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 issued two new executive orders (hyperlinks below with all EOs):

- **Executive Order 2020-38** – Allows public bodies to defer portions of FOIA requests that would require workers to report to work in-person.
- **Executive Order 2020-37** – Renews the previous restrictions on entry into care facilities and juvenile justice facilities, extending it until May 3.

Ahead of Tuesday’s scheduled session day, House Speaker Lee Chatfield and House Democratic Leader Christine Greig traded letters over the weekend. Click here to read both letters.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has requested the legislature to extend the emergency declaration and extend the governor’s authority, however, the Republican House and Senate leadership isn’t quite on board. Click here to read more.

State Representative Karen Whitsett, a Democratic member from Detroit, has tested positive for COVID-19. Click here to read more.

Michigan ranks third in the country for COVID-19 cases and Vice President Mike Pence has pledged the Federal government’s support as the state works to combat the virus. Click here to read more.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an emergency order requiring physicians and funeral homes to quickly report COVID-19 suspected deaths the department. Click here to read the order.

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved modifications to the Business Accelerator Fund to provide greater support to businesses in the statewide SmartZone network serving startups and high-tech companies impacted by COVID-19. Click here for more information.

The Department of Natural Resources reminded residents that while most state parks, trails, and boating facilities remain open, they are closely monitoring adherence to proper social distancing practices. Click here to read more.

**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 2020-38** – Allows public bodies to defer portions of FOIA requests that would require workers to report to work in-person.
**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-37** – Renews the previous restrictions on entry into care facilities and juvenile justice facilities, extending it until May 3.
**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-36** – Prohibits employers from firing or disciplining an employee who stays home if they or someone close to them tests positive for COVID-19.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-35 – Orders K-12 schools to remain closed for the remainder of the school year.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-34 – Provides clarity on the earlier order placing temporary restrictions on non-essential veterinary services.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-33 – Declares a state of disaster for Michigan and expands the state of emergency.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-31 – Suspends the April 1 requirement for lower vapor pressure gasoline.
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 2020-29 – Details the Department of Correction’s risk-reduction protocols and encourages county jails and local lockups to adopt them.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-28 – Requires the reconnection of water service to residences that have had their water shut off.
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 2020-26 – Moves all April tax filing deadlines to July.
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 2020-24 – Provides clarity on how the expansion of eligibility for unemployment benefits will work.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-23 – Temporarily allows administrative hearings to be held by video conference or telephone, in place of in-person hearings.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-22 – Extends the deadline to complete the canvass of the March 10 primary to April 24.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21 – Temporary shelter in place for the state through April 13.
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 2020-19 – 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 2020-18 – Enhances restrictions on price gouging.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-17 – Provides temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-16 - Expanding childcare access during the COVID-19 emergency.
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 2020-14 - Temporary extension of deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-13 – Temporary enhancements to operational capacity and efficiency of health care facilities.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-12 - Enhanced support for deliveries.
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 - Temporary prohibition on large assemblages and events, along with temporary school closures.
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.