

State Actions Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**Legislation enacted**

[SB 89 \(Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020\)](#) – \$500 million emergency appropriation, and authorizes increases up to \$1 billion, for any purposes related to Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 proclamation of a state of emergency.

[SB 117 \(Chapter 3, Statutes of 2020\)](#) – \$100 million from general fund revenues appropriated for school district for personal protective equipment and cleaning for schools that remain open. It also allows schools to maintain funding despite service disruptions. Attendance and reporting requirements are waived which are applicable to childcare programs and local educational agencies.

State of Emergency

[March 4, 2020](#) – Governor Newsom issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in California related to COVID-19. The emergency proclamation includes provisions that protect consumers against price gouging, allow for health care workers to come from out of state to assist at health care facilities, and give health care facilities the flexibility to plan and adapt to accommodate incoming patients.

Major Disaster Declaration

[March 22, 2020](#) – The Major Disaster Declaration makes federal funding available to state, tribal, and local governments for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, and makes funding available for crisis counseling for impacted individuals.

Executive Orders

[N-25-20](#) – *Further enhancing California's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.* Details include: cancel large gatherings more than 250 people; remove waiting period for unemployment/disability insurance, readies state to commandeer hotels and medical facilities, and allows local/state legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still meeting state transparency requirements.

[N-26-20](#) – *Ensuring State Funding for Schools Even in Event of Physical Closure.* Details include: using dollars to fund distance learning and high quality educational opportunities, safely provide school meals, and arrange for the supervision of students during school hours.

[N-27-20](#) – *Directive to Fight COVID-19.* Details include: seniors and COVID-19 vulnerable residents directed to home isolate; redirecting California agencies to protect licensed facilities, staff & residents most vulnerable.

[N-28-20](#) – *Protect Renters and Homeowners During COVID-19 Pandemic.* Authorizes local governments to halt evictions, slows foreclosures, and protects against utility shut offs.

[N-29-20](#) – *Protect Ongoing Safety Net Services for Most Vulnerable Californians During COVID-19 Outbreak.* Details include: Waiving eligibility re-determinations for 90 days for Californians who participate these services.

[N-30-20](#) – *Suspend Standardized Testing for Students in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak.*

[N-31-20](#) – *Allow Timely Delivery of Vital Goods During COVID-19 Outbreak.* Eases restrictions on commercial drivers engaged in support of emergency relief efforts.

[N-32-20](#) – *Emergency Actions & Authorizes Funding to Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19.* Granting local flexibility on spending and building shelters.

[N-33-20](#) – *Statewide Stay at Home Order.* [Defines Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.](#)

[N-34-20](#) – *Protect Public Health by Expanding Vote-by-Mail Options.* Permits vote-by-mail procedures to be used in three upcoming special elections and extends the deadlines for ballot counting, tabulation, and other responsibilities related to the official canvass of California's Presidential Primary Election.

[N-35-20](#) – *Fight the COVID-19 Surge*. Details include: Expands capacity to combat COVID-19 in health care facilities; gives flexibility to local governments to utilize the skills of retired employees; provides additional flexibility regarding Brown Act and Bagley Keene when there are issues associated with COVID-19 being discussed; and extending appointment/reappointment.

[N-36-20](#) – *State Prisons and Juvenile Facilities in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak*. Top line details: No new commitments to state prisons or juvenile facilities will be accepted for the next 30 days. Directs videoconferencing of all scheduled parole suitability hearings starting next month.

[N-37-20](#) – *Establish a Statewide Moratorium on Evictions*. Builds on the Governor's previous executive action authorizing local governments to halt evictions. Will apply through May 31, 2020.

[N-38-20](#) – *Enables California Chief Justice to take emergency actions for the state's courts to be able to conduct business during the COVID-19 pandemic*.

[N-39-20](#) – *Expands health care workforce and staff at least an additional 50,000 hospital beds needed for the COVID-19 surge*.

[N-40-20](#) – *Provides Relief to California Small Businesses*. Details include: 90-day extension in state and local taxes, including sales tax and extends licensing deadlines and requirements for a number of industries.

[N-41-20](#) – *Provides for Expedited Resources for COVID-19 Response*. Expenditures shall be made out of the Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account or any other fund legally available, for personal protective equipment, medical equipment and, to support the hospital surge.

SB 89 Expenditures to date:

- \$100 million directly to local governments, for shelter support and emergency housing to address COVID-19 among the homeless population, and
- \$50 million to purchase travel trailers and lease rooms in hotels, motels, and other facilities in partnership with counties and cities to provide immediate isolation placements throughout the state for homeless individuals.
- \$30 million to lease and operate two facilities and to expand the state's hospital capacity.
 - Seton Medical Center in Daly City.
 - St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles.
- \$1,420,000 to expand capacity of the state's public health lab in Richmond.
- \$8,647,000 to purchase new ventilators, as well as IV fusion pumps, and refurbish additional ventilators.
- \$2 million to contract with American Medical Response to provide patient transportation.

Relevant Guidance:

[March 16, 2020](#) – State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced an extension to file 2019 California tax returns and make payments until July 15, in accordance with Gov. Gavin Newsom's March 12 executive order.

[March 17, 2020](#) – Governor Newsom Places National Guard Personnel on Alert to Support COVID-19.

[March 18, 2020](#) – *State workers*. Departments should establish a staff management plan that allows for effective social distancing for those in the office, takes into consideration stay-at-home directives from state and local public health departments, and protects the health of employees over the entire length of this crisis.

[March 24, 2020](#) – Department of Finance Workload Budget announcement.

[Legislative Analyst's Report](#) - *COVID-19 and California's Evolving Fiscal Outlook*. A key point in this report is that a recession will cause dramatic impacts to capital gains, to which California is highly reliant, and will subsequently shrink revenue projections.