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COVID-19 UPDATES FOR OTHER STATES — NORTHEAST AND MIDWEST REGIONS AND U.S. TERRITORIES

Weekly Updates. On March 30, 2020, the Fiscal Services Division published a [summary](#) of reports on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on other states. Since then, the Division has been publishing a weekly update on those states. This week's summary updates the Northeast and Midwest regions, along with the U.S. Territories. Next week's update will cover the South and West regions.

The updates primarily address the fiscal impact of the pandemic on the states and the activities of state legislatures. Current caseload statistics for each state can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html.

Federal Funding. On May 1, 2020, Federal Funds Information for the States (FFIS) published a listing of estimated COVID-19-related federal funding by state. The FFIS information is cited for each of the states included in this update.

The FFIS information included the amount allocated to each state from the \$150.000 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund created in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, as well as other funding from the CARES Act and other federal legislation for specific purposes under the direction of federal agencies, including the following:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of Transportation

FEMA Disaster Funding. All 50 states have now received Major Disaster Declarations from the federal government, qualifying the states for disaster aid through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Northeast Region

Connecticut — According to FFIS, Connecticut will receive \$1.382 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$2.791 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislative session has been postponed indefinitely. The state is currently on a two-year budget. [Consensus revenue estimates](#) for the state now reflect decreases in General Fund revenue of \$942.1 million in FY 2020 and \$2.228 billion in FY 2021. General Fund revenue for these two years are estimated at \$18.485 billion and \$18.088 billion.

Maine — According to FFIS, Maine will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.709 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 29, 2020, Governor Janet Mills issued a "Stay Safer at Home" executive order. The new order extends existing stay-at-home guidelines until May 31, 2020, but it also sets in motion changes

under the first of four stages in a [Plan to Restart Maine's Economy](#). Business activities that will be allowed to resume as of May 1 include hair salons, stay-in-your-vehicle religious services, drive-in movie theaters, auto dealerships, and car washes.

Massachusetts — According to FFIS, Massachusetts will receive \$2.673 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$5.735 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Massachusetts legislature is still currently in session. The Massachusetts House recently voted remotely for the first time, passing [H.4677](#) to borrow moneys to cover costs during the pandemic. Remote voting required the adoption of emergency rules in order to conduct formal sessions remotely. The bill now goes before the Senate.

New Hampshire — According to FFIS, New Hampshire will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.639 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Jersey — According to FFIS, New Jersey will receive \$3.444 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$7.460 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. New Jersey has also received \$9.528 billion in [Paycheck Protection Program](#) loans for businesses from the Small Business Administration, as well as \$225.6 million in [Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#) and \$115.0 million in Economic Injury Disaster Loans Advance funding. On April 24, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed an [executive order](#) that waives provisions of statutory law that prohibit the use of security deposits for rental payments. The order lets renters use their security deposits to make their monthly rental payments. On April 13, 2020, Moody's Investors Service lowered New Jersey's credit outlook to negative based on its expectation the state will face funding shortfalls this year and next. As of May 5, 2020, according to Governor Murphy, more progress needs to be made in New Jersey before restrictions are lifted and nonessential businesses are reopened.

New York — According to FFIS, New York will receive \$7.543 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$17.566 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 22, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the establishment of a COVID-19 contact tracing program in partnership with the states of New Jersey and Connecticut prior to easing restrictions on the state's industries and the current stay-at-home order. Additionally, on May 1, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced that all New York schools and universities are to remain closed for the rest of the 2020 academic year. In response, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health announced it would establish an online curriculum to train approximately 35,000 students in medical fields at state and New York City universities. The program received \$10.5 million in funding from former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Pennsylvania — According to FFIS, Pennsylvania will receive \$4.964 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$9.462 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pennsylvania legislature remains in session, using remote participation for convening and voting on floor action. The National Governors Association has reported that Governor Tom Wolf has started a county-based reopening approach called a "yellow phase," in which some restrictions on work and social interaction will ease while others, such as closures of schools, gyms, other indoor recreation centers, and hair and nail salons, as well as limitations around large gatherings, remain in place. The administration has released [guidance](#) for businesses permitted to reopen.

Rhode Island — According to FFIS, Rhode Island will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.688 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Gina Raimondo's existing stay-at-home order expires May 8, 2020. At that time, a phased reopening will begin. The initial phase will allow gatherings of up to 10 people and the reopening of most retail locations. Limitations on the number of customers on a retail premise are expected. Future phases of the reopening will depend on the infection trend in the state. The Rhode Island Consensus Revenue and Caseload Estimating Conferences is continuing its seven-meeting [schedule](#), which will result in new estimates for state revenue and medical caseloads. Rhode Island has issued a [cash flow analysis](#) for the state's General Fund.

Vermont — According to FFIS, Vermont will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.458 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vermont has also received \$1.000 billion in [Paycheck Protection Program](#) loans for businesses from the Small Business Administration, as well as \$10.4 million in [Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#) and \$12.5 million in Economic Injury Disaster Loans Advance funding. Routine doctor visits and some elective procedures and surgeries may resume since Governor Phil Scott signed an [Executive Order Amendment](#) on May 4, 2020.

Midwest Region

Illinois — According to FFIS, Illinois will receive \$4.914 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$10.093 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 5, 2020, Governor J. B. Pritzker announced the reopening plan for the state. [Restore Illinois](#), as the plan is called, divides the state into four regions and establishes five phases of reopening.

Indiana — According to FFIS, Indiana will receive \$2.610 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$4.493 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The monthly revenue report for April has not been released, but will be provided at the Indiana State Budget Agency's [website](#).

Kansas — According to FFIS, Kansas will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$2.120 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michigan — According to FFIS, Michigan will receive \$3.873 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$6.853 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minnesota — According to FFIS, Minnesota will receive \$2.187 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$3.777 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Missouri — According to FFIS, Missouri will receive \$2.380 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$4.255 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On [April 10, 2020](#), Governor Mike Parson signed a supplemental budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly that provides access to federal funding under the CARES Act. The [legislation](#) provides authorization to spend state and federal funds totaling approximately \$6.000 billion and provides for the distribution of funds to schools, local governments, universities, and emergency management agencies.

Nebraska — According to FFIS, Nebraska will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.872 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FFIS estimates Nebraska has received \$4.408 billion in nongrant funding, which includes \$3.033 billion from the Small Business Administration and \$1.375 billion from the Federal Reserve. The Nebraska legislature is not in session and will not meet again until the Speaker calls members back to finish the legislative session.

North Dakota — According to FFIS, North Dakota will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.593 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reporting on North Dakota's General Fund has not been updated to include April receipts. Monthly and other reports can be found [here](#).

Ohio — According to FFIS, Ohio will receive \$4.533 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$7.774 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 5, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced immediate cuts in state spending totaling \$775.0 million due to the shortfall in state tax collections resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the cuts, state aid to K-12 schools will be reduced by \$300.0 million and the Medicaid program will be cut by \$210.0 million. State aid for higher education will be reduced by \$110.0 million. Other agency spending will be reduced by \$100.0 million. The state will not use its \$2.700 billion rainy day fund to offset the reductions. The Ohio House of Representatives began meeting on May 5, 2020, and the Ohio Senate had its first meeting on May 6, 2020.

South Dakota — According to FFIS, South Dakota will receive \$1.250 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$1.583 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Kristi Noem released her “[Back to Normal Plan](#)” on April 28, 2020. The state never issued a “stay-at-home” order and never required any businesses to close. The plan does not require masks, but suggests citizens consider Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

Wisconsin — According to FFIS, Wisconsin will receive \$2.258 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$3.711 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 27, Governor Tony Evers issued an emergency order to “Turn the Dial” on his earlier safer-at-home orders and begin a phased reopening under the state’s “[Badger Bounce Back](#)” plan. Under the plan, certain nonessential businesses are allowed to open under “minimum basic operation” guidelines, free of contact with customers. In addition, all businesses are allowed to offer curbside pickup of orders placed online or on the phone, landscaping and construction businesses can do work if it is done by a single employee, and golf courses have been reopened.

U.S. Territories

American Samoa — According to FFIS, American Samoa will receive \$35.2 million from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$55.3 million from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guam — According to FFIS, Guam will receive \$118.0 million from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$181.2 million from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed an executive order on May 5, 2020, that provides COVID-19 cash assistance ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to 18,000 eligible households. The cash assistance program will be funded using Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars.

Northern Mariana Islands — According to FFIS, Northern Mariana Islands will receive \$36.3 million from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$76.7 million from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

U.S. Virgin Islands — According to FFIS, U.S. Virgin Islands will receive \$74.8 million from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$150.7 million from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Puerto Rico — According to FFIS, Puerto Rico will receive \$2.241 billion from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and is estimated to receive a total of \$3.550 billion from federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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