# COVID-19 TIM

These are unprecedented and challenging times for cities and towns across I board and staff are working to support our member municipalities by providand the best information and advice available on the response to COVID-19.

# MARCH



#### March 2

COVID-19 arrives in New Hampshire

# March 9

State issues memorandum regarding March 10, 2020 Municipal Elections

# March 13

Governor declares state of emergency due to COVID-19

#### March 16

Governor issues memorandum to munic officials regarding the Right-to-Know la



#### March 13

NHMA issues guidance on town meeting postponement and COVID-19

#### March 16

NHMA issues guidance on COVID-19 and Right-to-Know Law

#### March 18

NHMA issues guidance for public meetings, town meeting and elections

#### March 20

NHMA coordinates "Municipalities I Remote Organizations" webinar for hosted by Mainstay Technolog

# **APRIL**

Emergency Order #23—temporary modifications of municipal and local government statutory requirements addressing nearly all provisions advocated for in NHMA's March 20th

April 1

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Emergency Order #23—prohibiting scheduled gathering of 10 or more attendees

# April 3

Emergency Order #25—temporary modifications of interest penalty for late payment of property taxes

#### April 4

Emergency Order #26-exte emergency orders # 2, 5, a



# April 2

NHMA issue guidance regarding employment taxes under CARES Act

# April 9

NHMA issues guidance regarding moratorium on issuing tax deeds

### April 14

NHMA launches statewide COVID-19 Financial Impact Survey

# April 17

NHMA's Executive Director Margaret Byrnes testifies before the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR)

# MAY



# May 1

Emergency Order #40—extending and modifying closure of nonessential businesses

# May 1

Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force issues COVID-19 Reopening Guidance

#### May 4

Governor allocates \$32 million of CARES Act funds for municipal relief

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Governors' Office for Emergency Recovery issues \$32 million to mu to cover eligible COVID-19 -related

#### May 7

NHMA submits letter to Select Committee on 2020 Emergency Election Support

# May 8

NHMA coordinates municipal letter to US House of Representatives leadership calling for robust local funding in next COVID-19 response package

# May 13

NHMA issues guidance regarding COVID-19 Municipal Relief Fund FAQs NHMA issues guidance reg ment of Stay-at-Home an

**May 18** 

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#### March 23

Emergency Order #12—temporary modification of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A

#### March 26

Emergency Order #17—closure of nonessential business and requiring Granite Staters to Stay at Home

# March 31

State issues guidance on how to conduct emergency meetings in compliance with New Hampshire's Right-to-Know law in light of COVID-19 concerns

#### March 20

NHMA issues guidance on paid sick leave and the FMLA

#### March 20

NHMA memorandum to Governor Sununu seeking relief from statutory requirements in light of COVID-19

# March 24

NHMA issues guidance regarding public meetings and COVID-19

#### March 26

NHMA issues guidance for public health officials regarding communicable diseases

# April 6

Emergency Order #27—restrictions of hotels and other lodging providers to provision of lodging for vulnerable populations and essential workers

# April 10

State issues memorandum to election officials regarding elections operations during the state of emergency

# April 27

State (NHDRA) issues guidance regarding 2020 revaluation requirements

# April 20

HMA releases results of memer COVID-19 Financial Impact Survey

#### April 20

NHMA letter to governor requesting extension of EO#27 regarding public and private campgrounds

# April 29

NHMA issues guidance on acceptance and expenditures of CARES Act Assistance by Local Government

# April 29

NHMA letter to governor requesting additional action be taken to support continued operation of local government

# April 29

NHMA issues guidance on EO #25 regarding tax collection, interest abatements, tax deeds and tax liens

NHMA continues to advocate for cities and towns at the state and federal levels, asking questions about issues of concerns to local municipalities, and getting answers and guidance for members. During this unprecedented time, NHMA staff stands ready to assist your city or town, connecting you to essential resources, information, and the latest news at <a href="https://www.nhmunicipal.org">www.nhmunicipal.org</a>.

In partnership with the Governor's Office, our congressional delegation, the New Hampshire Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Primex, HealthTrust, and federal agencies, NHMA continues to provide local officials the information need to protect their municipalities and operations.

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