

# Minnesota House DFL

## 2020 Accomplishments

**This pandemic has shown the importance of caring for one another.** From checking in on our neighbors, to working the frontlines in health care, Minnesotans are coming together to keep our communities safe. Now is the time to invest in Minnesotans so we can thrive into the future, not turn our backs on those who need help.

**The Minnesota House DFL is working to build a better future for all Minnesotans — through the pandemic and beyond.** While some bipartisan progress was made at the start of this crisis, **Republicans blocked many DFL measures to safeguard Minnesotans' health and economic well-being.**

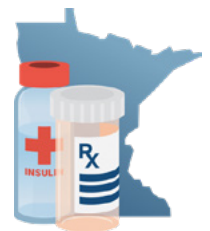
### COVID-19 public health preparedness

Responded immediately to provide resources for Minnesota's healthcare workforce and public health infrastructure to enable an aggressive response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



### Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act

Provided emergency access to insulin and made insulin more affordable over the long term. Held insulin manufacturers accountable for soaring costs by requiring them to provide insulin for the emergency program.



### First responders workers' compensation

Ensured that nurses, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, child care providers, corrections officers, and healthcare professionals can receive workers' comp benefits if they contract COVID-19 on the job.



### Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act

Required drug manufacturers to make their pricing information public to improve accountability and build public pressure to drive down skyrocketing costs.



### Election safety and security

Improved cybersecurity and expanded absentee voting to protect the health and safety of election officials and in-person voters.

### Emergency assistance for workers, families, and businesses

Invested in assistance for housing, food security, small business loans, child care, and veterans.

### Help for farmers and producers

Expanded resources for mental health needs, grain bin safety, and emergency financial aid.



### TCE ban

Became the first US state to ban trichloroethylene (TCE), which can increase risks for certain types of cancer and other serious health issues.

### Tobacco 21

Raised the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 to help stop addiction before it starts, improve public health, and save lives.

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## 2020 Next Steps

**Minnesotans deserve economic security during this public health crisis, and those least likely to have it are being hardest hit.** It's critical to provide assistance to working families to help them make ends meet now and once the pandemic is over.

**That's why the Minnesota House DFL worked this session to invest in helping workers, families, and businesses weather the COVID-19 pandemic and thrive after it ends.** While Republicans blocked these measures, we will keep working to safeguard Minnesotans' health & economic well-being now and into the future.

We have the resources to invest in all Minnesotans — no matter where you live or what you look like. House DFLers will keep working to build a better future for all Minnesotans — through the pandemic and beyond.

### Jobs and local projects

Minnesotans are asking the Legislature to invest in jobs and local projects. We know people are hurting from the impact of COVID-19, and we have an opportunity to help by investing in our communities and creating statewide economic activity.



### Housing assistance for renters and homeowners

All Minnesotans deserve the opportunity to be safe and healthy. Minnesotans can't stay safe and healthy if they can't afford their rent or mortgages.

### Compensation for hourly school workers

Our school employees — paraprofessionals, lunch staff, child care workers, bus drivers, and others — are frontline workers in the COVID pandemic, providing essential services to our students and families and they deserve economic security.

### Contact tracing

To safely reopen our economy, we need to establish a contact tracing, case investigation, and follow-up program for COVID-19 cases.

### Wage increases for personal care attendants

At-risk populations are having increased difficulty finding personal care attendants (PCAs) during the pandemic. Our PCAs are incredibly dedicated and hard-working and deserve a boost in pay to stay on the job in the face of COVID-19.

### Loans for small and minority-owned businesses

The small family businesses here in Minnesota deserve a chance to make it to the other side of COVID-19 just as much as the big corporations being prioritized by the Trump Administration.

### Aid for low-income families and children

Low-income families and children are especially challenged now. Helping them through this tough spot helps build a better future for Minnesota.

### Better broadband access

Expanding access to broadband expands opportunity for all Minnesotans. While we have made progress, there are still too many parts of rural Minnesota that don't have adequate access.