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# SPECIAL ALERT

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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.

# Court of Appeals Upholds Governor's Emergency Powers to Protect Michiganders

Today, the Court of Appeals ruled to uphold the governor's emergency powers to protect Michiganders from the spread of COVID-19. As the Court concluded: "[T]he Governor's declaration of a statement of emergency, her extensions of the state of emergency, and her issuance of related EOs clearly fell within the scope of the Governor's authority under the EPGA." (p. 21).

To view the court's full ruling, click the link below:

- [COA Ruling.PDF](#)

## Michiganders to get extra \$300 per week in unemployment

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's request for an extra \$300 per week for Michigan residents receiving unemployment. Whitmer made the request earlier this week after President Donald Trump approved an extra \$400 per month, with the federal government paying \$300 and states kicking in \$100. States, however, were permitted to request federal money without chipping in on supplemental payments.

## Flint Water Crisis Settlement

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced this week that the State reached a settlement to pay \$600 million to the victims of the Flint Water Crisis. 25,000+ people, 5,000+ of whom were children, were sickened by lead poisoning after the city changed the water supply in an effort to reduce costs. The majority of the settlement dollars will go to younger plaintiffs.

# Gov. Whitmer signs back-to-school legislation allowing for virtual learning

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation outlining expectations for schools reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic Thursday, formalizing a deal reached last week between the administration and legislative leaders ahead of the new school year.

The three-bill package signed into law this week – House Bills 5911, 5912, and 5913 – leaves it to local districts to determine school reopening methods and guidelines, virtual or in-person learning, taking local COVID-19 metrics and recommendations from individual health departments into account.

The legislation will weight per-pupil funding for districts this school year based on 75 percent of last year's enrollment numbers and 25 percent of the current school year. Districts will

have to provide at least two two-way interactions a week between at least 75 percent of enrolled students and their teachers. School boards will be required to review their district's instruction plans on a monthly basis in public meetings. Schools will be required to provide benchmark assessments to determine where students are at academically.

## Clients in the News

Comcast

<https://bestforvets2020.militarytimes.com/>

## EXECUTIVE ORDER:

- Executive Order 2020-170:
  - Temporary COVID-19 protocols for entry into Michigan Department of Corrections facilities and transfers to and from Department custody; temporary recommended COVID-19 protocols and enhanced early-release authorization



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

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

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