

ICCTA Legislative Report

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Capitol Update

Illinois lawmakers were scheduled to return to the State Capitol following the March 17 primary election, but both chambers canceled session for March 18-20, and then cancelled session for the week of March 23. The original session calendar required legislation to be passed out of committee in the first chamber by this Friday, March 27. Today, the House announced that it has extended that deadline to April 24, with the deadline for bills to pass out of the House chamber extended to May 8 before the bills are sent to the Senate. These and other deadlines will be reviewed and extended as needed moving forward. We are waiting to hear how the Senate will handle existing deadlines.

The General Assembly was scheduled to be in district for the spring holidays from April 4-21, but members have been advised that they could be called to Springfield during that time to address urgent matters, such as the Hospital Assessment proposal. The state must submit its assessment proposal to the federal CMS by April 1 so that it can be reviewed and approved prior to July 1, when the current assessment expires. Without the assessment, the state could lose \$3.5 billion in Medicaid funding. Illinois is seeking an extension.

COVID-19 Update

Yesterday Gov. JB Pritzker stated that his 'stay at home' order could be extended beyond April 7. He explained that this deadline is not based on science, but is the end of his 30-day "disaster proclamation." The state of Illinois has developed a useful [website](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx) for resources and updates on COVID-19 at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>.

Today the Governor just announced that the state tax filing deadline has been extended to July 15, aligning with the federal government. This will result in a significant delay in revenue for the state in the short term, in addition to the expected loss in revenue from lower payroll and sales tax receipts this fiscal year due to COVID-19. It is too early to measure the financial impact. The State Comptroller has announced that her office "will continue to make critical payments for debt service, state payrolls, K-12 schools, our social and human service providers, and required pension payments. We will prioritize state payments to our hospitals, doctors and everyday heroes on the front lines fighting COVID-19."

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced 330 new cases of coronavirus disease in Illinois, including three deaths. Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 1,865 cases in 35 counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to 99 years.

For community college-specific information on the COVID-19 crisis, visit the Illinois Community College Board's [Coronavirus: Guidance and Resources](#) page.

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