Overview of State and Federal Responses to COVID-19

I. Federal Legislation
   a.) Stimulus 1.0
       Extra money for CDC and testing
   
b.) Stimulus 2.0
       -Increased unemployment benefits
       -Increased funding for AHCCCS and food stamps
   
c.) Stimulus 3.0 (CARES Act)
       -Two rounds of direct payments to taxpayers, on April 6 and May 18, costing $250 billion each. The amounts would be based on income level and family size.
       -Paycheck Protection Program. (Employers with 500 employees or fewer would be eligible.)
       -$200 billion to other industries affected, including airlines, hotels, casinos, cruise line operators and shopping mall operators.
   
d.) Stimulus 3.5

II. Arizona Legislation/Executive Orders
   a.) Executive Orders: Governor Ducey has issued a total of 27 Executive Orders this year and 21 of them have focused on COVID-19. Those 21 are listed below. Those highlighted in red are of particular interest to the masonry industry.

   1. The “Good Samaritan Order” Protecting Healthcare Workers
   2. Remote Online Notarization
   3. Flexible Food Item and Sale Good at Restaurants
   4. Requirements for Individuals Traveling to Arizona
   5. Enhanced Surveillance
   6. Protection of Nursing Home Residents
   7. Prohibition of Small Business Evictions
   8. Expanding Access to Pharmacies
   9. Telemedicine for Pets
   10. Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected
   11. Continuity of Work
   12. Increasing Hospital Capacity
   13. Expansion of Telemedicine
14. Postponement of Eviction Actions
15. Enhanced Surveillance Advisory
16. Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services
17. Access to Unemployment Insurance
18. Delaying Elective Surgeries
19. Limiting the Operation of Certain Businesses to Slow the Spread of COVID-19
20. Limiting In-Person DMV visits
21. Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19

* Entire list of COVID related Executive Orders from Governor Ducey:
  https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders

b.) State Legislature
   1. $50 million state COVID relief bill
   2. When will Legislature reconvene?

c.) State Budget/Deficit: Yesterday the State Legislature’s Financial Advisory Committee met to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on state revenues. Below is a summary of what they found along with the slide decks from the meeting.

   - Based on the April FAC consensus process, the committee anticipates the COVID-19 pandemic reducing 4th quarter State General Fund revenues by (24)%.
   - With the new 4-sector forecast, they are projecting a $(1.1) billion shortfall by the end of FY 2021. This estimate could be off by $500 million in either direction.

   JLBC Slideshow
   JLBC April 9, 2020 Revenue and Budget Update (Narrative Document)
   April FAC Meeting Book

d.) Other Online Resources

   azcommerce.com/covid-19/business-financial-support

   ArizonaTogether.org