

NWMA COVID-19 Updates & News You Can Use Monday, January 18 , 2021

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Topic: NWMA COVID CALL

Time: Jan 19, 2021 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Adapting to and Managing Drivers Returning to Your Operation-

Helpful suggestions about the impact of drivers returning to your operation as it currently exists. Lots of changes to your business means lots of changes for your drivers.



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News You Can Use!

Employee Payment Structures Survey – Request to Participate



Dear Motorcoach Industry Colleague,

We need your help now!

Certain members of Congress want to eliminate the current federal exemption for motorcoach drivers that exists in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). If this exemption goes away, it will require employers to pay motorcoach drivers time and a half when they work over 40 hours in a given week.

Legislation has been introduced in recent Congresses to change the law and it will likely happen again in the current 117th Congress. This change to pay drivers time and a half over 40 hours would only apply to motorcoach drivers, not to truck drivers.

The ABA Foundation has partnered with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), through its [Transit Mobility Program](#), on a study to better understand the various driver pay structures and the challenges that would result from changes to the FLSA's 40-hour exemption. In addition, the study would also review and provide a better understanding of pay rates for other operational personnel. This information will help the industry to better educate lawmakers and regulators about the financial implications of operational or regulatory changes to the FLSA. The study will look at requirements in California and Washington State, and other states around the country, that potentially require motor carriers to provide specific rest breaks during the workday for drivers, and the impact of these requirements on the motorcoach industry.

Please participate in this study as it is critical to your business and to the industry. All company specific proprietary data will remain protected and only aggregate data will be presented.

This initiative is extremely important and time sensitive, as we begin a new Congress and inaugurate a new Presidential Administration, both of which will be interested in making changes to the FLSA.

To participate in this research, please use the following link to access the survey (responses due 1/29/21):
<https://u.tamu.edu/abaf-survey>

****COVID-19 considerations**** We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant declines in demand for motorcoach service and that many companies are running at reduced service levels with reduced staff. Despite these unfortunate circumstances, the effort this survey supports will be more impactful if it represents the scope and scale of the motorcoach industry at its most robust (i.e. before COVID). *Therefore, please respond to the survey with information that reflects your organization's staffing/fleet/etc. pre-COVID.*

If you have any questions or require technical assistance, please contact the project's principal investigator, Zachary Elgart, at z-elgart@tti.tamu.edu.

Thanks for your time and assistance,

Uncertainty looms over PPP's relaunch

Lenders, while generally supportive of the Small Business Administration's restart of the Paycheck Protection Program, have a number of unanswered questions about how it will operate.

The SBA, which issued more than 120 pages of rules and guidance late Wednesday, is getting high marks for prioritizing underserved and marginalized groups. But concerns remain over the application process, particularly for existing

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PPP participants seeking a second loan, and verifying that a borrower qualifies.

"The biggest unknown right now how will applications will be submitted," said Mark Marionneaux, CEO of Bank of Zachary, a \$299 million-asset community development financial institution in Louisiana.

Is your business eligible for the Employee Retention Tax Credit?



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

More relief is on the way for small businesses across the country, now that the President has signed the latest coronavirus relief deal into law. Join U.S. Chamber Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer, Neil Bradley, and CO—Content Director, Jeanette Mulvey, Tuesday, January 19 at 2:00 pm ET as they discuss the aid that's now available and what small businesses need to know.

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New COVID-19 Variants

Information about the characteristics of these variants is rapidly emerging. Scientists are working to learn more about how easily they might spread, whether they could cause more severe illness, and whether currently authorized vaccines will protect people against them. At this time, there is no evidence that these variants cause more severe illness or increased risk of death.

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UpComing Webinar's

WOMEN IN BUSES ANNOUNCES UPDATED PROGRAM LINE UP!

WIB ON-GOING EVENTS

WOMEN IN BUSES EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY | 2:00 PM ET
Bi-Weekly virtual meeting of Women in Buses members.

WOMEN IN BUSES MEET & EAT | 1:00 PM ET
Gather, share and network monthly with other members of the Women in Buses Council.

BOOK CLUB
The idea for the book club was formed in 2020 as a way to keep growing in knowledge, networking, and leadership throughout the year.

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WIB Book Club to Discuss The Social Dilemma

ABA's Women in Buses Book Club members discussed taking a break from reading but not a break from personal growth through discussions January - February. On Jan. 28, at 11:00 a.m. EST, we will be discussing the Netflix film [The Social Dilemma](#). The description from this link is

as follows: "This documentary-drama hybrid explores the dangerous human impact of social networking, with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations." If you would like to participate, please complete this [survey](#). You are expected to watch the film prior to Jan. 28

UPCOMING MEETINGS

(if you have an event that you would like included here please send the information to us and we will be happy to share)

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- **Upper Management**

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Industry Suppliers: Start Your Journey on A New, Revolutionary Road - 2021 Busworld North America Today

Are you a supplier to the bus and motorcoach industry? Are you looking for a way to best use your limited resources to get the biggest ROI for your business year? Then you need to join us on Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. ET for A New, Revolutionary Road - 2021 Busworld.

UMA ANNOUNCES NEW DATES FOR EXPO 2021

Join your motorcoach friends and bus buddies for a generational gathering in Orlando, April 21-25, 2021. UMA is marking 50 years serving the motorcoach industry, a landmark achievement for the hundreds of small, family-owned, multi-generational businesses who make up the United Motorcoach Association.

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NEW TOPIC OF INFORMATION ROADWORK!

(each week we will try and update you on roadwork that might effect your travel)

Nighttime travelers should prepare for I-5 directional closures in downtown Seattle this month

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

SEATTLE – Travelers headed through downtown Seattle should plan to take an alternate route and expect delays on three separate nights in late January.

Maintenance crews from the Washington State Department of Transportation will conduct a series of directional closures on Interstate 5 during an in-depth inspection of the tunnel life-safety systems below the Washington State Convention Center. Closure details

- 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 to 5 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23: Southbound I-5 will fully close at Stewart Street. A signed detour will take drivers on surface streets, then back to I-5 via the James Street on-ramp. The Mercer and Yale Street on-ramps to southbound I-5 will be closed during this time.
- 11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 to 4 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29: A single lane of northbound I-5 will remain open between I-90 and University Street. The I-5 collector-distributor will remain open. The University Street on-ramp to northbound I-5 will close during this time.
- 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, to 5 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30: A single lane of northbound I-5 will remain open between I-90 and University Street. The I-5 collector-distributor will remain open. The Cherry Street on-ramp to northbound I-5 will close during this time.

MEMBER MESSAGES

Gov. Little updates Idahoans on COVID-19 vaccine rollout

Boise, Idaho – Governor Brad Little announced today four key updates on the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines across Idaho.

“Our goal with vaccine planning and distribution is, in part, to reduce transmission and preserve a functioning healthcare system – and get back to normal as quickly as possible,” Governor Little said. “Idaho is administering the vaccine faster than the national average, and today I’m announcing strategies that will continue to advance us by building up provider capacity and increasing access, and efficiently and effectively getting Idaho’s

Public invited to three Interstate Bridge Replacement program advisory group meetings
an. 14, 2021

UPDATE: The Equity Advisory Group meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Media contact: Kelliann Amico, Interstate Bridge Replacement media lead, 503-705-6203
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Public invited to three Interstate Bridge Replacement program advisory group meetings in January The first virtual meeting will take place on Jan. 20

State agencies adopt rules to implement Washington’s 100% clean electricity law

Olympia, Wash. - Washington state has passed another milestone on the path to 100% clean electricity. The Washington State Department of Commerce and Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) adopted administrative rules for implementation of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), the state law passed last year requiring an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

The UTC and Commerce adopted the rules late last week after 18 months of work with stakeholders who represent the

workforce and most high-risk individuals vaccinated.”
First, Governor Little assured Idahoans that vaccines are being administered safely and successfully in Idaho.

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interests of residential and business customers, environmental and labor advocates, low-income and disadvantaged communities, and electric utilities.

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Do you have news or updates on your business that you would like us to share? Please send all notices to **Mary Presley** and we will be happy to share them with the group. Thank you

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