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# COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE TO CLIENTS

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We are in the midst of an unprecedented global crisis – the COVID-19 “Coronavirus” pandemic. In this time of uncertainty, the attorneys and staff at Chehardy Sherman Williams are here to serve you. We are actively monitoring the situation and are anticipating potential legal issues and ramifications caused by the closures and quarantine. We are prepared to assist you in navigating the legal challenges faced by individuals and businesses alike. Please contact Chehardy Sherman Williams at 504.217.2006, serving the greater New Orleans community, or 985.269.7220, serving Hammond and the North Shore communities, to schedule a virtual appointment with one of our attorneys so that together we can navigate through this global calamity.

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## GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

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### LOUISIANA:

[Office of the Governor, Coronavirus Information](#)

[LA Stay at Home Order, effective 03.23.2020](#)

[LA Department of Health](#)

- Dial 211, 24/7 to reach a live specialist for help or information for COVID-19

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

[Presidential Actions](#)

[US Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)



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## CLOSURES & DEADLINES

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Government and business closures, as well as legal deadlines, are in a constant state of flux. Please click on the links below for access to the most current information and do not hesitate to contact our offices for questions regarding the closures, legal continuances, and deadline changes resulting from the crisis.

### LA Executive Orders:

[03.23.2020 Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020](#)

[03.29.2020 Proclamation No. 32 JBE 2020](#)

[03.14.2020 Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2020](#)

[03.13.2020 Proclamation No. 27 JBE 2020](#)

[03.11.2020 Proclamation No. 25 JBE 2020](#)

### Court Closures:

Please contact our offices for current information.

For all court links and a list of legal resources, please access the [Louisiana State Bar Association](#) website.

### Tax Deadlines:

[LA Sales Tax Deadlines Extended](#)

[LA Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-008](#)

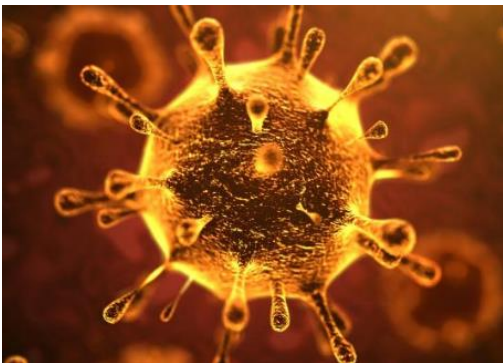
[IRS Tax Day is now July 15, 2020](#)

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## TIME TO PREPARE

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If this COVID-19 crisis has taught us anything, it has taught us that our lives can be altered forever without warning and in the space of a minute. It is crucial that you ensure that your affairs are in order. Take this time of social distancing and isolation to review and organize important documents. Ensure that your insurance documents are current, that you have adequate coverage, and that the correct beneficiaries are listed. Review your will to ensure that it reflects your current situation in life and clearly sets forth your wishes and intent. Compile a file with a copy of your durable power of attorney, all insurance policies, bank and investment accounts, loans, vehicle information, titles, deeds, burial information, safety deposit box and key location, and any other information that may assist those individuals who will take care of your affairs in the event of your death. Taking such action now will be a gift to those that you love and care for in the future during their time of grief.



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## INSURANCE POLICIES & CONTRACTS

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It is recommended that you review insurance policies and other contracts to determine the impact, if any, of the coronavirus crisis to coverage and obligations due and owed. Should you have any questions about coverage, including but not limited to business interruption insurance coverage, the applicability of *force majeure* clauses, or need assistance in filing a claim, please contact our office.



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## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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The attorneys and staff at Chehardy Sherman Williams are committed to serving you during this time. Though we are actively taking steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of our clients, staff, and attorneys, we remain available to assist you with all legal matters and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and thereafter.

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