



Arizona Headed In The Right Direction

Salons, Barbershops and Restaurants to Re-open

The Governor on Monday issued an Executive Order allowing salons and barbershops to resume appointment-based services on May 8th. Under the order, barbers and cosmetologists will have to provide cloth face coverings for employees and visitors to wear, and they are being asked to operate on an appointment-only basis to manage occupancy levels. Meanwhile, waiting areas and service areas should provide for appropriate physical distancing. Restaurants and coffee shops will be allowed to resume on May 11th, with certain health protection guidelines in place, such as limiting dining parties to no more than 10 people, operating at a reduced capacity, and implementing symptom screening for employees prior to the start of their work shift.

To view guidance for salons and barbershops; click [here](#).

To view guidance for restaurants and coffee shops; click [here](#).

New Guidelines Issued for Retail Businesses

Governor Ducey at a press conference on May 4th, issued guidelines for retail businesses which will begin to reopen later this week. Stores will operate on a limited basis starting May 4th by offering curbside service to shoppers and then be allowed to fully open on Friday under certain conditions.

Among the provisions, customers will be asked to:

- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from other customers and employees.
- Wear masks to cover their nose and mouth.
- Shop at non-peak hours, if possible.

Retail Businesses will be asked to:

- Operate with fewer customers inside.
- Close fitting rooms at clothing stores and other enclosed spaces available to customers.
- Screen employees for COVID-19 symptoms prior to their shifts.

State Legislators Discuss Options to End Shut-Down

Last week, after Governor Ducey extended his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay

Connected" Order, several Republicans called for a Concurrent Resolution to lift the state's emergency declaration. Under A.R.S. 26-303, a state of emergency can be lifted by a decree of the Governor or by "concurrent resolution of the Legislature declaring it at an end." However, to overturn the order would require many pieces to come to fruition. First, the Legislature has to be in session and meet, and when they will return is still uncertain. Then, lawmakers in both chambers must obtain permission from the House and Senate Rules Committees to introduce late legislation. If introduced, the House and Senate need a majority vote to overturn the Governor's State of Emergency Order.

Ending the Governor's Emergency declaration would also rescind restrictions put in place by the Governor's Order that currently bar city governments from adopting rules more stringent than what the Governor authorized. Mayors across the state would be free to issue Shelter-in-Place Orders for as long as they believe necessary. Arizona House of Representative lawyers have advised members that the language of a Concurrent Resolution may only be a clean repeal – meaning that language cannot end the Governor's Order and also prevent charter cities from adopting orders.

Ending Shutdown is a Risk

After receiving insight from Legislative Counsel, President Fann, in an email to members, indicated that if the Governor's Executive Order is overturned by the Legislature, the state would no longer be eligible for millions of dollars in federal relief. Fann wrote "If this resolution passes, the Governor's emergency declaration will end. That means Arizona will keep the COVID money we have received to date but will NOT be entitled to all the millions of FEMA or DEMA funds. In addition, all of the emergency declarations the Governor has passed over the past few weeks will end immediately.... these include things like state income tax deferral to July 15th; protections for our constituents from evictions, etc., etc.....etc."

Arizona Receives \$4.6 Billion from Federal Legislation

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) preliminary estimate is that Arizona state and local governments will receive \$4.6 billion in federal aid, not including direct aid to individuals and businesses. This financial relief may only be used for pandemic related expenditures incurred between March 1st and December 31st, not accounted for in the most recent budget approved by the state or local governments. According to JLBC officials, the anticipated portion of the funds for state use from the Arizona CARES Act is at least \$1.86 billion. To date, the state has already received \$1.41 billion which is controlled by the Governor. Local governments are expected to receive a portion of a \$965 million lump sum. Entities with populations of more than 500,000 — such as Maricopa and Pima counties and the cities of Phoenix, Tucson and Mesa — may receive cash directly versus receiving its distribution from the state.

Here is a breakdown:

- Maricopa County - \$400 million
- City of Phoenix - \$293 million
- Pima County- \$87 million
- City of Tucson - \$95 million
- City of Mesa - \$90 million

It is important to note that the state, Maricopa County, Pima County, Phoenix, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale, Glendale and Tucson are also eligible for loans from the federal government.

Arizona Legislature Has Not Settled on Plan to Return

Last week, Speaker Bowers announced that the Legislature would not be reconvening on May 1st as previously planned. The Speaker, in an email to members and staff, provided no estimate on when a decision to return to the Capitol would be made. Originally, Speaker Bowers and President Fann agreed to adjourn *sine die* on May 1st, effectively killing all remaining legislation in both Chambers. However, that plan quickly failed after a number of Republicans voiced concerns in closed door caucus meetings. Leadership and a few Republicans are favor adjourning the session *sine die*, while the more vocal conservative members of the caucus have called for resuming business, including holding committee hearings. As more updates begin available, we will let you know.

AHCCCS Advances Provider Payments

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) announced that the agency will advance more than \$41 million in scheduled payments to hospitals, primary care providers, behavioral health outpatient providers, and justice clinic providers who participate in their Targeted Investments Program. According to AHCCCS officials, more than 106 provider organizations will receive a portion of the funds originally scheduled to be distributed in the fall of 2020 as a part of their successful participation in the five-year Targeted Investments Program initiative which supports providers' integration of physical and behavioral health services. The \$41 million is not new funding but an existing allocation. AHCCCS expects the payments to be made in early May.

For more information on the Target Investment program click [here](#).

Arizona Testing Blitz

Governor Ducey and ADHS are partnering with communities to offer COVID-19 testing for Arizonans. Beginning May 2nd, several community providers will participate in the Arizona Testing Blitz. The testing will be available for the next three Saturdays and additional days will be added. For more information on how to register to be tested for Covid-19, click [here](#).



Governor Ducey Announces Update Guidance For Arizonans



Arizona Update on Issues



Click here to find COVID-19 resources and volunteer opportunities

Click here to find how you can donate a Mobile Hot Spot

Opinion Piece Written By Mark Fitzgerald



Finding Optimism During COVID-19

Mark Fitzgerald who serves as a Legislative Assistant at AGA recently wrote an Op-Ed about COVID-19. It parallels the Greatest Generations struggles as they adapted after WWII and how to find optimism during this uncertain period of time in history. Click below to read his Op-Ed.

Lessons From The Greatest Generation

Legislators' Birthdays This Week



Happy Birthday Sen.
Eddie Farnsworth (R)
Monday, May 4th

Representing LD12, Senator Farnsworth is serving his final term at the Legislature before retiring. He was first elected to the House in 2000 and served for eight years, including a stint as majority leader from 2003 to 2004. Farnsworth holds both an M.B.A. and J.D. from George Washington University. At the Legislature, he serves as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee and is a member of the Rules and Transportation committees. This session his top legislative priority is SB1449. The bill establishes a list of circumstances under which a product liability action may be commenced or maintained against a seller that is not also a manufacturer of the product at issue. To wish Senator Farnsworth happy birthday: efarnsworth@azleg.gov



Happy Birthday Sen.
Paul Boyer (R)
Wednesday, May 6th

Representing LD20, Senator Paul Boyer is an Arizona native. First elected to the Arizona House in 2013, he has been a Capitol regular before his stint in politics began. Prior to being elected, he served as an official spokesman and policy advisor for House Majority at the State Capitol and was the legislative liaison for the Arizona Department of Corrections. A graduate of ASU and the University of Dallas; Boyer is a teacher at Veritas Preparatory Academy. At the Capitol, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Education committee and is a member of the Senate Finance and Higher Education committees. This session, one of his top legislative priorities is SB1161 which modifies the list of diseases or impairment of a firefighter's health that are presumed to be an occupational disease for the purpose of workers' compensation. To wish Senator Boyer happy birthday: pboyer@azleg.gov

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