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# KJL WEEKLY UPDATE

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## **KJL SPECIAL ALERT**

The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

# Michigan House votes to repeal 1945 emergency law used by Whitmer to issue coronavirus orders

Legislation that would overturn one of the emergency laws Gov. Gretchen Whitmer used as authority to issue COVID-19 orders during the first several months of the pandemic cleared the Michigan House early Friday morning.

Senate Bill 857, sponsored by Sen. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, would repeal the 1945 Emergency Powers of Governor Act, one of two state laws currently on the books Whitmer used to issue a broad range of orders that required masks in public spaces, limited crowd sizes, and closed various establishments after the legislature opted not to extend the initial state of emergency declaration on April 30. Whitmer's use of the act was ultimately deemed unconstitutional in a split October Michigan Supreme Court decision after Republicans and others challenged the orders in state and federal courts. That's left it up to the legislature to codify many of the COVID-19 executive orders invalidated by the ruling, although the state's Department of Health and Human Services has mirrored several of Whitmer's response measures in subsequent public health emergency orders.

Barrett's legislation passed the House in a 57-43 vote.

## Michigan Senate approves creation of committee to suspend public health orders between sessions

The Michigan legislature has fought executive orders from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her state agencies all year long, and took a step Thursday to deal another blow to the administration's efforts to mandate coronavirus precautions.

Just before the end of the legislative session, the Michigan Senate laid the groundwork to put a measure in place to suspend any Whitmer administration order issued before the next session starts in January.

State senators approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, introduced by Sen. John Bizon, R-Battle Creek, by a voice vote without discussion. If also approved by the House, it would create a committee with the potential power to suspend any rule or regulation introduced by a state agency in between the end of the current lame-duck session and the start of the 2021-22 session on Jan. 13.

In other words, any rule, regulation or order from Whitmer or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services introduced over the next few weeks could be denied by this committee, a GOP spokesperson said.

# Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon dies after weeks-long battle with COVID-19

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon has died due to complications from the COVID-19 virus. The 65-year-old Napoleon died at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Thursday evening in the company of family, according to his daughter Tiffani Jackson.

Napoleon was appointed sheriff in 2009 and has been reelected multiple times. He announced he'd tested positive for the virus on Nov. 19. He was admitted to the hospital the following day and remained there until his death. The KJL team extends our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

## Governor Whitmer Makes Appointments to the Bench

Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Yasmine Isshak Poles to the 6th Circuit Court of Oakland County and Miriam A. Perry to the 15th District Court of Ann Arbor.

Yasmine Isshak Poles currently serves as the principal of the Law Offices of Yasmine I. Poles, PLLC. In her practice, she specializes in criminal defense, custody, and employment matters. She also serves as corporate counsel and director of human resources for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc. and Title Partners, Inc. Prior to her private practice, Poles served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Macomb County for 12 years.

Poles is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Chaldean Chamber of Commerce, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, Michigan Association of Justice, and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Michigan and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University School of Law. Yasmine lives in Birmingham with her husband Paul and their two children.

This appointment was made to fill a partial term, which will expire at twelve o'clock noon on January 1, 2023, to fill the seat of Judge Hala Y. Jarbou who stepped down effective September 25, 2020 following her appointment to the United States District Court of the Western District of Michigan. If Poles wishes to seek a full six-year term, she would be required to run for reelection in November of 2022.

# PER TODAY'S ORDER:

COVID-19

## DEC. 18 ORDER: GATHERING GUIDELINES

<h3>Open</h3>			<h3>Not open</h3>
 Two-household gathering (high precautions)*	 Public transit	 Funerals (25 people)	 Workplaces, when work can be done from home
 Small outdoor gatherings (25 people)	 Hair salons, barber shops, other personal services	 Health care	 Restaurants and bars (indoor dining)
 Retail	 Gyms, pools, roller and ice rinks (for individual exercise)	 Theaters, movie theaters, stadiums, arenas	 Night clubs
 Preschool through 12th grade (local district choice)	 Restaurants and bars (outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery)	 Bowling centers	 Indoor sports & contact sports, except professional sports
 Childcare	 Professional sports**	 Bingo halls, casinos, arcades	 Trampoline parks, water parks
 Manufacturing, construction, other work that is impossible to do remotely, including technical education	 Parks and outdoor recreation	 Outdoor group fitness classes and non-contact sports	 Indoor group fitness classes

\*See Social Gathering Guidance.  
\*\*Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

For more information about the order, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).  
Questions or concerns can be emailed to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov).

## KJL COVID RESOURCE TAB

A COVID 19 resource tab has been added to our website [www.kjlteam.com](http://www.kjlteam.com). We will continue to update that tab with information relevant to our clients. Also, if you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily information.

***The KJL offices will be closed December 23 - January 4. We will not send an update during that time. Please look for our next update January 8, 2021. On behalf of the KJL team, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.***



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# KJL Virtual Event Management

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Looking to move your in-person event to a VIRTUAL platform? Not sure where to start? **KJL IS NOW OFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL EVENT PRODUCTION.** We are well versed in virtual event planning, production, and presentation. Our services are currently being used by groups of up to 400. No matter the size, we are here to help!

## Services Provided Include:

- Detailed meeting agendas and content development
- Facilitate practice sessions prior to event
- Deliver technical assistance during event
- Manage post event wrap up
- Encourage attendee engagement with polls, surveys, and more
- Assist with sponsorship highlights
- Detailed guides for effective and professional virtual presentations
- Techniques to perfect presentation

## Virtual Event Production Service Includes:



### Event Management:

Invitations  
Registration  
Event Reminders  
Post Event Communication  
Social Media Promotion

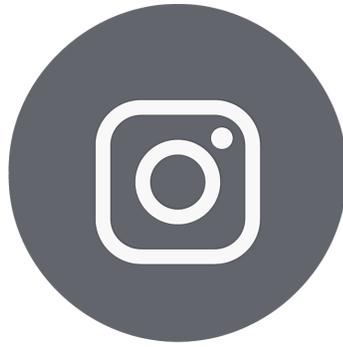
### Event Data Collection:

Attendee List  
Question/Answer Data  
Polling/Survey Data  
Attendee Engagement Report

## Seminars Conventions Educational Events Town Halls

Contact us today for a consultation & quote for your event. **517.485.4044** | [marcy@kjlteam.com](mailto:marcy@kjlteam.com)  
Pricing will be based on complexity of meeting. Initial meeting plan and proposal will be provided upon request.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.com](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.com)

[www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag)

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.com](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.com)

[www.congress.gov.com](http://www.congress.gov.com)

[www.michiganbusiness.org](http://www.michiganbusiness.org)

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