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I. State Issues

Municipal Clerks: Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information, we have created a [COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

I. State Issues

a. COVID-19 Update

Covid cases in the Garden State continue to rise with Governor Murphy announcing today 3,635 new cases for a total of 297,370 cases to date, 23 new confirmed deaths for a total of 14,900 confirmed deaths to date, and the rate of transmission at 1.4%. Governor Murphy and his administration continue to use a scalpel approach to address the growing number of cases, encouraging those to follow CDCs guidelines and engage in social distancing. For all Covid-19 updates and information please visit the [New Jersey Department of Health's website](#).


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b. Legalization of Marijuana Legislation

Differences remain between the State Senate and General Assembly on [A-21/S-21](#), the enabling legislation to legalize cannabis pursuant to the voter approval of Ballot Question #1. The pending legislation still contains local tax options as well as a 180 day opt-out for municipalities. Among the issues to be resolved between the two chambers include the degrading of the criminal offense of mushrooms to disorderly person offense, whether




there are – and how many – or are not cultivation caps, and separate decriminalization legislation. For a brief overview, please see the League's [November 10 presentation](#).

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