



KJL SPECIAL ALERT 4/24/20

The Khoury Johnson 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.

GOVERNOR EXTENDS STAY HOME, STAY SAFE EXECUTIVE ORDER, EASES ON SOME RESTRICTIONS & REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

The new E.O. allows landscapers, lawn-service companies, greenhouses and nurseries to return to work. Permit retailers may open for curbside pickup and for delivery. "Closed areas" (e.g. garden centers) are permitted to reopen. Bike repair shops are also permitted to open.

Public restrictions have been eased to allow for motorized boating, golf, travel between two residences with the strong encouragement of social distancing in all activities.

Finally, the order will require people to wear face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. Employers are required to provide at least cloth face coverings to all employees. **Please feel free to contact Karen Currie from our team at karen@kjlteam.com, if you need assistance ordering face coverings.**

EO 2020-59 - Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life - Recission of Executive Order 2020-42

LEGISLATURE CREATES COVID-19 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- A 10-member panel of legislators will examine how Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has handled Michigan's COVID-19 response, the Legislature voted today.
- The committee will be chaired by Rep. Matt Hall (R-Calhoun) and will investigate and consider restricting the powers the governor has and utilized since her original declaration of emergency on March 10, 2020. The move comes after much criticism from Republican leaders in the House and Senate over the governor's extension of the state of emergency and Stay at Home orders.
- Republicans in the House and Senate have forwarded their own proposals on reducing restrictions on business and social activities.

MINORITY LEADER GREIG & REPRESENTATIVE LASINSKI CALL NEXT WEEK

We are pleased to share that we will host a call with Minority Leader Greig and Representative Lasinski, on Wednesday, April 29 at 10:30 am. We will format the call with a moderator and allow clients to submit questions in advance. **If you are interested in participating please contact Lauren Bunn at lauren@kjlteam.com**

CALL WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ELIZABETH HERTEL

KJL will host a call with Deputy Director Hertel on Thursday, April 30 at 1pm. We will format the call with a moderator and allow clients to submit questions in advance. **If you are interested in participating contact Lauren Bunn at lauren@kjlteam.com**

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR ADDRESSES BUDGET FUTURE

This week, KJL hosted a video conference call with Senate Appropriations Chair Jim Stamas (R-Midland). Sen. Stamas offered a candid picture of the state's current budget situation resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The effects of the Stay Home Stay Safe orders did not begin until mid-March, therefore the impact to the state's revenue will not be quantified until the April numbers are released. At this time, the current year budget (FY 2019-2020) is expected to have a deficit of \$2.2-3 billion. This will have to be addressed by the Governor and legislative leaders soon to keep the budget in balance. The Revenue Estimating Conference has been scheduled for May 15. The State Budget Director and the Directors of the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies will meet to estimate state revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year as well as the next. The legislature is required to present a balanced budget to the Governor by July 1.

LEADER ANANICH AND SENATOR HERTEL DISCUSS THE ADMIN'S NEXT STEPS AND THE STATE BUDGET

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint) and Senate Minority Vice Chair of Appropriations Curtis Hertel (D-East Lansing) spoke with KJL this week to address the next steps with the Stay Home Stay Safe Executive Order as well as the issues developing within the state budget. Both Senators expressed support of the efforts in place to encourage social distancing.

Sen. Hertel is implementing lessons he learned from past budget challenges that the state experienced during the recession. Reductions will be implemented being mindful of their long-term impacts.

Sen. Ananich is in close communication with the Governor and is working with her to develop the next steps for reopening businesses in Michigan while maintaining a public safety focus.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

- [EO 2020-55](#) - Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities - Department of Health and Human Services
- [EO 2020-56](#) - Temporary enhancements to operational capacity, flexibility, and efficiency of pharmacies - Rescission of Executive Order 2020-25
- [EO 2020-57](#) - Temporary expansions in unemployment eligibility and cost-sharing - Rescission of Executive Order 2020-24
- [EO 2020-58](#) - Temporary suspension of certain timing requirements relating to the commencement of civil and probate actions and proceedings

KJL COVID RESOURCE TAB

A COVID 19 resource tab has been added to our website 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

www.michigan.gov/ag

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.com

www.congress.gov.com

www.michiganbusiness.org

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