

I hope this message finds you well,

In support of our vision of keeping you well-informed on what's happening in our state and region, we've collaborated with the other state CPA societies in New England to bring you the latest updates on legislation, regulation, and executive announcements.

If you have anything to share or questions/comments, please reach out to us.

Connecticut

Last Thursday, CT passed a significant milestone in the fight against COVID-19, as the Governor opened vaccine eligibility to all Connecticut residents over the age of 16. [Find vaccine providers](#). HB 6672: *An Act Concerning Public Health And Civil Preparedness Emergencies Declared And Renewed By The Governor*. Extends the Governor's Executive Orders through May 20th. It was approved by the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature. [Read the Connecticut update >>](#)

Massachusetts

The MA Legislature released a [compromise COVID relief bill](#) last week that includes language to conform to the federal tax treatment of PPP loans forgiven in 2020, EIDL advance grants received in 2020, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) debt relief payments made in 2020. The bill also includes unemployment income forgiveness up to \$10,200 for Massachusetts residents whose household incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. [Read the Massachusetts Update>>](#)

Maine

Earlier this month the Maine legislature adopted a supplemental budget for 2021. The resulting budget conforms with federal legislation related to PPP loan forgiveness and expense deductibility and with the exemption of \$10,200 of unemployment compensation from income tax. [Read the Maine Update>>](#)

Vermont

The latest package of assistance from Washington is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with some estimates saying it will bring over \$3 billion to Vermont. Approximately \$1 billion goes directly to Vermonters in the form of stimulus payments, tax reductions, unemployment supplements, aid to businesses, aid to municipalities and local government, schools, higher education, and more. Specifics of the legislation are still unfolding, and federal guidance is expected. [Read the Vermont Update>>](#)

New Hampshire & Rhode Island

New Hampshire & Rhode Island did not submit reports this month.