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[This bulletin supplements our previous bulletins #11 and #16 through #79 on this subject matter. These bulletins are intended to be cumulative so we can avoid repeating the same information.]

Fed to Launch Main Street Lending Program

The Federal Reserve created the Main Street Lending Program (MSLP) to provide \$600 billion in financing for small and medium-sized businesses. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston released several [documents for the MSLP, along with revised FAQs](#). These revised FAQs provide more answers about the MSLP design, borrower eligibility, and regulatory requirements. The program is expected to launch in the coming days. NADA's updated [MSLP FAQs](#) reflect these recent developments.

CISA Releases New Cyber Essentials Toolkit

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released the first in a series of six [Cyber Essentials Toolkits](#). The toolkit provides a starting point for small businesses to understand and address cybersecurity risks during COVID-19. CISA's toolkits will provide greater detail and resources on each of what the agency calls the Cyber Essential Elements of a Culture of Cyber Readiness. For more tips on securing your network, see NADA's blog posts on [Fake Coronavirus Tracking Sites Infecting IT Systems](#) and [Best Practices for Using Zoom and Other Digital Platforms](#).

NADA COVID-19 Resources for Dealers

NADA has produced a tremendous amount of resources to help dealers and their operations during the Coronavirus pandemic. A prolific source of information has been the NADA regulatory affairs team, by way of guidance, analysis, interpretation and explanation. The regulatory affairs group has recently worked with the NADA public affairs team to reorganize all of the regulatory compliance materials on the NADA Coronavirus Hub. The trove of materials is now organized by “Information” and by “Key



Coronavirus Hub. The trove of materials is now organized by “Information” and by “Key Documents.” Hot links lead you to every individual item/resource. The site and the links will be updated continuously. Bookmark the address, and click on the links as you need them for the latest versions of everything, such as CARES Act, SBA, PPP, Tax Relief, and more. Please check it out here: <https://www.nada.org/coronavirus/regulatory/>.

Registry of Motor Vehicle’s Boston Haymarket B2B Service Center Opening on June 8

Due to the evolving situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in an effort to continue protecting RMV staff, customers, and business partners, the RMV is re-opening an additional B2B Center at the Boston Haymarket RMV next Monday, June 8, 2020.

This is in addition to the existing Attleboro, Chicopee, Milford, and Wilmington dedicated B2B Service Centers. New IRP transactions will not be processed at Haymarket (Boston) B2B.

In following “social-distancing” practices, these B2B facilities and services will be for **drop-off B2B transactions/bundles only**.

The RMV continues to serve members of the general public on an appointment-only basis at additional locations, consolidated into the larger service centers, and has redeployed teams from nearby, closed offices to ensure staffing resources are available to assist customers and business partners like you.

Please note: Any B2B service requests appearing at other open service centers will be redirected to Attleboro, Chicopee, Haymarket (Boston), Milford, and Wilmington RMVs.

In keeping with recommendations from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the RMV has also adopted enhanced cleaning practices for its facilities, purchased additional contactless hand sanitizer dispensing stations, issued anti-viral disinfectant wipes and individual-size hand sanitizers to certain employees, and expanded areas to be disinfected.

Protests, Virus Leave State in “Balancing Act”

[Courtesy of *State House News Service*]

Thousands of people congregating night after night to protest police brutality and the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis poses a risk for the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Charlie Baker acknowledged on Wednesday, but the governor said the state has no intention of trying to discourage these types of gatherings.

"Any time there's big gatherings with close quarters the potential for spread is real," Baker said, calling it a "balancing act" between public health and First Amendment rights.

"We are still in the midst of a terribly dangerous and wildly contagious virus and this is certainly going to be a risk," Baker said.



Baker addressed the protests first thing at a State House press conference on Wednesday after demonstrations in Boston and Brockton the night before, which included some clashes between protesters and police. The governor did not have a briefing on Tuesday, making these his first comments since Monday when he addressed the violence and vandalism in Boston over the weekend and President Donald Trump's insistence that governors "dominate" protesters.

On Monday, Baker said people attending the protests were still largely going with people they know and suggested it shouldn't hamper contact tracing efforts too badly.

The governor on Wednesday thanked those who have been demonstrating peacefully, and who wore masks while doing so, and credited members of law enforcement who worked to give people a safe space to make their voices heard.

"The country needs empathy not hostility," Baker said. "The [country] needs to heal, not fracture. And here in the commonwealth we plan to continue to talk, listen and push progress forward."

The governor said he and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito continue to talk with Black and Latino elected officials, faith and community leaders and law enforcement about ways to "enhance transparency and accountability across the Massachusetts law enforcement system," including the idea of standards of conduct for police and the ability to strip a police officer's certification if those standards are violated.

The protests have sprung up throughout Massachusetts just as the state was appearing to make real progress in its fight against the spread of COVID-19, and it could be a couple of weeks before public health officials understand the full impact of these demonstrations on their ability to control the virus.

By then, Massachusetts could be well into Phase Two of the governor's reopening strategy, which will include both outdoor and indoor athletic facilities, though sporting activities will be severely limited to start.

Outdoor fields, courts, pools and boating facilities could reopen as soon as next week for organized youth and adult sports, but Lt Gov. Karyn Polito said contact sports like basketball, baseball and soccer will be limited to no-contact drills and practices when Massachusetts moves into the next phase of its reopening.

Tennis matches, for instance, could resume, but a baseball tournament would still be off limits.

"I know how different time has been for many families that have children in sports used to spending time together on the sidelines, in the bleachers, cheering our kids on. It's one of the greatest joys," said Polito, who has two teenagers, active in sports. "It's been even tougher for our kids that miss their friends and their teammates and the togetherness they feel as they practice and enjoy their time competing in games and events that are a big part of their lives."

New guidance released Wednesday from the administration on outdoor and indoor athletic



activities also said that indoor sports facilities may reopen only for organized and supervised sports activities for youth under 18, and groups must be limited in size to 10 participants and games or scrimmages are still prohibited.

Multiple groups of players will be permitted to practice on a basketball court or field, but should stay 20 feet from the nearest group, according to the rules.

Fitness centers, yoga and spin studios, rock gyms, and other general fitness studios will remain closed in Phase Two, as will locker rooms and weight rooms.

The release of rules for youth and adult recreational sports comes as the Baker administration is preparing different sectors for their opportunity to reopen if and when the state moves into Phase Two.

Baker plans to make the announcement on Saturday whether the state is ready to move to that phase, which could begin as soon as Monday, but could also be pushed back later. The governor did, however, point to encouraging signs in Tuesday's public health report with respect to the positive test rate and hospitalizations.

The percent of tests coming back positive for COVID-19 was about 6 percent on Tuesday, which is down from 27 percent in mid-April, and the 1,657 patients hospitalized with the disease is down by half over the past month.

"These positive trends in the public health data are the primary indicators of how COVID-19 is impacting our communities and will continue to determine how and when we pursue measures associated with our reopening program," Baker said.

The positive test rate was down to 5.1 percent on Wednesday and rolling seven-day average dipped below 6 percent, while hospitalizations were up slightly in the daily report by 27 patients.

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders also said that for the first time on Wednesday the state will begin reporting the number of people who have recovered from COVID-19, which will give a better glimpse at how many people in Massachusetts might be currently infected with virus.

After not holding a press briefing on Tuesday, Baker was joined on Wednesday by Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy to walk through some of the child care reopening protocols that were announced on Monday.

Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy also spoke about the new guidelines retailers will have to follow when they get to expand operations in Phase Two, and Sudders ran through some of the results of auditing done at the state's nursing homes to measure their preparedness to deal with COVID-19.

For the first time in months on Wednesday, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other long-term care settings were allowed to let in visitors for outdoor, pre-scheduled visits with residents and patients.



And Baker, who has talked frequently about the emotional challenge of not being able to see his father during this pandemic, said he will soon be availing himself of the new guidelines.

"I am going to go see my dad. Soon," he said.

NADA Dealership Lifeline Webinar Series for This Week

NADA will conduct the following webinars this week:

- **Thursday, June 4, 1pm-2pm ET:** [*The Future of Dealer Technology: Leading Innovation in Automotive*](#). Mike Trasatti, CEO of DealerBuilt, will discuss how business leaders are developing short- and long-term technology strategies to deliver superior customer experiences, optimize spend on enterprise technology and drive alignment and continuity across their organizations.
- **Friday, June 5, 1pm-2pm ET:** [*The Best Ideas from NADA 20 Groups, Part 6: In Times of COVID-19 Pandemic*](#). Tim Gavin, NADA 20 Group consultant, will review some of the best new ideas from NADA 20 Groups during these unprecedented times.

Recordings of [all webinars in NADA's Lifeline Series](#) are available to NADA and ATD members 24/7, free of charge. Click [here](#).

Daily Massachusetts COVID-19 Tracker

The state's COVID-19 Dashboard with up-to-the-date data can be found [here](#).