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COLORADO AND COVID-19: THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES RESPONSE



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COLORADO LEGISLATIVE DYNAMIC

Governor

SOS

AG

Treasurer

House: 42 Ds 23 Rs

Senate: 19 Ds 16 Rs





**ALL the Things our
Clients Want**

Education

Budget

Health Care

Public Health, Substance

Use Disorders

Economic Security

Affordable Housing

Then Some

2020 HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

HB1001, Nicotine Product Regulation

- Provides for the statewide licensing and regulation of cigarette, tobacco, and nicotine product retailers.

HB1061, HIV Infection Prevention Medications

- Allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense HIV prevention medication and requires insurers to cover the prescriptions

HB1086, Coverage of Mental Health Wellness Exam

- Requires insurers to cover the total cost of an annual mental health exam

2020 HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION

HBI 103, Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Lowers the age of Screening to 45 and requires insurers to cover the cost of a colorectal if needed after a non-invasive exam

HBI 160, Drug Price Transparency

- Requires health insurers and drug manufacturers to report information to the state regarding the cost of prescription drugs and directs the DOI to analyze the information and report on the effect of prescription drug costs on health insurance premiums.

HBI 340, Tanning Devices

- Requires tanning facilities to keep signed disclosure-of-risk forms onsite and prohibits tanning facilities from allowing minors to use artificial tanning devices.

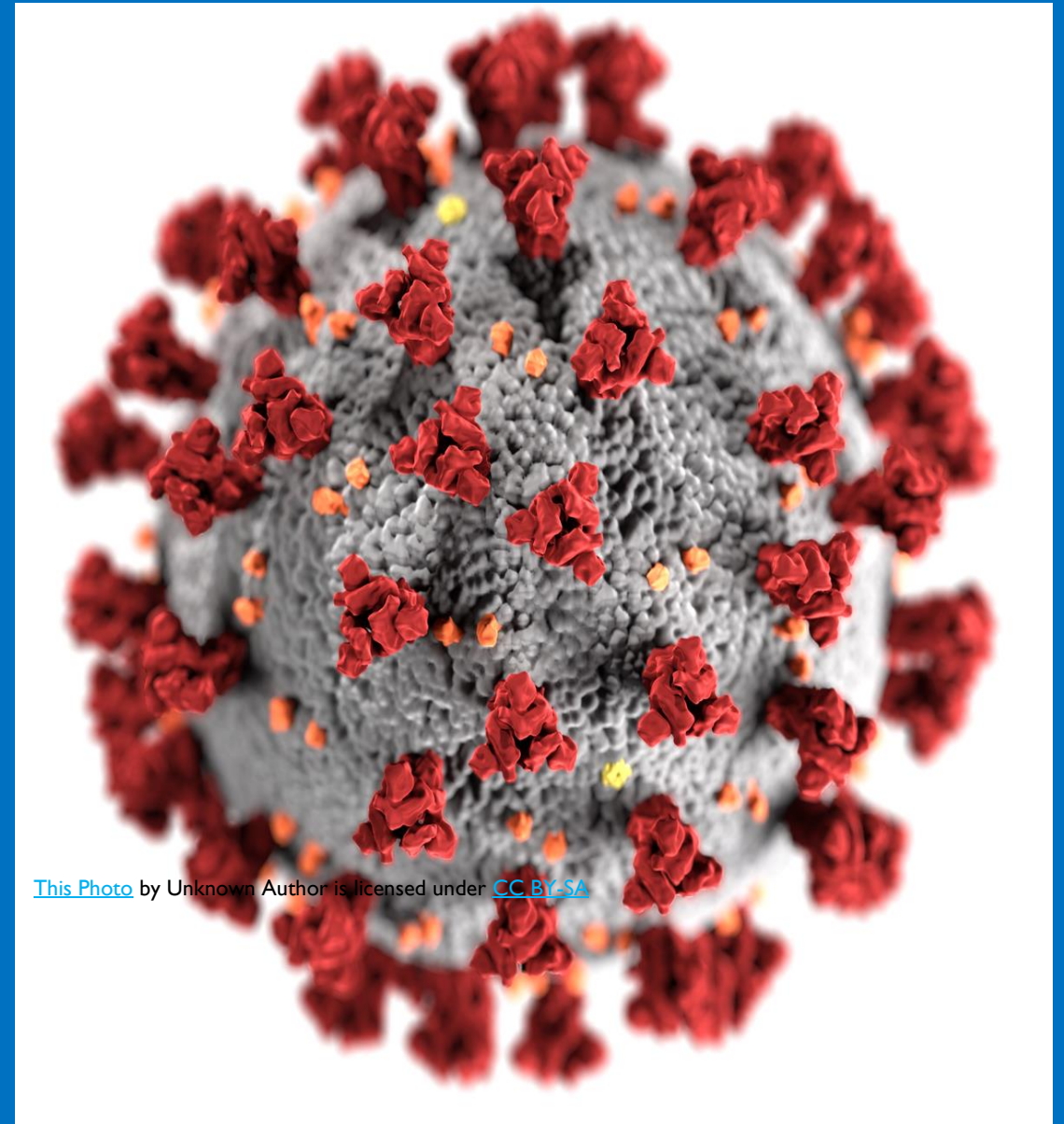
2020 HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION

SBI56

- The bill expands preventive health care services that are required to be covered under state regulated health insurance and codifies other services into state statute. In addition, the bill increases Medicaid coverage for family planning services.

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LEGISLATURE RECESSES
ON MARCH 15



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COLORADO UNDER COVID-19

- State Legislature asks Supreme Court, Consecutive or Calendar Days??
- Safe at Home
- Safer at home
- covid19.colorado.gov

[Helpcoloradonow.org](https://helpcoloradonow.org): \$17M raised as of April 17.

Community-based organizations that meet the following three criteria areas are eligible to apply: Organization type, populations served, and alignment with one of the Fund's three funding priority areas of Prevention, Impact and Recovery. Funds for deadline three (Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. MT) are currently only being distributed in the Prevention and Impact priority categories.

POLICIES CLEAR AS MUD

COVID-19 CONSEQUENCES

Projected Deficit of \$2-3B

- JBC staff recommended Department Cuts
- **Do not reflect any JBC action or votes.**
- They do not reflect proposed budget cuts or budget balancing actions recommended by state agencies through the Governor's Office - we still expected those to be submitted to the JBC, but they are not yet posted on the OSPB website.
- The JBC will not begin meeting until May 4 and will not receive revised revenue projections until May 12. Thus, they will not begin acting on these recommendations or any from the Governor's Office until at least May 4, and perhaps not until after May 12.
- Budget overview – table <http://leg.colorado.gov/content/budget>

COVID-19 CONSEQUENCES

Eliminate the \$2.5 million for immunization outreach, which included \$1.5 million for LPHAs.

- Declare a state fiscal emergency to allow transfers of up to \$10.3 million from the Tobacco Education Program Fund (50% of the total) and up to \$7.4 million from the Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Fund (33% cut for Breast and Cervical Cancer and Cancer, Cardio and Pulmonary Disease and 53% cut for Health Disparities grants) to the General Fund for Medicaid expenditures
- Transfer \$160,717 in Tobacco Master Settlement funds for Oral Health Programs to GF, though they indicate federal funds may be available to offset this cut
- Reduce MTCF appropriations to the CO Health Service Corps by 20% (\$511,038). This would reduce the number of CHSC contracts for substance use disorder professionals from 30 to 24, as well as eliminate the Certified Addiction Counselor Scholarship Program.

COVID-19 CONSEQUENCES

- A 50% cut (\$492,999) to the Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Program.
- A 33% cut (\$300,000) to the CARE Network that provides medical exams and behavioral health assessments to children who are subject to physical or sexual abuse or neglect.
- A 4% cut (\$47,550) to tuberculosis control and treatment
- A 20% cut (\$176,114) to the Community Crime Victims Grant Program
- A 10% cut (\$58,269) to Child Fatality Prevention line item, which would not impact local teams
- A 20% cut (\$951,892) in Family Planning Purchase of Services, including LARC
- A 20% cut (\$1,002,467) to School Based Health Centers
- A 10% cut (\$116,468) to Office of Suicide Prevention

REBUILDING

Legislature reconvenes on May 12 for two – three weeks

Budget, School Finance Act top priorities

Other proposals directly related to COVID-19 will be entertained as long as they meet the three Fs:

- Fast, Friendly and Free