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COVID-19 — MAINE — 3/26/2020

Maine Legislature. Due to COVID-19, the Maine legislature adjourned sine die on March 17, 2020.

Legislative Action Related to COVID-19. The Maine legislature enacted the following legislation in response to COVID-19:

- [HP 1547](#) — Permits the State Controller to transfer up to \$11.0 million from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund to address funding needs related to COVID-19.
- [SP 676](#) — Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend certain rules to provide for reimbursement of case management services delivered through telehealth to targeted populations; makes other changes necessary for the delivery of telehealth services to be expanded to include case management services.
- [SP 789](#) — Provides the governor, on a temporary basis, with additional powers for the duration of the state of emergency declared by the governor due to the outbreak of COVID-19.
- [HP 1516](#) — Makes supplemental appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of the general fund; includes one-time funding of \$648,000 to respond to COVID-19.

Executive Action. On March 24, 2020, Governor Janet Mills issued an [Executive Order](#) that mandated that all nonessential businesses and operations in Maine close their physical locations that are public-facing. Maine does not currently have a shelter-in-place order.

Cases. As of March 26, 2020, Maine has 155 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 3,394 negative tests.

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures
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Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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