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## COVID-19 — ALABAMA — 3/24/20

**Alabama Legislature.** On March 12, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey signed <u>HB 186</u>, which provides a \$5.0 million supplemental appropriation for the Department of Public Health to be used for COVID-19 preparedness and response. In addition, the Alabama Legislature has several other bills related to the COVID-19 pandemic that are being considered.

**Related Information.** On March 13, 2020, Governor Ivey declared a <u>State of Emergency</u> closing schools and government offices, relaxing certain standards of care, and prohibiting price gouging. Since the initial declaration, the governor has released multiple <u>amendments</u> taking actions similar to those in other states.

**Cases.** As of March 24, 2020, there were 215 cases of COVID-19 and no deaths in Alabama. The state has completed a total of 2,321 tests. The latest statistics for Alabama on the pandemic are available <u>here</u>.

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