

COVID-19: Executive Orders, Legislation, and Resources for Constituents

EOs Regarding COVID-19 (please click link for full text of each EO)

[Executive Order #20-03](#)

Extending states of local disaster emergency relating to COVID-19.

[Executive Order #20-04](#)

Temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings to limit the spread of COVID-19.

[Executive Order #20-05](#)

Temporarily prohibiting utility and internet disconnects.

[Executive Order #20-06](#)

Temporarily prohibiting evictions and foreclosures.

[Executive Order #20-07](#)

Temporarily closing K-12 schools to slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 legislation: (please click link for full explanation)

[House Concurrent Resolution No. 5025](#)

HCR 5025 extends the Governor's March 12, 2020, state of disaster emergency declaration for the State regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19) through May 1, 2020, subject to additional extensions by concurrent resolution of the Legislature.

The original resolution was amended to include the following:

- 1) The Governor does not have the power to temporarily, or permanently, seize ammunition or firearms.
- 2) The LCC (Legislative Coordinating Council) will meet every 30 days to grant additional extensions of such state of disaster emergency, for specified periods not to exceed 30 days each, by a majority vote of five members.
- 3) The resolution replaced prohibitions on the exercise of certain statutory powers by the Governor with LCC review procedures if such powers have been ordered or proclaimed.

[House Bill No. 2168](#)

HB 2168 would set a sunset provision for the Nursing Facility Quality Care Assessment of July 1, 2030, and would amend law concerning the hospital provider assessment known as the Healthcare Access Improvement Program (HCAIP).

[House Substitute for SB 102](#)

An act concerning courts; relating to extension or suspension of deadlines or time limitations to secure the health and safety of court users, staff and judicial officers.

[House Substitute for SB 142](#)

An act concerning education; relating to the duration of the school term; authorizing the grant of a waiver from school term requirements.

[House Substitute for SB 27](#)

An act concerning employment security law; relating to the maximum benefit eligibility period; compensation for the pre-payment waiting period.

Resources

- KDHE offers a comprehensive [COVID-19 Resource Center](#). You can click each tab for information, including info for: families and individuals; healthcare facilities and public health workers; child care and foster care; cleaning; education; law enforcement; long term care facilities; public events and gatherings; businesses and employers; public utilities; correctional and detention facilities; dentists; state agency workers; and a testing approval form. This page is also available in Spanish.

***Additionally, KDHE Secretary Dr. Lee Norman provides weekly video updates on COVID-19, which you can find in the resource center and are a great way to keep your constituents in the know.**

- You can find further information and resources from the [Center for Disease Control](#).

Unemployment Benefits:

For those of your constituents who find themselves unemployed due to COVID-19, [here is a helpful](#) Q&A sheet that can answer any questions you or they may have. To apply for unemployment benefits, you can direct your constituents to the following website:

<https://www.getkansasbenefits.gov/FAQs.aspx>

They will need to take the steps laid out on the website to receive unemployment, and each step is explained thoroughly, with links throughout to complete the steps.

Filing an Initial Claim:

- Setting Up Your Account
- File an Application for Unemployment
- Do These Activities to Get Paid Benefits
- Identity Authentication

They may also view the benefits available and use the benefit option calculator to find out how much they can receive. How to file a claim and benefit receipt options (check/debit card/direct deposit) are explained as well.

This website is incredibly comprehensive, with all information Kansans will need to access unemployment benefits. ***Important note: unemployment claims MUST be filed weekly.**

Schools:

K-12 schools will be deciding upon measures on a school-by-school basis, rather than district-wide. **Please check with you local schools individually to understand the steps they will be taking for continued learning and student meals.**

For further information regarding other education-based questions, please visit the [KS Department of Education](#) and [Kansas Board of Education](#) websites.