

# State Lawmakers Across America Push to Curb Governors' Virus Emergency Powers



State lawmakers around the US are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns. Legislators in Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania are seeking a constitutional amendment to strip their governors of many emergency powers. Lawmakers in more than half the states have filed bills this year to limit gubernatorial powers during the pandemic and other emergencies.

On February 4, Wisconsin's Republican-led Assembly voted to repeal Democratic Governor Tony Evers' emergency health order mandating masks in public places. One hour later, the governor responded by issuing a new mask mandate. He said that repealing his first mandate put at risk about \$50-million a month in federal funds. A Republican challenge to the mandate is being heard in the state Supreme Court. [Here was just a small peek at what really is driving so many governors to issue mask mandates. It's money from Washington and lots of it.] -GEG

Irritated by the sweeping use of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to

impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns.

The push is underway in such states as Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania, where legislators are seeking a constitutional amendment to strip the governor of many of his emergency powers.

Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Wayne Langerholc said the amendment would “make it unequivocally clear that our General Assembly is a co-equal branch ... that we are not a monarchy and that our voices matter.”

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and some of his counterparts around the country have argued that they need authority to act quickly and decisively against the fast-changing threat.

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Additional source:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/wisconsin-s-legislature-repealed-gov-tony-evers-mask-mandate-he-n1256805>

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**Mayor of Sandy, Oregon, Tells Residents to Ignore Governor's Covid-19 Policies. Business Owner Sues Governor for Terrorizing Her Family**



Stan Pulliam, the Mayor of Sandy, Oregon, blasted Democratic Governor Kate Brown's orders when a state of emergency was declared until March 3, 2021. The previous executive order was set to expire on Jan. 2, 2021. Lindsey Graham, owner of Glamour Salon in Salem, Oregon, filed a \$100,000 lawsuit against Governor Brown for "terrorizing" her family when she ignored the state's lockdown orders. According to Graham, three days after she opened her salon, Child Protective Services showed up at her home and interviewed her children without her presence. -GEG

A Republican mayor in Oregon is encouraging business owners to defy the state's coronavirus restrictions.

Stan Pulliam, the mayor of Sandy, Ore., blasted Democratic Gov. Kate Brown's orders after a state of emergency was declared until March 3, 2021. The previous executive order was set to expire on Jan. 2, 2021.

"I think all Oregonians should take pause, stand up and say 'this must stop,'" Pulliam told "America's Newsroom" on Wednesday.

A salon owner also accused the Oregon governor of "retaliating" and "terrorizing" her family as she faces a \$100,000 lawsuit for defying the state's lockdown orders. Lindsey Graham of Glamour Salon argued Brown is acting like "a dictator."

Both the Oregon mayor and salon owner said they continued to receive death threats for resisting the coronavirus restrictions. Pulliam called on businesses to ignore the

statewide coronavirus orders and remain open.

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Additional source:

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/12/salon-owner-files-law-suit-oregon-governor-threatening-take-kids-defying-lockdown/>

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# Democrats Now Want to Move from COVID Lockdowns to Climate Lockdowns



Marc Morano of Climate Depot says that Democrats are trying to use the COVID lockdown model as the climate emergency model. Senator Merkey of Oregon is urging Joe Biden, if he takes office, to declare a national climate state of emergency that would give him emergency powers that he could bypass legislatures the same way that Democrat governors have usurped power through COVID lockdowns. Morano says that, in 1988, the UN started its climate panel and created the myth of a global-warming problem caused by carbon dioxide, and they also, conveniently, are in charge of the solution. The UN data is based on models, speculation and so-called "expert" judgement. Meanwhile, geologists say we are currently in the 10% coldest time period of the Earth and, for 90% of the Earth's history, there was no ice on either pole. There have been countless natural warming periods over eons of time. -GEG

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# Judge Bars California Governor Newsom from Overstepping Powers with Covid-19 Directives



Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in March and issued more than 50 executive orders over the pandemic, including requiring vote-by-mail ballots to be sent to the state's 22 million registered voters. Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman ruled that one of his orders was "an unconstitutional exercise of legislative power." The judge also issued an injunction barring the governor from using his emergency powers for action that "amends, alters, or changes existing statutory law or makes new statutory law or legislative policy." Newsom has 10 days to raise new challenges or the decision will be final.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has been barred by a judge from overstepping his powers and making controversial coronavirus directives that could change state laws.

Since declaring a state of emergency in mid-March, Newsom has issued more than 50 executive orders over the pandemic – including ones on how people vote in the election, the Los Angeles Times noted.

Sutter County Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman on Monday tentatively ruled that one of his orders – requiring vote-by-mail ballots to be sent to the state’s 22 million registered voters – was “an unconstitutional exercise of legislative power.”

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## **Peggy Hall Exposes Federal Law that Carries a Life Sentence for Hoaxes Related to Biological Hazards**



Educator and activist Peggy Hall reports that a federal law, Title 18 US Code §1038, is related to “Making False Statements Or Misleading Information Regarding Biological Hazards Or Hoaxes” and that when there is bodily injury or death resulting from violating this law, the penalty is life in

prison. Another federal law prohibits fraud in connection with a major disaster or emergency benefits and carries a sentence up to 30 years. In addition, the state of California has a law against calling an emergency when there is no emergency. California health and safety code requires government officials to terminate the state of emergency at the earliest possible date. She is involved in a lawsuit against the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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## **Trump Issues Executive Orders Extending Unemployment Payments and Cutting Payroll Tax**



President Trump issued a combination of executive orders and memoranda after Congress failed to pass another coronavirus-relief bill. He declared that each unemployed person will be given \$400 weekly, which is \$200 less than what the previous benefits provided. It appears he has protected renters from evictions, allowed employers to defer payroll taxes, and suspended payments on some student loans. Payroll taxes are used to fund Social Security and Medicare. He said that, if he wins in November, he will forgive these taxes and make permanent cuts to the payroll tax. All of these actions are unconstitutional, because they are within the jurisdiction of Congress, not the President. However, the government will

argue – and the courts will uphold – the idea that the Constitution is suspended in times of national emergency, which is in the power of the President to declare.

President Trump signed multiple executive measures after Congress failed to pass another coronavirus relief bill.

The president signed a combination of an executive order and memorandums on Saturday which aim to send financial relief to unemployed people in the United States, protect people from evictions, offer student loan relief, and defer payroll tax payments.

Trump, speaking from his golf resort in Bedminster, New Jersey, declared that each unemployed person will be given \$400 weekly. However, that's \$200 less than what the previous benefits provided, which expired in July. Democrats sought to provide the same amount to those who qualify for it.

“The third action I'm taking today will also provide additional support for Americans who are unemployed, due to the China virus. Under the CARES Act I proudly signed, I expanded unemployment benefits into law,” he said.

Through the executive action, he also seeks to suspend payments on some student loans, protect renters from evictions, and allow employers to defer payroll taxes through the end of the year for employees who make less than \$100,000. Payroll taxes fund Social Security and Medicare.

“If I'm victorious Nov. 3, I plan to forgive these taxes and make permanent cuts to the payroll tax and to make them more permanent,” Trump said.

The president, in answering questions from the press, noted there is a chance that the Democrats could challenge these orders through the courts. He noted, however, that it may not be a popular decision if it prevents the monetary relief from getting into the hands of the public.



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# Hawaii: New Bill Would Give Health Director Power to Call a Health Emergency and Impose Quarantines



The Hawaii Senate voted 20-4 in favor of House Bill 2502 that would give the director of the State Department of Health the power to declare a health emergency if authorized by the governor. The governor already has the power to declare a health emergency, and critics of this bill say that it gives too much power to a state official who is not elected.

If the bill is made into law, the director would be allowed to require screening, testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation of people deemed by the department to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk of spreading infection. The measure now heads to the House.

Monday, the Hawaii Senate voted 20-4 in favor of the controversial House Bill 2502 that would give more power to the director of the State Department of Health (DOH).

The measure would allow the health director to declare a public health emergency if authorized by the governor.

Under an emergency, the director would be allowed to require screening, testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation of people deemed by the department to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk of spreading infection.

The director would be allowed to require travelers to disclose their health status, travel history, and intended place of stay, as well as the following:

- Require first responders and the public to implement safeguards designed to prevent infections
- Release confidential information if the director determines disclosure is necessary to protect public health
- Take any other action necessary to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a serious outbreak
- Require every police officer or state law enforcement officer to aid and assist the department in the enforcement of a declaration of a public health emergency

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Additional source:

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/07/05/state-seeks-give-health-director-power-declare-public-health-emergencies/>

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# Activist Peggy Hall Scores a Victory in Her County Against Face Masks



Activist and educator, Peggy Hall, shares her story of successfully lobbying her local County Supervisors/ Commissioners to strike down mandatory face masks in Orange County, California. Deputy Health Director Nichole Quick resigned from her office after Peggy Hall and her supporters applied pressure. The local health emergency was unlawfully prolonged so the county could collect federal and state emergency funds. This, however, is fraud, and Peggy threatened to sue. Now she wants to teach other activists across the country how to replicate her victory. Here she explains how to get started. -GEG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ao6tx5aCxQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7QsWm3VQy0>

## Peggy Hall Explains How to Take Action:

- Go to the LINKS page of this website for contact info for local, county and state agencies
- Go to the LETTERS page for a copy of the letter you can send to your representatives about the UNLAWFUL state of

emergency in California.

- Go [HERE](#) for a LETTER TO SEND TO LAWMAKERS, BUSINESS AND MEDIA
- Read the laws and research so you are armed with education to inform and inspire others to take action to promote our freedom

**“There is no threat of an epidemic that overwhelms the resources of the state, and therefore according to the Emergency Services Act, section 8558(b) there are no grounds for a State of Emergency in California.”**

– Peggy Hall

Read full article [here](#)..

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## **Egypt: Massive Power Grab By President El-Sisi In Wake Of ISIS Terror Attack On Coptic Christians**



Coptic Christian churches across Egypt are canceling their Easter celebrations as they mourn the death of 47 people who were killed in two churches by ISIS bombs. Egyptian President Abdel el-Sisi is using the tragedy as an excuse for a vast increase in government power. He declared a 3-month state of emergency during which the government will control public gatherings, monitor all civilian communications, monitor and approve all print publications, TV news, all TV shows, and confiscate weapons. [In other words, ISIS once again serves the ambitions of the leaders of the governments they attack. Does anyone seriously expect these leaders to actually eliminate terrorism?] –GEG

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wje7S0AV1\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wje7S0AV1_E)