



Highway Attachment -ADOT Guidance for DMS Messaging

Phoenix, Arizona

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Messages will run starting Wednesday, March 25

March 25, 2020

PHOENIX – Beginning Wednesday, motorists on Arizona highways will see messages on Dynamic Message Signs encouraging them to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Arizona Department of Transportation's overhead message boards will rotate messages daily that encourage social distancing, like avoiding crowds and limiting travel, and good hygiene, like washing hands and covering coughs.

"Arizona continues to take proactive measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of Arizona citizens," said Governor Doug Ducey. "These messages reflect guidance from public health professionals and will help us keep Arizonans informed during this time."

The messages will be displayed indefinitely on ADOT's 291 overhead message boards statewide.

For more information about what Arizona is doing during the COVID-19 outbreak, visit [ArizonaTogether.org](https://www.ArizonaTogether.org), which serves as the central location for Arizonans to find help or provide support. Arizonans can also call the Arizona COVID-19 Hotline by dialing 211. The hotline will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

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About

FHWA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources

Below you will find FHWA's latest information and resources in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. General information on COVID-19 is available on [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

- [Treatment of Paycheck Protection Program Funds for Architectural and Engineering Consultants Guidance](#)
- [Connecticut Department of Transportation Park and Ride](#)
- [Highway Infrastructure Programs Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 \(HIP-CRRSAA\) Implementation Guidance](#)
- In coordination with FHWA, Congress included a legislative clarification regarding Special Permits During Periods of National Emergency, 23 USC 127, in the CARES Act for FY2020. This provision will help ensure the continued free flow of critical relief supplies and other essential goods when responding to the recovery efforts during emergencies like the current pandemic. It provides important clarification regarding States' authority to issue permits for overweight vehicles and loads on the Interstate when the President declares an emergency or major disaster under the Stafford Act.
- [FHWA guidance addressing the upcoming expiration of special permits](#) and whether the CARES Act clarification impacts the statutory time limits
- Communication to States and local highway agencies through FHWA Division Offices regarding their authority to use Changeable Message Signs for messages concerning COVID-19 during the [Presidentially declared national emergency](#).

- FHWA continues to work closely with the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and state transportation partners around the country to facilitate the safe, efficient, and seamless transport of critical supplies across the Nation. This includes support for maintaining the operation of rest areas: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/media/aashto.cfm>.
- FHWA issued a [Notice of Enforcement Discretion](#) allowing for States to permit the use of food trucks in rest areas to serve commercial truck drivers.
- For USDOT specific resources, visit <https://www.transportation.gov/coronavirus>.
- Information regarding guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations can be found in [OMB Memorandum M 20 17 dated March 19, 2020](#).
- FHWA Guidance related to virtual public involvement in the planning [process for Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#)
- [Temporary Virtual Public Involvement During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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Jen, Toni, and Jeff -

Please see message below from Tom Everett regarding COVID19 messaging on DMS/CMS.
Karla Petty

“Fatalities and injuries are not just statistics, they’re people”

Sent using [Outlook](#) for iOS

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Division Administrators and Division Directors –

As your transportation partners and stakeholders consider ways to serve and protect their communities in response to the COVID-19 national emergency, you may receive questions from them about the appropriateness of using Changeable Message Signs (CMS) for COVID-19 messages. The following information is provided to assist you in responding to such inquiries.

While there is no “waiver” authority under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), there are exceptions in the existing CMS standard applicable to

this situation. With the President's [declaration of national emergency](#), the MUTCD provision (Section 2L.02) that allows "emergency homeland security messages" can be used for State and local highway agencies and federal lands managers to display messages concerning COVID-19. However, the CMS message cannot appear as advertising. States and local highway agencies and federal lands managers should follow their established policy for the display of these type of optional messages.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Martin Knopp, Associate Administrator for Operations, at [REDACTED].

Tom

Thomas D. Everett
Executive Director

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Notice of February 24, 2021

The President

Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

On March 13, 2020, by Proclamation 9994, the President declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant risk to the public health and safety of the Nation.

For this reason, the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, and beginning March 1, 2020, must continue in effect beyond March 1, 2021. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
February 24, 2021.