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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### ARIZONA LEGISLATURE SETS GOAL TO PASS BUDGET

**Arizona Legislature.** As of March 19, 2020, the Arizona Legislature was in session with the plan to pass a budget during the week. The Arizona Legislature passed the [Health Care Investment Act](#) on March 18, 2020, and the bill was sent to Governor Douglas Ducey. The Arizona Senate calendar for March 19, 2020, lists several appropriations bills, including [HB 2909P](#) (General Appropriations Act for 2020-2021). As of March 19, 2020, the Arizona House of Representatives has suspended all House Committee meetings as directed by the Arizona Bureau of Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

**State of Emergency.** Governor Ducey declared a [State of Emergency](#) on March 11, 2020. On the same day, Governor Ducey issued [Executive Order 2020-07](#) addressing proactive measures to prevent COVID-19.

**COVID-19 Cases.** As of March 18, 2020, the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) reported there were 44 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona. The Arizona State Public Laboratory has received 331 tests, with 26 cases confirmed for COVID-19, 175 tests ruled out for COVID-19, and 130 tests pending. There are 18 confirmed cases from private laboratory tests; however, the total number of tests received by private laboratories is not available.

**Schools Closed.** Governor Ducey announced on March 15, 2020, that Arizona schools would be closed from March 16, 2020, through March 27, 2020.

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