



Public Affairs Update *March 23, 2020*

As the world faces a changing political, economic, and social landscape, ALZA Strategies is committed to keeping you in the loop on the most significant updates as it relates to COVID-19. We are here for you and send you well wishes and safety during these trying times.

Federal

The federal coronavirus stimulus package bill that allots \$1.8 trillion dollars in federal funding to address COVID-19 is currently at a standstill. As many U.S. Senators self-quarantine and are unable to vote, others are tasked with negotiating "the largest emergency funding bill in American history," says Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. In response, the U.S. Stock Market is also witnessing significant losses as investors worry about the coronavirus stimulus package and its effect on the American economy.

Federal Resources

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State

The federal government recently approved California state Governor Gavin Newsom's request for a Major Emergency Declaration to broaden the state's COVID-19 response efforts, resource availability, and federal assistance. In addition, Governor Newsom pleaded with private companies across the nation to manufacture ventilators for California hospitals. Entrepreneur Elon Musk has already committed to making 1,000 ventilators in the next week to distribute throughout the state.

State Resources

- California Coronavirus Response: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Local (Sacramento)

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City Councilmember Jay Shenirer, Sierra Health Foundation and The Center CEO Chet Hewitt launched a new Sacramento COVID-19 fundraising effort called Donate4Sacramento to help families in need of childcare, meals, and rental assistance; small businesses in the form of no-interest loans; services for the homeless; and nonprofit support. Also, the California National Guard provided relief to the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services this past week to feed 300,000 people in need.

Local Resources

- Local governments Website (nationwide): <https://www.usa.gov/local-governments>
- California County Websites: <https://www.counties.org/county-websites-profile-information>
- Sacramento County Resources: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Emergency-Management/COVID19>

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