



**March 30, 2020**

## **Governor Issues Stay-at-Home Order**

Yesterday, the Governor issued a stay-at home order for all Virginians that will remain in effect until June 10, 2020. Virginians should not leave home except for a very limited list of reasons such as to obtain food, supplies, to travel to work, seek medical care or exercise. Below is some additional information related to the Executive Order announced yesterday:

- All gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.
- Non-essential businesses must also comply with the 10-person limit as well.
- The order closes overnight stays at campgrounds and beaches.
- All colleges and universities will cease in-person classes.
- If an employee can work remotely, they should do so.
- If someone has been in another state and enters Virginia, they must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the Executive Order is considered class 1 misdemeanor.
- Local governments have the ability to enforce the Executive Order.

To review the complete Executive Order, click [here](#).

## **Governor's COVID-19 Update**

The following provides an overview of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's briefing yesterday on COVID-19:

### **Impact of COVID-19**

- Virginia currently has 1,020 total cases and 25 deaths.
- More than 12,000 Virginians have been tested and there have been 136 hospitalizations.
- No age group is immune and half of the positive cases are found in those under the age of 50.



- Northern Virginia has the most cases, followed by Hampton Roads, then Central Virginia.
- Virginia's current positive tests results are based on how people behaved two-three weeks ago.

#### Workplace safety

- OSHA is the agency that sets the standards for workplaces related to COVID-19.
- Once the Virginia Department of Labor has guidance from OSHA, they will enforce and, when necessary, take action against those businesses that are not in compliance with OSHA standards.
- The Governor recommended that employees who have concerns related to COVID-19 in their workplace should talk with their supervisor. If they feel they are working in an unsafe environment, they should file a complaint with the Virginia Department of Labor.

#### Healthcare system capacity

- As stated in previous briefing, Virginia currently has 2,000 ICU beds.
- The Governor emphasized that actions now will help ensure our healthcare system has adequate capacity to meet the need.
- Hospital systems are currently working to find temporary beds and space to meet the growing demands. (i.e., opening shuttered buildings/hospitals, dormitories)
- The National Guard is also working on a plan for five field hospitals across Virginia should additional capacity be needed.

#### Federal funding for COVID-19

- As part of the federal legislation that passed last Friday night, the Federal government will pay for National Guard costs associated with addressing the state's needs to battle COVID-19.
- Virginia is also applying for Federal Major Disaster Status which, if approved, will provide funding for food assistance, transitional shelter assistance, unemployment benefits, and more.
- Federal support will also allow Virginia Food Banks to serve 200,000 Virginians who need help. For more information, call 211 or visit [www.vafoodbanks.org](http://www.vafoodbanks.org).



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To view the Governor's briefing, click [here](#).