How to Access Free and Low-Cost Legal Resources for COVID-19 Related Matters

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1. The Facts, Maps & Data

The coronavirus impacts every aspect of our lives and society across the globe. This is illustrated by a series of live charts produced by LexisNexis, a major aggregator of news sources worldwide:

**COVID-19 and the Global Media Landscape**
A Global Media and News Tracker from Nexis Newsdesk™

**COVID-19 and the Risk Landscape**
A Global Media & News Tracker from Nexis Newsdesk™
https://bis.lexisnexis.com/COVID_19pestlerisk

**Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count (NYT)**

**Health Map of COVID-19**
https://www.healthmap.org/covid-19/
Worldwide coverage from Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and the Open COVID-19 Data Curation Group collected from publicly available sources including government reports and news media. Datasets and resources can be found in GitHub.

**Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (WHO)**
https://covid19.who.int/
Coronavirus Research Center (Johns Hopkins University & Medicine)
https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

COVID-19 Data Resource Center (LexisNexis Risk Solutions)
https://covid19.lexisnexisrisk.com/
This site provides free "county-level insights on at-risk populations and potential care capacity gaps to support the U.S. healthcare industry's response to the COVID-19 pandemic."

2. Timelines

A Timeline of the Coronavirus Pandemic (NYT)
By Derrick Bryson Taylor (subscription may be required to view)

Timeline of WHO's response to COVID-19 (WHO)
https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/29-06-2020-covidtimeline

COVID-19 — a [worldwide] timeline of the coronavirus outbreak (Devex)

3. News

Law360 - Coronavirus Special Report
https://www.law360.com/coronavirus
Free access to all the latest coverage of the coronavirus by Law360.
Includes: The Latest Court Closures and Restrictions; How Law Firms Are Handling The Downturn

New York Times: The Coronavirus Outbreak
Latest Updates, Maps and Cases, Reopenings and Closings, Risk Factors for Covid-19 Death

Google News – Coronavirus – Latest Top News & International
- International - Regions: Africa, Americas, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, South-East Asia, & Western Pacific & More Stories

Microsoft News: Coronavirus (COVID-19)
State-by-state coronavirus news
4. Social Media (Twitter & Legal Blogs)

Twitter – COVID-19 Updates for the U.S.
https://twitter.com/explore/tabs/covid-19

Twitter Search
https://twitter.com/explore

Twitter Advanced Search Page
https://twitter.com/search-advanced?lang=en

Trump Twitter Archive
http://www.trumptwitterarchive.com/

DOJ says Trump’s tweets are official presidential statements
Lorelei Laird, ABA Journal, November 14, 2017
https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/government_says_trumps_tweets_are_official_presidential_statements

Google Search: trump tweet official statement site:justice.gov

Justia Blawg Search
https://blawgsearch.justia.com/

SEARCH: covid (then, sort by date)
SEARCH: covid “new york”

Law Professor Blog Network (Search)
https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/

5. Legal Databases and Portals

LexisNexis
Global COVID-19 Resources

Global coverage includes the Nexis Newsdesk Live Tracker; Market Insight; and COVID-19 and the risk landscape.


Foreign coverage includes COVID resources for Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Middle East, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, and Japan.
Westlaw
Global Coronavirus toolkit

FastCase
COVID-19 resource hub
http://www.fastcase.com/covid19/
Links to Skopos Federal Legislative Response to Coronavirus; Docket Alarm; Coronavirus Resources for Employers - from Littler; ABA Coronavirus Task Force; COVID-19 resource Center from AILA; and more.

DocketAlarm
https://www.docketalarm.com/search/?q=%28covid-19+or+coronavirus%29+last%3A30days
Enhanced Free Access During COVID-19 -- 15 free searches and document/docket views a week, for documents that are already in our system.

Bloomberg Law
Essential Covid-19 Resources for Attorneys
https://pro.bloomberglaw.com/coronavirus/
The latest legal and business coronavirus news and analysis, plus Practical Guidance for employers and attorneys
Coronavirus (Covid-19) Toolkit

Wolters Kluwer
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) resources for legal, health and compliance professionals
Includes frequently updated news, laws, guidance and analysis in a number of specialized areas. Also features the Cheetah COVID-19 State & Federal Compare Smart Chart™

Stanford Law School's COVID-19 Memo Database & Firm Resources Database
http://covidmemo.law.stanford.edu/
(Rock Center for Corporate Governance at Stanford University and Cornerstone Research)
The COVID-19 Memo Database allows the user to search COVID-19-related memoranda created by law firms, the “Big Four” audit firms, and others. Areas covered include tax, antitrust, employment, and contract law, and more.
The COVID-19 Firm Resources Database includes a list of firms represented in the Memo Database, with links to their dedicated COVID resource webpages.
6. U.S. Federal Resources

Executive

White House Coronavirus Task Force
https://www.coronavirus.gov/
latest official information

Whitehouse Guidelines: Opening Up America Again
https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/

Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19
Top U.S. Government Websites for COVID-19 Information
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus

GOOGLE SEARCH: visa student university online site:ice.gov

Silencing Science Tracker
https://climate.law.columbia.edu/Silencing-Science-Tracker
This site "tracks government attempts to restrict or prohibit scientific research, education or discussion, or the publication or use of scientific information, since the November 2016 election."
SEARCH Keyword filter: covid

Legislative

The Federal Legislative Response to Coronavirus (Skopos Labs)
https://coronavirus.skoposlabs.com/
This site tracks federal U.S. policy-making related to COVID-19, including legislative activity and regulatory activity from 200 federal agencies.

Congress.gov
https://www.congress.gov/
The official website for U.S. federal legislative information.

SEARCH “legislation”: coronavirus (then filter “Status of Legislation” = Became Law)

Federal Coronavirus Legislation passed as of July 13, 2020:

A bill to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.
Public Law No: 116-147 (Enacted 07-04-2020)

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020
Public Law No: 116-142 (Enacted 06-05-2020)
Student Veteran Coronavirus Response Act of 2020
Public Law No: 116-140 (Enacted 04-28-2020)

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
Public Law No: 116-139 (Enacted 04-24-2020)

CARES Act
Public Law No: 116-136 (Enacted 03-27-2020)

Families First Coronavirus Response Act
Public Law No: 116-127 (Enacted-03-18-2020)

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020
Public Law No: 116-123 (Enacted 03-06-2020)

**Judicial**

**United States Courts**
https://www.uscourts.gov/

**Court Orders and Updates During COVID-19 Pandemic**

**COVID-19 Impact Analyzer**
Federal District Court COVID-19 metrics. Cases are categorized by practice area based on claims in the pleadings documents, rather than based solely on “Nature of Suit” codes in PACER.

**COVID-19 Case Tracking Research (Perkins Coie)**
This document summarizes the impact of COVID-19 on cases filed in 2,613 state and 148 federal courts. It outlines current trends, based on CourthouseNews (CNS) information 3/1/2020, to 6/16/2020.

**7. N.Y. State Resources**

**NYS Governor’s Office**
https://www.governor.ny.gov/

  **Sign Up For Coronavirus Updates**
  https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates

  **Executive Orders**
  https://www.governor.ny.gov/executiveorders

  **Legislation - Bills and Memos from the Office of the Governor of New York**
  https://www.governor.ny.gov/legislation

Reopening New York
https://forward.ny.gov/

What You Need to Know - Know your rights
https://forward.ny.gov/know-your-rights

Statewide Guidelines
https://forward.ny.gov/statewide-guidelines

NYS Department of Health -- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

NYS Offices and Agencies (Directory)
http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/nyofficesagencies.shtml

NYS Senate – COVID-19 Updates
https://www.nysenate.gov/issues/covid-19
News, Legislation, and Events.

NYS Assembly – Coronavirus Updates
https://nyassembly.gov/coronavirus/

NYS Assembly, COVID-19 Clips (Agriculture)
https://nyassembly.gov/comm/Agri/20200417/
Stories on food & farming from NYS and beyond

Coronavirus & the NYS Courts
https://www.nycourts.gov/index.shtml

8. Local Law Resources

NYS County Health Departments (Directory)
https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/

   Eric County, NY Department of Health » Coronavirus
   https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus

   Eric County, NY Department of Health
   https://www2.erie.gov/health/

   Eric County Emergency Orders

City of Buffalo, NY COVID-19 Resources
https://covid19.buffalony.gov/

NYC Government Websites - Search
https://www1.nyc.gov/home/search/index.page
9. 50-State Resources

State Action on Coronavirus (COVID-19)
National Conference of State Legislatures

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons
The Marshall Project is collecting data on COVID-19 infections in state and federal prisons. See how the virus has affected correctional facilities where you live.
Coronavirus • Updated 6:00 P.M. 06.04.2020

Council of State Governments - COVID-19 Resources for State Leaders
https://web.csg.org/covid19/
Resources include: State COVID-19 Cases; Legislative Sessions & Resources; State Executive Orders; CSG News & Resources; Blog; State Courts; Elections; State Reopen Plans; Data & Prediction Models; Resources; State Resources & Restrictions; Federal Resources; International Cases of COVID-19; and Additional Resources.

COVID-19 Pandemic –United States Shelter-in-Place / Reopening Tracker (Baker McKenzie)
This resource identifies and links to state-wide shelter-in-place orders and their expiration dates, and applicable state-wide reopening plans for all 50 states plus Washington, D.C.

COVID-19 Related Eviction and Foreclosure Orders/Guidance 50-State Tracker (Perkins Coie)
This chart, updated daily, links to state laws, rules, orders, decrees, and other documents related to eviction and foreclosure.

Summary of State taxing authority responses to the COVID-19 pandemic (EY)
04/03/2020

Coronavirus Regulations: A State-By-State Week In Review (State Net via LexisNexis)

July 2020 Bar Exam Status by Jurisdiction
10.  International and Foreign Resources

COVID-19 response trackers  
https://www.ey.com/en_gl/tax
A snapshot of policy changes in jurisdictions around the world in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Reports include:
COVID-19: How are governments responding to the call for stimulus?
How COVID-19 is disrupting immigration policies and worker mobility: a tracker
Track COVID-19’s effects on tax deadlines, collections and enforcement
How COVID-19 is affecting global mobility: an EY response tracker
COVID-19: How countries are adjusting their transfer pricing approach
How COVID-19 is affecting customs and excise taxes: a global trade tracker

Asian legal responses to Covid-19 (AALL FCIL-SIS Asian Law Interest Group)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPMOydTj-j9Z6FJaE7qikU0I0szyjj5CysJXwbohQFgNaa5w/viewform

New Report: Virtual Civil Trials (Law Library of Congress)
https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2020/06/new-report-virtual-civil-trials/
25 foreign jurisdictions and details the rules regarding remote and virtual hearings, including changes made in response to COVID-19

Global Legal Monitor (Law Library of Congress)
https://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/
Summarizes and cites to new laws around the world.
  Topic: Epidemics
  http://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/topic/epidemics/

Fighting Pandemics: Foreign and International legislative Frameworks (Library of Congress)
https://www.loc.gov/law/learning/webinar-archive.php

Directory of United Nations System Organizations
http://www.unsceb.org/directory

GOOGLE SEARCH: covid site:int

United Nations Coronavirus Global Health Emergency

United Nations COVID-19 Response

WHO
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
11. Academic Research & Analysis

Google Scholar
https://scholar.google.com/

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Search
https://crsreports.congress.gov/
The CRS is a non-partisan research service available to members of Congress and their staffs. Their publications are searchable and available in full text.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
A list of published research products (with links to full text) related to COVID-19 prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS). Organization of Reports on this page: Overview, Global Issues, Public Health, Economic Impacts on Individuals, Impacts on Business and the U.S. Economy, Executive Branch Response, Congressional Response and Legislation, and Legal Analyses.

COVID-19 Products by Issue Area
https://crsreports.congress.gov/resources/covid19/
Documents organized by area: Agriculture and Food; Appropriations; Banking & Finance; Commerce & Small Business; Congressional Process, Administration, & Elections; Defense & Intelligence; Education; Energy & Natural Resources; Environmental Policy; Federal Government Operations & Rulemaking; Federal Judiciary & Constitutional Law; Foreign Affairs; Health Care; Homeland Security & Immigration; Justice & Law Enforcement; Science & Technology; Social Security & Social Insurance; Social Welfare & Housing; Taxes, the Budget, & the Economy; Trade &International Finance; Transportation; Veterans; and Workforce & Labor.

HeinOnline
This is a subscription database with a vast array of legal information, free ($600 value) to paid members of the UB Law School Alumni Association. (Go to https://www.law.buffalo.edu/alumni/membership.html to join). Contents include full text law journals, full text bar journals, New York Research Library, a vast array of federal resources, and much more. Full text; pdfs of original documents.

Annotated Bibliography of COVID-19 Legal Literature (Melbourne Law School COVID-19 Research Network)
By Robin Gardner
This regularly updated bibliography includes three parts: Part A- scholarly literature; Part B- selected organisations with dedicated COVID-19 coverage; Part C- blogs or other online fora

by Jonathan G. Odom, SSRN
https://ssrn.com/abstract=3588225 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3588225
Law in the Time of COVID-19 (E-Book)
By Katharina Pistor, ed., Columbia Law School
https://scholarship.law.columbia.edu/books/240/

Chapters by Columbia Law School faculty as well as professors from other law schools:
1. Covid-19 and Prisoners’ Rights (211 KB)
2. Linked Fate: Justice and the Criminal Legal System During the COVID-19 Pandemic (213 KB)
3. Immigration in the Time of COVID-19 (171 KB)
4. COVID-19 and the Law: Elections (179 KB)
8. Emergency Exemptions From Environmental Laws (128 KB)
9. Privacy and Pandemics (189 KB)
10. COVID-19 and LGBT Rights (202 KB)
11. How to Help Small Businesses Survive COVID-19 (213 KB)
12. Bankruptcy’s Role in the COVID-19 Crisis (207 KB)
13. COVID-19 as a Force Majeure in Corporate Transactions (477 KB)
15. Dispute Resolution in Pandemic Circumstances (153 KB)
16. Driver for Contactless Payments (150 KB)

Appendix 1: COVID Legal Alerts from Top 20 Law Firms + CPRBLOG Organized by TOC (236 KB)
Appendix 2: New York-Based Legal Information (131 KB)
Appendix 3: Rules Regarding Medical Labs Running COVID-19 Tests (111 KB)
Appendix 4: Additional Resources (148 KB)

Uncharted territory: Legal experts weigh in on the COVID-19 outbreak

Articles and op-eds by Harvard legal scholars address legal and policy issues resulting from the global pandemic, and how local, state and world governments are responding.

The Unprecedented Challenge of COVID-19: Findings from the 2020 MLA/ATL Law Firm Associate Survey

The COVID-19 global pandemic has forced law firms to adapt quickly. Major, Lindsey & Africa and Above the Law conducted a survey of law firm associates in April 2020. This report illustrates how law firms and individual associates are coping right now and how they are viewing prospects for the future. Fill out a form for a free copy.

Free Specialized Search Engines:

**Law Commons**
http://network.bepress.com/law/

**Digital Commons Network**
http://network.bepress.com/

**Think Tank Search (Harvard Kennedy School)**
https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search
12. Research Guides

Law in the Time of COVID-19 (Course - University of Washington Law Library)
https://guides.lib.uw.edu/law/covid19#s-lg-box-23436449

Evaluating COVID-19 information / Fact Checking
U of Washington
https://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/covid19/evaluating

Coronavirus Resource Guide (Law Library of Congress)
by Margaret Wood, March 20, 2020

Legal Issues Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak: An Overview (CRS)
CRS Legal Sidebar Prepared for Members and Committees of Congress
Updated June 12, 2020
https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/LSB/LSB10433


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