



## KJL SPECIAL ALERT 5.1.20

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.

### EXPLANATION OF LATEST EXECUTIVE ORDERS & LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

As of late yesterday, Governor Whitmer has extended her State of Emergency Executive Order to May 28, 2020, under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945. This law does not include a limit to how long the Governor may issue an order and does not require legislative approval for the declaration.

- **EO 67-2020**

States the **state remains under a state of emergency under the act**. Further, the **Governor extended the State of Emergency and Disaster through May 28** under the Emergency Management Act of 1976. This Act does include a limit of 28 days that the Governor can declare a state of emergency or disaster.

- **EO 68-2020**

Limitations to places of public accommodation – bars, restaurants, theaters, casinos and more - have also been extended until May 28. The order continues to allow businesses to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service.

- **EO 69-2020**

Legislative leadership has been openly frustrated with the Governor for not incorporating their recommendations to her decisions on her executive orders. Believing that it is time to begin opening businesses and lessening the restrictions of the orders. They returned to Lansing this week in an effort to limit her executive authority and mitigate some of the effects of the EO's. The following is a summary of legislation and resolutions passed by:

- **SB 858** (Sen. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte) was passed along partisan lines and has been presented to the Governor that would amend the Emergency Management Act to limit the number of days a Governor can declare a state of emergency from 28 to 14 days. After which, any further extensions would have to be approved by the legislature. It is very likely the bill will be vetoed by the Governor.
- **SR 114** (Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland), authorizing the Senate Majority Leader to commence legal action if the Governor extends the state of emergency order past April 30<sup>th</sup> without legislative approval. The House passed a similar resolution, HR 250 (Rep. Shane Hernandez, R-Port Huron).

**At this time, the actions of the legislature do not have an effect on the extension of the Governor's orders. It is likely that court action will be initiated challenging the Governor's ability to implement these orders without legislative action.**

### KJL UPDATE WITH TRICIA FOSTER, COO FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

KJL is pleased to host a call with Tricia Foster, COO for the State of Michigan next Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 2PM. If you are interested in joining the call, please contact Lauren Bunn at [lauren@kjteam.com](mailto:lauren@kjteam.com). A moderator will lead the call, please submit questions in advance to Lauren.

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

[EO 2020-14](#) extends deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes. **Expires May 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-22](#) extends county canvass deadlines for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. **Expires April 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-26](#) extends April 2020 Michigan income tax filing deadlines. **Expires July 31, 2020**

[EO 2020-27](#) conducting elections on May 5, 2020 using absent voter ballots **Expires May 5, 2020**

[EO 2020-28](#) restores water service to occupied residences during the pandemic. **Expires July 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-31](#) temporary relief from standard vapor pressure restrictions on gasoline sales. **Expires July 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-35](#) provision of K-12 education through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. **Expires July 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-36](#) prevents employees from being fired if they stay home when they are sick. **Expires December 31, 2020**

[EO 2020-37](#) temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities. **Expires May 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-39](#) loosening restrictions on ambulatory services. **Expires May 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-40](#) loosening restrictions on transporting “essential supplies/equipment/persons” **Expires May 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-41](#) encouraging the use of electronic signatures. **Expires June 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-43](#) restrictions of the use of places of public accommodation. **Expires May 15, 2020**

[EO 2020-44](#) suspending seasonal weight restrictions for vehicles. **Expires June 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-46](#) creates a spirits buyback program. **Expires July 30, 2020**

[EO 2020-47](#) allowing expired driver licenses to be valid.  
Expires May 30, 2020

[EO 2020-49](#) lifting certain regulatory requirements on health care facilities.  
Expires July 30, 2020

[EO 2020-50](#) expanding protections for residents and staff of long-term care facilities.  
Expires July 30, 2020

[EO 2020-51](#) expanding childcare access.  
Expires May 30, 2020

[EO 2020-52](#) expanding certain pesticide applicator certificates.  
Expires June 29, 2020

[EO 2020-53](#) enhanced restrictions on price gouging  
Expires June 30, 2020

[EO 2020-54](#) temporarily banning evictions  
Expires June 30, 2020

[EO 2020-56](#) enhancing flexibility to pharmacy operations  
Expires May 30, 2020

[EO 2020-57](#) expanding unemployment eligibility  
Expires July 30, 2020

[EO 2020-58](#) suspends certain timing requirements of civil and probate court actions  
Expires June 30, 2020

[EO 2020-61](#) eases certain restrictions on medical services  
Expires June 30, 2020

[EO 2020-62](#) creates special protocols for entering a state prison and how prisoners are to be transferred, among other changes to detention procedures  
Expires July 30, 2020

[EO 2020-63](#) suspends the expiration of personal protection orders  
Expires June 30, 2020

## CLIENTS IN THE NEWS

### [City of Detroit](#)

4/23/2020 DTE Energy, Skillman Foundation, Quicken Loans, DPSCD, and the City of Detroit have started a program called Connected Futures and have raised \$23 million to help 51,000 Detroit students learn online.

### [Microsoft](#)

4/20/2020 Microsoft has built a 'Plasma Bot', an online screening tool, to tell you if you are eligible to donate plasma to help fight COVID-19.

[4/26/2020](#) Microsoft's technology chief has pivoted and is focusing on COVID-19 response. The latest projects include setting up a chat bot for the CDC and repurposing Microsoft's Supercomputers to help in drug discovery.

### [Natural Resource Defense Council](#)

4/24/2020 The NRDC has created a website, savethefood.com, to help with grocery management and food waste during the "stay home" orders. This website offers an interactive food storage guide that enables users to search for a food and see optimal storage recommendations, when it is freshest, and what to do to "revive" food after its point of freshness.

### [The Food Bank Council of Michigan](#)

4/24/2020 The FBCM has teamed up with other agencies to promote a virtual food drive to help MI residence in need with a 'Quarantine Food Box'. For more info [click here](#).

[4/27/2020](#) Macomb County seniors in need of food were provided 400 emergency food boxes at a pop-up food pantry. This was a part of an effort by the Food Bank Council of Michigan, Michigan DHHS, and Gleaner's Community Food Bank to distribute 10,000 boxes to 16 area agencies throughout the state.

### [Cresco Labs](#)

4/24/2020 Cresco Labs CEO, Charlie Bachtell, told CNBC that he thinks the cannabis industry could help in post-pandemic economic relief.

### [Comcast](#)

4/20/2020 In response to COVID-19 Comcast is offering free Wi-Fi hot spots, no-shutoff payment plans for struggling customers, free educational videos for children and adults, and offering new low-income customers two months of free internet access.

### [Novartis](#)

4/20/2020 Novartis is stepping up to study if hydroxychloroquine can effectively treat COVID-19.

[4/27/2020](#) Novartis' up and coming targeted therapy has already proven it can benefit lung cancer patients, now the company is showing the drug can also battle tumors in the brain

### [The State Bar of Michigan](#)

4/27/2020 The State Bar of Michigan has created a new COVID-19 rapid Response Helpline, offering legal help related to the pandemic. This service includes a free 25-minute consultation with a Michigan lawyer.

### [Learning.com](#)

4/27/2020 While many students are making the transition to online learning, Learning.com offers students a chance to practice keyboarding and learn lessons about digital citizenship

## **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.

## **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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