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Legislative Session Update

So much for a quiet week.

After a legislator confirmed she is COVID positive and consistent rumors there could be additional members and legislative staff who also have tested positive, both houses of the legislature announced they're delaying the return from summer recess. As of today, it appears their date to return is set for July 27th.

“But What About My Bill?”

Committee bill hearings were already jam-packed, including unusual Friday and Saturday hearing dates. This is especially true in the Senate where many more Assembly bills were sent for consideration. We have been told leadership is looking to redesign the committee calendar.

The one thing that is certain is August 31. That is the constitutional deadline for the legislature to adjourn the 2019-2020 legislative session.

After that date, the Governor could call a special session or several since special sessions have to be specific to a subject matter. Think: Budget; COVID-19.

Lots up in the air.

The only certainty is: whatever is not acted on in the next several weeks is already in a bill package for 2021. We anticipate a monster of a legislative year in 2021 as the pent-up demand to legislate grows. Legislators have time on their side with longer term limits and the ability to pursue pet projects and those of others.



A Tool For Your Schools

When and how will schools re-open? Closing them is one thing; re-opening them entirely another.

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(EVENTUALLY)

With guidance on reopening of schools up in the air, we recommend bookmarking and checking a new [Johns Hopkins University tracker](#) that analyzes school reopening plans in California and across the country. The tracker is still in formulation mode as data continues to be compiled. But for those with an active interest in schools reopening, we highly recommend bookmarking and periodically (or compulsively) checking.