Advance Payments from Medicaid**

- On April 8, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) will be working with its partners to provide over \$50 million in accelerated hospital payments and advances and will also provide an additional \$5 million in new COVID-19-related funding to certain rural acute care hospitals in the state.

### **Executive Order 2020-26: Remote Online Notarization**

- Beginning on April 10, 2020, Remote Online Notarization may be used instead of in-person notarization. Originally, the statutorily created Remote Online Notarization was to take effect on July 1, 2020.
- The Executive Order requires the Secretary of State to make rules governing the use of Remote Online Notarization that ensure there is a secure identity verification process through online audio-video technology that allows the notary and signer to converse in real-time. It also requires the notarization to be saved and backed up.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 8, 2020 and will remain in effect until July 1, 2020.

### **Funding for Meals for Low-Income Arizonans**

- On April 8, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Department of Economic Security received \$9.8 million from the federal government for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which provides free emergency food and nutrition assistance to low-income individuals.
- For more information, please visit <https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/food-assistance/emergency-food-assistance>.

### **Executive Order 2020-25: Flexible Food Item & Sale of Goods at Restaurants**

- Allows restaurants to sell grocery items, including paper goods, cleaning supplies, prepared food, meat and vegetables, so long as they comply with the following:
  - Food sold must be wholesome and unadulterated.
  - Open, ready-to-eat foods must be within the date marking requirements to be sold.
  - Products needing refrigeration must remain refrigerated until pick up or delivery, and restaurants should inform customers to return home quickly and refrigerate such products.
  - Bulk household goods should be sold in original packaging.
  - Raw meat should be separated from other foods, especially produce and ready-to-eat foods.
  - Businesses must assess their customer traffic flow to maintain social distancing requirements.
  - To sell alcohol, a restaurant must still hold a current liquor license.
  - Items sold should, to the extent possible, be sold in original packaging. If that is not possible, restaurants must maintain information that ensures traceability.
- Prohibits counties, cities or towns from compelling, restricting or prohibiting restaurants from placing temporary signage indicating they are open, have delivery, drive-thru or carryout options or that the restaurant is selling other items. This Executive Order also suspends any current restrictions, other than those necessary for safety.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 7, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

## **Executive Order 2020-24: Requirements for Individuals Traveling to Arizona**

- Requires anyone who travels to Arizona through any airport from an area with substantial community spread to immediately isolate or self-quarantine themselves for 14 days from the time of entry into the State or for the duration of their presence in the State, whichever is shorter.
- Such travelers must travel directly to their place of isolation and may only leave for essential services. They must bear the costs of isolation, and must refrain from self-quarantining with family that did not travel.
- Those found in violation of this Executive Order may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- The following are exempt from the requirements under this Executive Order, but they should still follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, such as the guideline to wear a face mask:
  - Airline employees.
  - Military personnel.
  - Direct COVID-19 responders engaged in healthcare operations, human services operations, essential infrastructure operations or essential government functions.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 7, 2020 and will remain in effect until Executive Order 2020-18 expires (or until any extensions of Executive Order 2020-18 have expired).

## **Executive Order 2020-23: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory – COVID-19**

- In addition to the data reporting requirements set forth in Executive Order 2020-13: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory (see below), this Executive Order allows the Department of Health Services and local health authorities to “access confidential patient information, including medical records, wherever and by whomever held, whether or no patient identity is known,” including information held by the statewide health information exchange.
- Requires hospitals to report the following every 24 hours:
  - The number of patients that have or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19.
  - The number of ventilators in use by patients that have or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19.
  - The number of ICU beds in use by patients that have or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19.
  - The number of patients that have or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19 that are discharged each day.
  - The number of patients that have or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19 that are seen in the Emergency Department each day.
  - The estimated number of certain personal protective equipment.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 7, 2020 and will remain in effect for 60 days, unless renewed.

**Executive Order 2020-22: Protection of Vulnerable residents at Nursing Care Institutions, Residential Care Institutions, ICF-IIDs and DD Medical Group Homes from COVID-19**

- Requires Healthcare Institutions licensed as Nursing Care Institutions, Residential Care Institutions, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and medical group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities (collectively, Healthcare Institutions for purposes of this summary) to immediately ensure they are complying with all infection control guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Requires Healthcare Institutions to separate COVID-19-positive residents and COVID-19-unknown residents from other residents. Also requires separate, consistent staffing teams for these different cohorts.
- Requires Healthcare Institutions to develop policies and procedures related to the admission and readmission of residents from the hospital without the requirement of a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Requires Healthcare Institutions to report to the Department of Health Services certain statistics, including the number of COVID-19-positive residents and the number and type of personal protective equipment.
- Requires Healthcare Institutions to offer electronic visual forms of communication where visitation is restricted.
- This Executive Order was signed on April 7, 2020 and will remain in effect until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **Funding for Goodwill Services**

- On April 7, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$2 million in funding to help put 400 Goodwill employees back to work and expand services to people in need. This comes as part of the \$50 million COVID-19 relief package signed into law in March.

## **Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Eases Truck Weight Limits for Delivery of Essential Supplies**

- On April 7, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that ADOT issued new guidelines to help ensure critical supplies and goods can be transported more easily during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Under the guidelines, certain commercial vehicles with a gross weight of up to 90,000 pounds will temporarily be allowed to operate without an overweight permit.
- This applies to commercial vehicles hauling essential items needed to assist with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as certain medical supplies, food and household items.

## **Executive Order 2020-21: Prohibiting Small Business Evictions**

- Temporarily suspends evictions for Commercial Tenants that are unable to pay rent due to financial hardship resulting from COVID-19. Requires Commercial Tenants to notify their landlord in writing of such hardship.
- Defines “Commercial Tenants” as “any business that is eligible for the federal Paycheck Protection Program,” which generally “includes businesses with fewer than 500 employees in the following categories:”
  - Sole proprietor.
  - Partnership.
  - C-corporation.
  - S-corporation.
  - Limited liability company.
  - Independent contractor.

- Self-employed individual.
- 501(c)(3) organization.
- 501(c)(19) organization.
- Tribal businesses.
- Requires landlords to consider deferring or adjusting rent payments for Commercial Tenants unable to pay rent due to financial hardship resulting from COVID-19. Also encourages landlords to work with Commercial Tenants with regard to waiving late fees or other penalties associated with late rent payments.
- Requires Commercial Tenants receiving public financial assistance to apply a portion of their eligible assistance to past due or currently due rents.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on April 6, 2020 and will expire on May 31, 2020.

### **Small Business Assistance Available**

- The Governor's Office announced on April 6, 2020 that small businesses in Arizona negatively affected by COVID-19 have a limited time to apply for benefits deriving from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
- Small businesses may apply for federally guaranteed loans for an amount up to two and a half times their average monthly payroll expenses for the prior year. Additionally, the loans will be forgiven if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for mortgage interest, rent, payroll costs and/or utilities. Otherwise, loaned money will carry a one percent interest rate.

- The program is being conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. For eligibility requirements and other information, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/04/new-assistance-available-support-arizona-small-businesses>.

## **Major Disaster Declaration for Arizona**

- On April 1, 2020, Governor Ducey wrote a letter to President Trump requesting a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration that would give Arizona access to more federal resources in responding to COVID-19.
- On April 4, 2020, President Trump approved a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Arizona.

## **Additional Guidance on Essential Services**

- On April 3, 2020, the Arizona Governor's Office issued guidance clarifying Executive Order 2020-12: Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services (see below).
- Under the new guidance, the following services are required to close no later than 5:00 PM on April 4, 2020, as they cannot comply with Executive Order 2020-18: Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected – Physical Distancing to Mitigate COVID-19 Transmission (see below):
  - Barbers.
  - Cosmetology, Hairstyling, Nail Salons and Aesthetic Salons.
  - Tanning salons.
  - Tattoo parlors.
  - Spas.
  - Massage therapist services.

- Under the new guidance, the following services must also close by 5:00 PM on April 4, 2020:
  - Public park amenities not conducive to recommended physical distancing or proper hygiene, such as basketball courts, splash pads, playgrounds and public restrooms. However, public parks must remain open to the greatest extent possible.
  - Communal pools, such as pools at hotels, condominiums, apartment complexes and parks. However, these pools should still be maintained.
  - Swap meets.
- Under the new guidance, the following services are clarified to be essential and may remain open:
  - Personal hygiene services, such as in-home assistance with bathing or cleaning for vulnerable adults or those with disabilities.
  - Daycare centers providing care for children of those working in an essential service.
  - Hotels, motels and RV parks for lodging purposes.
  - Hotel and motel restaurants providing delivery or take out options.
  - Respite and palliative care.

### **Childcare for COVID-19 Frontline Workers**

- On April 3, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that Arizona Enrichment Centers will provide childcare to Arizona's first responders, critical healthcare workers and essential public sector employees so they can continue their work during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- For more information, please visit <https://arizonaenrichmentcenters.az.gov/find-care>.

## **Executive Order 2020-20: Expanding Access to Pharmacies**

- Requires the Board of Pharmacy to do the following:
  - Allow pharmacies to dispense emergency maintenance medication refills for up to a 90-day supply plus an additional 90-day supply where necessary. This does not apply to controlled substances.
  - Waive certain electronic prescribing requirements.
  - Extend the required time for a prescriber to deliver follow-up paper prescriptions from seven to 15 days.
  - Allow certain prescriptions to be sent via fax, scan or photo, provided that the original hard copy is kept by the prescriber.
  - Waive certain hospital labeling restrictions for multidose medications.
  - Establish certain requirements for filling hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine prescriptions.
  - Allow pharmacies to interchange therapeutically equivalent medications of the same drug classification, unless prohibited by the prescriber.
  - Waive permitting requirements for producers of hand sanitizer.
  - In order to relieve pharmaceutical shortages, allow pharmacies to receive pharmaceuticals from out-of-state wholesalers, logistics providers and manufacturers that do not have permits in Arizona.

- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on April 2, 2020 and is in effect until further notice.

### **Dairy Farmer Assistance Request**

- On April 1, 2020, Governor Ducey requested assistance from the federal government to help find solutions for reopening Arizona dairy product exports to Mexico in response to Mexico halting such exports last week.

### **Executive Order 2020-19: Telemedicine for Pets and Animals**

- Allows licensed veterinarians to use telemedicine to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in veterinary healthcare facilities.
- Prohibits veterinary providers from charging more for a telemedicine visit than for an in-person visit and requires insurers to allow a patient's home to be an approved location for telemedicine services.
- This Executive Order takes effect on April 1, 2020 and is effective for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **Fee Relief for Restaurants and Bars Impacted by COVID-19**

- On March 31, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that all liquor licensing fees will be deferred for 90 days.

### **Executive Order 2020-18: Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected – Physical Distancing to Mitigate COVID-19 Transmission**

- For additional information, see Additional Guidance on Essential Services above.
- Institutes a “Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected” policy designed to promote physical distancing and encourage social connectedness.

- Requires all individuals in the state to limit the time away from their residence, except for the following:
  - To engage in Essential Activities (see below).
  - For employment, volunteer work or to otherwise participate in Essential Functions. For a summary of Essential Functions, please see Executive Order 2020-12: Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services (Executive Order 2020-12) below.
  - To utilize services or products provided by Essential Businesses (see Executive Order 2020-12 below).
  - To engage in work for sole proprietorships or family owned businesses, if the work is located separate from the residence and it is not open to the public.
- A person may only leave their residence for Essential Activities, to participate or receive Essential Government Functions or to engage in Essential Functions outlined in Executive Order 2020-12.
- Essential Activities include the following:
  - Obtaining necessary supplies and services for household consumption and use, such as: groceries, supplies needed to work from home, school assignments for distance learning and products needed to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential maintenance of the residence.
  - Seeking medical, behavioral health or emergency services, obtaining medication or medical supplies and other similar activities essential for health and safety.
  - Caring for a family member, friend or pet at another residence, such as by transporting them to obtain medical services.

- Engaging in outdoor exercise, but only when it can be done while using appropriate physical distancing.
- Engaging in work, including volunteer work, for Essential Functions (see Executive Order 2020-12 below), such as transporting children to child care in order to work in an essential service.
- Engaging in legal proceedings or in constitutionally protected activities, such as speech and religion, so long as it is conducted in a way providing appropriate physical distancing.
- No one is required to provide proof justifying their activities under this Executive Order.
- Requires individuals to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person when using shared or outdoor spaces for Essential Activities.
- Requires that a person in violation of this Executive Order be notified and given an opportunity to comply before they are arrested.
- Requires individuals to limit the use of public transportation unless it is absolutely necessary for Essential Activities or Essential Functions. Also requires riders to maintain physical distancing, to the extent possible, from other riders or the driver when using public transportation for Essential Activities or Essential Functions.
- Allows individuals in unsafe residences, such as victims of domestic violence, to leave in order to obtain a safe alternative location.
- Requires businesses and government entities that remain open as Essential Functions under Executive Order 2020-12 to implement physical distancing rules.

- Allows non-essential businesses to continue operations that do not require in-person, on-site transactions and encourages them to maintain at least minimum operations where possible.
- This Executive Order does not prohibit working from home, take-out or delivery services from restaurants or operating a single-owner business with no on-site public interaction as long as appropriate physical distancing and sanitation precautions are observed.
- Encourages individuals to improve social connectedness by doing the following:
  - Maintaining ongoing communication with current social support structures, such as family, friends and neighbors.
  - Educating others about the negative impacts of social isolation.
  - Developing resilience-building habits, such as engaging in physical activity and in virtual social gatherings, assisting neighbors and engaging in volunteer opportunities.
  - Sharing information about new social services and resources to help improve family stability and financial health, and that help with suicide prevention.
- Exempts homeless individuals from this Executive Order, but strongly urges them to obtain shelter as soon as possible.
- Prohibits counties, cities and towns from issuing any regulation inconsistent with this Executive Order.
- This Executive Order is effective beginning at 5:00 PM on March 31, 2020 and remains in effect until April 30, 2020, unless extended.

## **Supporting Vulnerable Arizonans**

- On March 30, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$6.7 million in funding to help support vulnerable Arizonans. The funds are part of the \$50 million COVID-19 relief package found in Senate Bill 1690 (for a summary of the Bill, please see below). The funding will be used for the following:
  - Homeless program assistance designed to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless.
  - Immediate food bank assistance designed to enhance the existing food bank infrastructure.
  - Nutrition assistance expansion.
  - Strengthening the “Farm to Food Bank” program that provides fresh food to those in need while providing a market for local producers.

### **Foreclosure Protection for Families and Small Businesses**

- On March 30, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a cooperative agreement with Arizona banks to suspend evictions and foreclosures for a minimum of 60 days in order to provide flexibility to those struggling as a result of COVID-19.
- Banks will also expedite the approval process for small business loans as part of the federal legislation signed into law last week. Many banks have also adopted a payment deferral program for business loans and certain consumer loans.

### **Statewide School Closures Extended**

- On March 15, 2020, Governor Ducey announced statewide school closures beginning March 16, 2020 until March 27, 2020 in response to COVID-19.
- On March 20, 2020, Governor Ducey extended statewide school closures until April 10, 2020.

- On March 30, 2020, Governor Ducey extended statewide school closures through the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

### **Senate Bill 1690: Establishing the Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund**

- Establishes the Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund and appropriates \$50 million to the fund.
- Allows the Governor of the State of Arizona to utilize the fund to provide economic assistance during a state of emergency and includes assistance for homelessness, housing, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, health care providers and food banks.
- Signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 28, 2020 and passed by the Arizona State Legislature on March 23, 2020. For a full copy of the Bill, please visit <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1690S.pdf>.

### **Senate Bill 1694: Unemployment Compensation During COVID-19**

- Allows the Arizona Department of Economic Security to come up with alternative benefit eligibility and employer contribution requirements during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 27, 2020 after it was passed by the Arizona State Legislature on March 23, 2020. This Bill will apply retroactively from and after March 10, 2020. For a full copy of the Bill, please visit <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1694S.pdf>.

### **House Bill 2910: Related to Public School Closures Resulting from COVID-19**

- Requires public schools to continue to pay all employees during school closures resulting from COVID-19.

- Establishes that public schools are not required to extend the number of school days as a result of the COVID-19 closures.
- If Arizona public schools reopen by March 29, 2020, the testing window for statewide assessments is extended through May 31, 2020.
- If Arizona public schools remain closed after March 29, 2020, this Bill establishes the following: (1) beginning March 30, 2020, schools must provide general education through alternative means, (2) schools are allowed to use funds generated during the 2019 – 2020 school year to provide summer school, (3) statewide assessments will be canceled for the 2019 – 2020 school year, (4) third-grade promotion requirements are waived and (5) the State Board of Education must adopt rules for 2019 – 2020 high school graduation.
- Also provides alternative A – F letter grading for schools for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- Signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 27, 2020 after it was passed by the Arizona State Legislature on March 23. This Bill will apply retroactively from and after March 15, 2020. For a full copy of the Bill, please visit <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2910H.pdf>.

## **Rental Assistance**

- On March 27, 2020, Governor Ducey announced \$5 million will be devoted to assisting renters who face a loss of income due to COVID-19 by assisting them with monthly rental assistance.
- Such assistance is available to those whose primary residence consists of a rental in Arizona and who have had their income reduced as a result of COVID-19 such that, when annualized, it does not exceed 100% of the median income adjusted for family size for the county they live in.

## **Emissions Testing Waiver for Seniors**

- On March 26, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality will waive emissions testing for people 65 and older for up to one year in order to help reduce the risks related to COVID-19.

## **Executive Order 2020-17: Continuity of Work**

- Requires certain state licensing agencies and boards to:
  - Defer the following by six months, unless they can be completed online:
    - License renewal requirements for licenses with an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020.
    - Continuing education requirements.
  - Suspend rules preventing or limiting the amount of online or alternative learning hours and make efforts to implement remote licensure examinations or issue a six-month provisional license to an applicant who has met all other requirements, but is not able to take the required examination.
- Allows certain state licensing agencies and boards to waive fees.
- This Executive Order applies only to certain state agencies and boards. For the full list, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>.
- This Executive Order does not apply to driver's licenses.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on March 26, 2020 and is effective until further notice.

## **Executive Order 2020-16: Increasing Hospital Capacity for COVID-19 Preparedness**

- Requires hospitals to activate their facility emergency plans, develop plans to optimize staffing levels, increase bed capacity by 50% by April 24, 2020 with the first 25% implemented by April 10, 2020, implement triage processes and develop triage criteria in order to relieve excess burden on emergency departments.
- Requires hospitals to report the following to the Arizona Department of Health Services:
  - The number of current licensed med-surg beds along with the anticipated number of additional med-surg beds.
  - The number of current ICU beds along with the anticipated number of additional ICU beds.
- Requires hospitals providing pediatric services to accept patients up to age 21.
- Requires state Medicaid plans to cover all healthcare services provided in the expanded surge capacity beds to Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) members regardless of certification status.
- Requires insurers to reimburse hospitals at the same rate for surge capacity beds as for regular beds.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on March 26, 2020 and is effective for 180 days.

## **Electric Utility Relief**

- On March 26, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a cooperative agreement with the state's largest electric utilities.
- Under the agreement, Arizona Public Service (APS), Salt River Project (SRP) and Tucson Electric Power (TEP), along with six

electric cooperatives, will do the following during the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Not discontinue power to customer's homes for failing to pay their electric bill and not assess late fees or interest.
- Work with customers to provide flexible payment options.
- Work with customers desiring to switch utility plans.
- Provide individualized customer service assistance to hospitals and health care providers.
- Work with each other as utility providers in providing resources and coverage to ensure continued and reliable service across the state.

### **Executive Order 2020-15: Expansion of Telemedicine**

- Requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for telemedicine and to allow a patient's home to be an approved location to receive telemedicine services.
- This Executive Order is effective starting Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **House Bill 2668: Increasing Resources for Arizona Hospitals**

- Brings resources into Arizona's health care system through increasing Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) provider rates.
- Signed by Governor Ducey on March 25, 2020. For a full copy of the Bill, please visit <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2668H.pdf>.

### **Providing Meals for Seniors**

- On March 25, 2020, Governor Ducey announced that Arizona has received over \$5.3 million in grant funding to assist in providing meals to older adults through meal delivery programs and by providing funds to senior centers.

### **Executive Order 2020-14: Postponement of Eviction Actions**

- Delays enforcement of evictions, with limited exceptions, when one of the following circumstances exists and notice is provided to the landlord:
  - A person, or someone in that person's home, is quarantined based on a COVID-19 diagnosis.
  - A person is ordered by a medical professional to self-quarantine due to symptoms defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - A person demonstrates they have an underlying health condition that makes them more at risk for COVID-19.
  - A person is suffering a substantial loss of income due to COVID-19.
- Prohibits landlords from terminating lease agreements because of COVID-19 or for the failure of a tenant to notify the landlord of one of the circumstances outlined above.
- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on March 24, 2020 and is effective for 120 days.

### **Childcare for COVID-19 Frontline Workers**

- Governor Ducey announced on March 24, 2020 that several school districts across the state will begin offering childcare services for children of first responders, critical healthcare workers and essential public sector workers.

- This action will take effect beginning the week of March 30, 2020.

### **Freeing Up Physicians to Address COVID-19**

- Action taken on March 24, 2020 by Governor Ducey to exempt the State of Arizona from federal regulation requiring physicians to supervise Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

### **Securing Additional Medical Equipment**

- On March 24, 2020, Governor Ducey announced a new public-private partnership in order to secure up to one million masks and other health care equipment.

### **Arizona Together Initiative**

- On March 24, 2020, Governor Ducey announced the Arizona Together initiative to support Arizona citizens during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The initiative connects people and businesses to resources and support.

### **Executive Order 2020-13: Enhanced Surveillance Advisory**

- Allows the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) and local health authorities to access confidential patient information and medical records.
- Requires hospitals to report to DHS any information related to staffing levels, the number of beds and relevant medical equipment in use, a description of current triage processes and any medical supply shortages or surpluses. Hospitals must update DHS every 24 hours.
- Requires COVID-19 specimen testing to be coordinated. Also requires DHS and local health authorities to share personnel and other resources necessary to implement this Executive Order.

- This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on March 23, 2020 and is effective for 60 days, unless renewed.

## **Executive Order 2020-12: Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services**

- For additional information, see Additional Guidance on Essential Services above.
- Prohibits counties, cities or towns from restricting essential services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Defines essential services as functions that promote “the public health, safety and welfare of the state or [that assist] others in fulfilling such functions.” Essential services include the following (for a full description, please visit <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>):
  - Healthcare and public health operations, such as hospitals, clinics and medical supply manufacturing.
  - Human services operations, such as long-term care facilities and residential settings for adults, seniors and those with developmental disabilities.
  - Essential infrastructure operations, such as food production, public works construction and the management and maintenance of buildings and utilities.
  - Essential government functions, such as 911 emergency services, park personnel and child welfare personnel.
  - Essential businesses and operations, including the following:
    - Food and beverage manufacturing.
    - Agriculture.
    - Grocery stores and pharmacies,

- Outdoor recreation activities.
- Charitable and social service organizations.
- Media services.
- Gas stations and other transportation-related businesses.
- Financial institutions.
- Hardware and supply stores.
- Critical trades, such as building and construction, plumbing, electrical, pest control, security, custodial work, painting, moving services and others.
- Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery and pick-up services.
- Educational institutions, consistent with Governor Ducey's order closing schools.
- Laundry services.
- Restaurants for off-premises consumption, consistent with Executive Order 2020-09.
- Supplies for essential business operations and supplies needed to work from home.
- Transportation.
- Home-based care and services.
- Residential facilities and shelters.

- Professional and personal services, such as legal services, accounting services, insurance services and personal hygiene services.
  - Day care centers for employees exempted by this Executive Order.
  - Manufacture, distribution and supply chain services for critical products and services.
  - Hotels and motels.
  - Funeral Services.
- Ensures that any orders issued by counties, cities or towns that restrict people from leaving home are consistent with advice from the Arizona Department of Health Services and requires such orders to be coordinated with the state prior to issuance. Also requires state and local agencies to update their list of essential services to conform to this Executive Order.
  - This Executive Order was signed by Governor Ducey on March 23, 2020.

### **2-1-1 COVID-19 Hotline**

- On March 22, 2020, Governor Ducey announced the launch of the 2-1-1 COVID-19 hotline as a resource to help address COVID-19 questions and concerns.

### **Executive Order 2020-11: Ensuring Individuals Whose Employment is Affected by COVID-19 Have Access to Unemployment Insurance**

- Adds the following people to the eligibility list for unemployment insurance: (1) those whose employer has permanently or temporarily ceased or drastically reduced operations because of COVID-19, (2) those who must quarantine because of COVID-

19, (3) those who leave employment to avoid exposure risk or to care for a family member with COVID-19 and (4) those who are otherwise separated from work for reasons related to COVID-19.

- Waives the one-week waiting period required to apply for unemployment benefits and waives requirements to seek work for those receiving benefits.
- Waives increases in employer contribution rates for the unemployment insurance fund for businesses whose employees receive unemployment benefits due to COVID-19.
- This Executive Order applies retroactively to March 11, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

### **Tax Deadline Extended to July 15, 2020**

- On March 20, 2020, Governor Ducey instructed the Arizona Department of Revenue to move the filing deadline for state income taxes from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

### **Executive Order 2020-10: Delaying Elective Surgeries to Conserve Personal Protective Equipment Necessary to Test and Treat Patients with COVID-19**

- Prohibits all non-essential or elective surgeries in Arizona. Defines “non-essential or elective surgery” as “a surgery that can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of a patient.”
- This Executive Order is effective starting Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:00 AM and remains in effect until further notice.

### **Executive Order 2020-09: Limiting the Operations of Certain Businesses to Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

- Requires closure of all bars, movie theaters, indoor gyms and fitness clubs in Arizona counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Requires restaurants in Arizona counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19 to close access to on-site dining. (This does not apply to hospital or nursing home cafeterias or to soup kitchens.) Allows restaurants to provide dine-out options. Also allows restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers to be consumed off site.
- Allows for manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers to buy back unopened alcohol products from restaurants, bars and clubs.
- This Executive Order is effective starting at the close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020 and remains in effect until further notice.

### **Executive Order 2020-08: Limiting In-Person Motor Vehicle Division Visits for Driver License Renewals**

- Delays the expiration date on Arizona driver licenses expiring between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 for a period of six months.
- Delays certain commercial driver license requirements.
- This Executive Order was signed March 19, 2020 and remains in effect until Governor Ducey terminates the Declaration of Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

### **Arizona National Guard Activated**

- On March 19, 2020, Governor Ducey activated the Arizona National Guard to assist grocery stores and food banks facing high demand as a result of COVID-19.

## **Executive Order 2020-07: Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID 19**

- Requires the Department of Health Services to establish visiting and cleaning rules for skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities and assisted living facilities.
- Requires all state-regulated insurers to cover COVID-19 testing regardless of whether the testing facility is located in or out of network. Insurers must also waive cost-sharing requirements related to COVID-19 testing and must cover and encourage telemedicine.
- This Executive Order was signed March 11, 2020 and remains in effect until Governor Ducey terminates the Declaration of Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

### **Declaration of Emergency: \*COVID-19\***

- On March 11, 2020, Governor Ducey declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19.