Secretary of State offices to close in Stay-at-Home order

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Renewals by mail also unavailable

LANSING, MICH. Starting tomorrow, all 131 Michigan Secretary of State branch offices will be closed as part of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order. The governor announced at a press conference today that the order would take effect at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

"I fully support Gov. Whitmer and the leadership she is demonstrating by issuing a stay-at-home order," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "I have been communicating with her for some time on this issue, and know this is necessary to protect health of our employees and the public."

The order states that all non-critical-infrastructure workers stay home. Therefore, the Department of State is temporarily unable to provide in-person transactions and renewals by mail. Many services will remain available online at **Michigan.gov/SOS**, although there may be some delays in processing. The Department will continue to provide election-related services not offered in branch offices at **Michigan.gov/Vote**.

Late fees will be waived for expirations that have occurred since the department first shifted branch operations on March 16. Michigan State Police have been notified of our limited operations and asked to notify local law enforcement agencies.

The Department of State will work directly with the professional associations of critical infrastructure sectors to ensure they are provided services as needed.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at **Michigan.gov/Coronavirus** and **CDC.gov/Coronavirus**.

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