



Capitol Update



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Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order to Help Increase State's Testing Capacity- 08/28/20 -This order will expedite efforts by the Department of General Services and the Department of Public Health to establish and operate up to three sites for use as laboratories to increase the state's COVID-19 testing capacity. This order was announced just after Newsom's announcement that California has signed a groundbreaking contract with a major diagnostics company to increase the state's capacity to test for COVID-19. California is aiming to stand up a laboratory facility and begin processing tens of thousands of additional tests by November 1 and run at full capacity by no later than March 1, 2021. Under the deal announced [earlier this week](#), the state will be able to process up to an additional 150,000 COVID-19 diagnostic tests a day, with a contractual turnaround time of 24-48 hours. . [8.28.20-EO-N-77-20-text.pdf \(ca.gov\)](#)

. **Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 - 9/23/20** - This executive order will extend authorization for local governments to halt evictions for commercial renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through March 31, 2021, and address a variety of issues in response to the pandemic. The order permits local health officers and other public health officials to participate in the Secretary of State's address-confidentiality program. The order also allows the Department of Managed Health Care to gather information to assess the impacts of the pandemic on health care providers and health care service plans. Additionally, the order extends provisions allowing certain posting, filing and notice requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to be fulfilled electronically. [CAP14-20200923172636](#)

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Actions in Response to COVID-19 - 10/28/20 - Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order addressing a variety of issues in response to the pandemic. The order directs the California Department of Transportation to create a process for issuing temporary encroachment permits enabling commercial activities in the state highway right-of-way, allowing businesses located along state highways to expand their outdoor dining options onto sidewalks and parking areas, where safety permits. In addition, the order allows people 70 years of age or older to renew their drivers' licenses by mail, further limiting in-person transactions at the Department of Motor Vehicles and helping this COVID-19 vulnerable population isolate at home. The order also extends provisions related to deadlines for the payment of real estate license application and renewal fees and continuing education requirements for licensees. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/10.28.20-EO-N-83-20-text.pdf>

State Issues Limited Stay at Home Order to Slow Spread of COVID-19-11/19/20- *Non-essential businesses and personal gatherings are prohibited between 10 PM and 5 AM beginning Saturday, November 21 at 10 PM.* Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today announced a [limited Stay at Home Order](#) requiring generally that non-essential work, movement and gatherings stop between 10 PM and 5 AM in counties in the purple tier. The order will take effect at 10 PM Saturday, November 21 and remain in effect until 5 AM December 21. On Monday, the state pulled an emergency brake in the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) putting more than 94 percent of California's population in the most restrictive tier. The state will reassess data continuously and move more counties back into a more restrictive tier, if necessary. California is also strengthening its [face covering guidance](#) to require individuals to wear a mask whenever outside their home, with limited exceptions.

And finally.....Late last week, the state [issued a travel advisory](#), along with Oregon and Washington, urging people entering the state or returning home from travel outside the state to self-quarantine to slow the spread of the virus. . <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/11/19/state-issues-limited-stay-at-home-order-to-slow-spread-of-covid-19/>