To keep you informed on what’s happening at the State Capitol in response to COVID-19, we wanted to share with you the following updates.
Governor Gretchen Whitmer has not issued any new executive orders since our last update (hyperlinks below with all EOs).

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan penned an op-ed explaining what governors across the nation need from Washington in order to combat COVID-19. Click here to read the full op-ed.

Yesterday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer provided an update on the state’s response to COVID-19. Click here to watch the full video.

Chief Justice Bridget McCormack gave an interview on the courts releasing certain prisoners in order to limit the spread of the virus in prisons. Click here to read the interview.

Attorney General Dana Nessel released a second video answering more questions related to Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Orders. Click here to watch the video.

The Whitmer administration is working on a plan to close schools for the remainder of the school year. Click here to read more.

If you, or your business, would like to make a donation in the effort of combating COVID-19, including needed material items, please click here to visit the state’s dedicated site.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer gave notice to members they may have future recesses cancelled in order to make up for the time lost due to COVID-19. Click here to read more.

Nearly half of state legislatures aren’t holding session due to the virus, while some are holding remote sessions or attempting to meet while keeping a safe distance. How are states across the country governing under these strange circumstances? Click here to read the article.

President Donald Trump granted Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s request to utilize the National Guard to distribute food and medical supplies, disinfect public spaces, and more. Click here for more information.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine is being praised for the early, tough decisions he made in response to the outbreak. Click here to read how his strategic decision making is helping his state.

Description and Links to Governor Whitmer’s Executive Orders Related to COVID-19:

While we have been sharing these executive orders with you as they were announced, the following is a complete list with links to each of the Executive Orders (new orders are highlighted):

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-4 - Declaration of a State of Emergency.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-7 - Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-8 - Enhanced restrictions on price gouging.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-9 - Temporary restrictions on the use of places of public accommodation.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-10 - Temporary expansions in unemployment eligibility and cost-sharing.
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 - Temporary prohibition on large assemblages and events, along with temporary school closures.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-12 - Enhanced support for deliveries.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-13 - Temporary enhancements to operational capacity and efficiency of health care facilities.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-14 - Temporary extension of deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-15 - Temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements for school boards.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-16 - Expanding childcare access during the COVID-19 emergency.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-17 - Provides temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-18 - Enhances restrictions on price gouging.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-19 - Provides a temporary prohibition against entry to premises for the purpose of removing or excluding a tenant or mobile homeowner from their home.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-20 - Extends the temporary restrictions on the use of public places of accommodations through April 13. The order adds hair, nail, and tanning salons to the list of restricted places.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21 - Temporary shelter in place for the state through April 13.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-22 - Extends the deadline to complete the canvass of the March 10 primary to April 24.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-23 - Temporarily allows administrative hearings to be held by video conference or telephone, in place of in-person hearings.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-24 - Provides clarity on how the expansion of eligibility for unemployment benefits will work.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-25 - Allows pharmacists to refill prescriptions for up to a 60-day supply and requires insurance to cover the refills.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-26 - Moves all April tax filing deadlines to July.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-27 - Allows the Department of State to assist local jurisdictions in mailing absentee ballot applications to every registered voter for the May 5 election.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-28 - Requires the reconnection of water service to residences that have had their water shut off.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-29 - Details the Department of Correction’s risk-reduction protocols and encourages county jails and local lockups to adopt them.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-30 - Relaxes the scope of practice laws, allowing qualified physician assistants, nurses, and other health care providers to help combat COVID-19.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-31 - Suspends the April 1 requirement for lower vapor pressure gasoline.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-32 - Places temporary restrictions on non-essential veterinary procedures.
Additionally, the following website is a source for updated information from the administration: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

While these are very uncertain times, please know that the MLC Team is available to answer your questions. Additionally, we will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.