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In these unforeseen and unique circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we want to keep our clients abreast of how patent and trademark offices around the world are handling deadlines and other issues. In our Google document you will find the latest updates from various patent and trademark offices around the world. Recent updates include:

- India's government has extended the lockdown until May 3, 2020. E-filing modules of the IP office remains fully functional for all new filings/submission of documents.
- New Zealand (IPONZ) has released a new [online form](#) to more efficiently answer questions and concerns. Extension of deadlines will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- UAE has announced a wide range of [fee reductions](#) intended to support local and foreign companies affected by COVID-19.
- Other general closures & deadline extensions have been added to the document.

As always, a complete list of countries may be [found here](#).

The Google document is intended to be used only as a guide. Although we endeavor to keep this list and the information contained in it up-to-date, we suggest that you confirm the information with any patent office for which you have a particular interest before taking any action. If you see something that has changed for a particular patent and trademark office but has not been reflected in the document, we would appreciate hearing from you.

If you have any patent or trademark questions during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

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### **VORYS COVID-19 TASK FORCE**

Vorys attorneys and professionals are counseling our clients in the myriad issues related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have also established a comprehensive COVID-19 Task Force, which includes attorneys with deep experience in the niche disciplines that we have been and expect to continue receiving questions regarding coronavirus. Learn more and see the latest updates from the task force at [vorys.com/coronavirus](https://vorys.com/coronavirus).