Join us as the Midwestern Legislative Conference presents a six-part, free webinar series highlighting some of the institutional and policy challenges facing the region’s lawmakers as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Beginning on Thursday, June 11, state and provincial legislators, legislative staff, executive branch officials, and interested stakeholders will convene for a series of presentations and conversations focusing on some of the long-term impacts and future challenges confronting Midwestern states and provinces in the wake of the continuing pandemic.

PREPARING FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS & BEYOND
JUNE 11 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Laura Kliewer (lkliwer@csg.org)
This webinar will focus on best practices for holding elections during the pandemic; the use of newly available federal grants by Midwestern states; and steps to ensure a safe, fair elections process in November and beyond.

LEGISLATING REMOTELY: EXPERIENCES WITH VIRTUAL SESSIONS
JUNE 18 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Ilene K. Grossman (igrossman@csg.org)
This webinar will examine the successes and challenges of holding remote legislative sessions and committee meetings.

CHECKS & BALANCES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY: LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF EXECUTIVE ACTIONS
JUNE 25 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Tim Anderson (tanderson@csg.org)
This webinar will include a look at the scope of gubernatorial emergency powers in the Midwest; the oversight role and powers of legislatures; and actions related to interbranch accountability, disputes and cooperation.

THE PANDEMIC’S IMPACT ON MIDWESTERN STATE & PROVINCIAL BUDGETS
JULY 9 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Mitch Arvidson (marvidson@csg.org)
As tax revenues fall, and spending needs rise, states and provinces must adapt to an unprecedented budget crunch. This webinar will include an overview of the fiscal challenges facing Midwestern lawmakers as well as an outlook for the future.

LESSONS LEARNED: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC EMERGENCY
JULY 16 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Jon Davis (jdavis@csg.org)
This webinar will focus on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us to date about how states and provinces should respond to a public health crisis and how to be ready for the next emergency.

BACK TO BUSINESS: ASSESSING ECONOMIC REOPENING STRATEGIES
JULY 23 | 11 a.m. EDT/10 a.m. CDT | contact: Laura A. Tomaka (ltomaka@csg.org)
This webinar will take a look at the region’s progress in reopening businesses and communities while safeguarding public health.