



COVID-19 at a Glance

Region 7

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming



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Arizona

Overview

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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	Statewide
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	From Certain States
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	>10 People Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

Health Policy Action on COVID-19

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Action Taken	
Waive Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Treatment	N/A
Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
Paid Sick Leave	Enacted

Essential Businesses

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are 14 essential employment categories listed by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): healthcare employees, first responders, food and agricultural employees, energy employees, water and sanitation, transportation and logistics, public workers, manufacturing, communications and IT, community-based government operations and essential functions, financial services, hazardous material management, defense industrial base, and chemical management.

Essential employees in Arizona are similar to the 14 categories listed above, with the addition of employees at hotels and motels, laundry businesses, and hardware and supply stores.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
3/23/20	Executive Order 2020-12 and Additional Guidance on Essential Services



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State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
<u>SB 1028</u>	Revises provisions related to enhanced surveillance during a state of emergency. Includes an emerging health threat as an event the Governor may issue an enhanced surveillance advisory in response to.	Pending
<u>SB 1051</u>	Relates to the Department of Health Services; appropriates \$55 million from the budget stabilization fund to the public health emergencies fund to pay the expenses of public health emergency responses following a state of emergency declaration by the Governor related to COVID-19.	Enacted
<u>SB 1687</u>	Provides that during the state of emergency declaration period for coronavirus disease, the Department of Economic Security shall provide an exemption from state time limits for TANF and a general waiver for work requirements under TANF; authorizes payments to providers of behavioral health services and providers to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities, the elderly, and the disabled.	Enacted
<u>HB 2910</u>	Provides for procedures regarding public school closures related to the coronavirus disease 2019; appropriating funds.	Enacted
<u>SB 1694</u>	An emergency measure that permits the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to establish an alternative unemployment insurance (UI) benefit program for people impacted by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).	Enacted
<u>SB 1690</u>	Appropriates \$50 million from the general fund to a newly established Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund. The fund will provide economic assistance for housing, the homeless, small businesses, and food bank operations during the coronavirus public health emergency.	Enacted



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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	Statewide
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	N/A
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	All Gatherings Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Waive Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Treatment	N/A
Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	State Requires
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	Yes
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
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Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
3/26/20	Updated Public Health Order 20-24 Implementing Stay At Home Requirements and Stay Home Except For Essential Needs



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Colorado

State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
HJR 1006	Concerns a request to the Supreme Court of the state of Colorado to render its opinion upon a question regarding the length of legislative session outlined in the state Constitution.	Adopted



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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	Statewide
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	N/A
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses
Mandated School Closures	Effectively Closed
Large Gatherings Ban	All Gatherings Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Action Taken	
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Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
Paid Sick Leave	N/A

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Idaho essential employees work in the 14 categories listed above.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
3/25/20	Essential Services



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Idaho

State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
<u>HB 529</u>	Provides civil immunity for architects, engineers, and contractors during disasters in response to a declared national, state or local emergency, disaster or catastrophic event.	Enacted
<u>SB 1398</u>	Makes an appropriation to the Catastrophic Health Care Program for the upcoming fiscal year.	Enacted
<u>SB 1428</u>	Makes an appropriation to the Division of Human Resources for the current fiscal year; provides for advanced sick leave and paid administrative leave; declares an emergency.	Enacted



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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	Statewide
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	All Travelers
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	All Gatherings Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Action Taken	
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Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
Paid Sick Leave	N/A

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Essential employees in Montana include those that work in healthcare, human services, supply chain, critical infrastructure, and government-related functions.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
3/26/20	Stay at Home Directive and Coronavirus FAQs



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Montana

State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
<i>No legislation has been introduced as of 4/23/20</i>		



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New Mexico

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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	Statewide
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	All Air Travelers
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	All Gatherings Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Limited On-Site Service
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Action Taken	
Waive Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Treatment	State Requires
Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
Paid Sick Leave	N/A

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New Mexico recognizes essential employees as those that support the public health, safety, and well-being of the State.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
3/23/20	Stay at Home – Essential Businesses and Public Health Order and Essential Businesses Per Public Health Order



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New Mexico

State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
<i>No legislation has been introduced as of 4/23/20</i>		



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Utah

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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	High-Risk Groups
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	All Travelers
Non-Essential Business Closures	N/A
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	N/A
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	N/A
Paid Sick Leave	Proposed March 2020

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The State of Utah's essential employees falls under the 14 categories listed by CISA, with special emphasis on childcare, and suppliers and distribution centers.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
N/A	N/A



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Utah

State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

Bill Number	Description	Status
SCR 8	Expresses support for the Chinese people regarding the coronavirus outbreak.	Adopted
HJR 24	Extends the state of emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19.	Adopted
HJR 301	Urges state and local government entities to exercise fiscal responsibility with the remainder of their 2020 budgets and to plan to continue to limit spending in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021.	Enacted
SJR 301	Approves acceptance by the state of Utah of certain federal funds.	Adopted
HCR 301	Acknowledges and expresses gratitude for the efforts of individuals and organizations responding to the pandemic caused by COVID-19.	Eligible for Governor
SB 3	Part of a larger supplemental appropriations bill, which includes an authorization for a one-time general fund appropriation of up to \$16 million to the Department of Health for the purpose of emergency disease response.	Enacted
HB 3	Part of a larger supplemental appropriations bill, which includes an authorization for a one-time appropriation of up to \$24 million from various general fund accounts, including the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account and the Department of Public Safety Restricted Account for the purpose of disease response.	Enacted
HB 494	Authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to transfer or divert money to another department, agency, institution or division only for the purposes of providing a state response to the coronavirus.	Enacted
SB 3001	Supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the current and upcoming fiscal years in response to the coronavirus pandemic.	Eligible for Governor
SB 3004	Enacts the COVID-19 Health and Economic Response Act; creates the Public Health and Economic Emergency Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the state's response to the coronavirus emergency; establishes the membership and duties of the Commission; requires the Commission to provide a plan by a certain date to the Governor that moves the state to a less urgent response level; addresses the Governor's response to the Commission's plan.	Enacted
SB 3006	Creates a program and funds existing programs and services related to relieving economic injury to individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19.	Pending
HB 3006	Temporarily changes the Election Code and related provisions, as they relate to the 2020 regular primary election only, to conduct the election in a manner that protects the public health and safety in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Eligible for Governor
HB 3007	Relates to COVID-19 Workers' Compensation amendments for first	Eligible for Governor



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<u>HB 3009</u>	Enacts provisions related to local government response during a declared emergency.	Pending.



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Wyoming

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Action Taken	
Stay at Home Order	N/A
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	All Travelers
Non-Essential Business Closures	N/A
Mandated School Closures	Yes
Large Gatherings Ban	>10 People Prohibited
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery
Primary Election Postponement	N/A

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Action Taken	
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Requires Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements	N/A
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A
Early Prescription Refills	N/A
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A
Marketplace SEP	N/A
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved
Paid Sick Leave	N/A

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Wyoming's essential employees fall under the 14 categories. In addition, the state recognizes that all healthcare, emergency services, and public workers are vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses
N/A	N/A



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State Legislation Responding to COVID-19

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