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COVID-19 — MARYLAND — 3/26/2020

Maryland Legislature. The Maryland legislature adjourned on March 16, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the *Washington Post*, this is the first time since the Civil War that the state's legislative body has adjourned early. Also notably, the legislature passed more than 650 bills in a three-day period prior to adjournment. The legislature passed several bills relating to the pandemic including:

- Extending temporary unemployment benefits.
- Granting the governor permission to use up to \$50.0 million of the state's rainy day fund.
- Further allowing the governor to use up to \$100.0 million from the state's reserves.

Governor's Actions. Governor Larry Hogan has ordered all public schools to remain closed until at least April 24, 2020, and has ordered all nonessential businesses to close. The governor has also announced \$175.0 million to assist small businesses and workers impacted by the pandemic. More information can be found [here](#). A full list of the governor's executive orders currently in effect can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Cases. As of March 26, 2020, Maryland has 580 confirmed cases and has reported 4 deaths due to the virus.

Sources

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