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Afternoon Update

**Governor Northam Announces Additional
Actions to Address COVID-19**

Co-pays eliminated for all Medicaid-covered services, tax relief, small businesses can begin

Counties,Cities and Towns 2020

Committee Assignments:

- Counties, Cities and Towns
- Finance
- Labor and Commerce
- Public Safety

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FAIRFAX ALERTS

Park (Indoor), Library and Other
Community Facilities to Remain Closed
Until Further Notice

<https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wpcomstaging.com/2020/03/20/park-indoor-library-and-other-community-facilities-to-remain-closed-until-further-notice/>

applying for low-interest federal disaster loans

RICHMOND— Governor Ralph Northam today announced further actions to protect public health and support Virginians impacted by the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Video of today's media briefing is available [here](#).

Increased Access to Health Care

Working with the Department of Medicaid Assistance Services, Governor Northam is increasing access to health care for Virginia's 1.5 million Medicaid members and thousands of low-income residents. These actions include:

- Eliminating all co-payments for services covered by Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS), including COVID-19-related treatment as well as other medical care.
- Ensuring current Medicaid members do not inadvertently lose coverage due to lapses in paperwork or a change in circumstances.
- Permitting Medicaid members to obtain a 90-day supply of many routine prescriptions, an increase from the 30-day supply under previous rules.
- Waiving pre-approval requirements for many critical medical services, and enacting automatic extensions for approvals that are already in place.
- Expanding access to telehealth services, including allowing Medicaid reimbursement for providers who use telehealth with patients in the home.

Guidance for Child Care Providers

Governor Northam has directed the Department of Social Services to modify Virginia's Child Care Subsidy program, which is currently caring for 25,000 children, to increase support and flexibility for enrolled families and providers. These modifications include:

- Expanding eligibility for school-aged children currently designated for part-day care to full-day care.
- Increasing the number of paid absences from 36 to 76 days for both level 1 and level 2 providers.

VDOT TEMPORARILY CLOSES OFFICES, NON-PUBLIC FACILITIES TO VISITORS

*Safety Rest Areas, Ferries Remain
Open*

RICHMOND, Va. – Effective at 5 p.m., Friday, March 20, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is closing offices and other non-public facilities to walk-in visitors until further notice as a precaution to help prevent spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

This includes all district offices, residencies, area headquarters and the agency's Central Office in Richmond. The agency will implement a visitor-by-appointment process to ensure essential services and operations continue.

Safety rest areas and ferry facilities remain open to the public, with enhanced cleaning and protective measures in place. Service on the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry has been reduced, and drivers and passengers are asked to remain in their vehicles during trips.

VDOT's top priority is the safety of its workers and the traveling public. The agency continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and take action to ensure critical operations, construction and maintenance are uninterrupted.

- Automatically extending eligibility for families due for eligibility redetermination in the near future by 2 months and temporarily suspending the requirement for face-to-face interviews.

As announced yesterday, the Northam administration has released [guidance](#) for child care providers to slow the spread of COVID-19, while ensuring continued support for essential personnel. These guidelines include:

- Childcare providers should limit capacity to 10 total individuals per room and prioritize care for children of essential personnel.
- Children should eat meals in their own classrooms and increase distance as much as possible, such as allowing only one classroom at a time to go outside and staggering exits and entrances to reduce contact.
- Staff and children should focus on basic health precautions, including regular hand washing and cleaning frequently touched objects.

Support for Impacted Businesses

Following a request [submitted](#) by Governor Northam on March 18, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) today approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Virginia. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout the Commonwealth affected by the COVID-19 public health crisis can now apply for low-interest federal disaster loans of up to \$2 million from the SBA to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses. To submit a loan application through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, please visit disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can also request to defer the payment of state sales tax due tomorrow, March 20, 2020, for 30 days. When granted, businesses will be able to file no later than April 20, 2020 with a waiver of any penalties.

The Governor has requested that the Department of Taxation to extend the due date of payment of Virginia individual and corporate income taxes. While filing deadlines remain the same, the due date for individual and corporate income tax will now be June 1, 2020. Please note that interest will still accrue, so taxpayers who are able to pay by the original deadlines should do so.

Justice-Involved Population

TRAFFIC ALERT**NORTH LYNN ST,
SOUTHBOUND LEE HIGHWAY
AND I-66 RAMP OVERNIGHT
CLOSURES IN ROSSLYN
MARCH 23-26**

*Pavement work related to Lynn Street
Esplanade and Custis Trail Improvements
project*

For more details please click [here](#)

Additional Resources

*Friends, Here are a few resources that
may be needed in these stressful times*

National Domestic Violence Hotline.

*The National Domestic Violence Hotline
is here for you, 24/7. Call 1-800-799-
7233 or 1-800-787-3224 for TTY, or if
you're unable to speak safely, you can
log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS
to 22522.*

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

*If you're feeling alone and struggling,
you can reach out to The Crisis Text
Line by texting TALK to 741741 or
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at
1-800-273-TALK(8255), 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.*

Local, regional, and state public safety agencies are working in close coordination to ensure the safety of employees and residents in correctional facilities. The following information is issued jointly by the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC), the Virginia Sheriffs Association (VSA), the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys (VACA), the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (IDC), and the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ).

The Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) has [suspended](#) all in-person visitation to state correctional facilities and is complying with guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control related to COVID-19. VADOC has also suspended all transfers from local and regional jails for the next 30 days to limit potential exposure to the virus.

Governor Northam is encouraging local criminal justice officials, including Commonwealth's attorneys, defense attorneys, sheriffs, and other jail officials, to explore proactive measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring public safety. These recommendations include:

- Allowing sentence modifications that can reduce populations within the jails, as outlined in Va. Code § 19.2-303.
- Diverting offenders from being admitted into jail prior to trial, including the use of summonses by law enforcement in lieu of arrest pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-74, and use of local pretrial programs as available and with consideration to local capacity.
- Considering ways to reduce low-risk offenders that are being held without bail in jails.
- Utilizing alternative solutions to incarceration such as home electronic monitoring, pursuant to Va. Code § 53.1-131.2.

Motor Vehicle Inspections

Governor Northam has [directed](#) the Virginia Department of State Police to suspend the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections for 60 days.

For a comprehensive list of actions Governor Northam has announced to combat COVID-19 in Virginia, visit virginia.gov/coronavirus.

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Area governments respond to COVID-19

State and local jurisdictions across the region are keeping residents informed on the status of the novel coronavirus, sharing preventative tips, and taking a variety of actions to ramp up social distancing and slow the spread of the virus.

Commuter Connections offers telework resources

New telework resources are available for area employers as they focus on the safety of their employees, the continuity of their business operations, and do their part to protect the community through social distancing.

More Information

Cases in Virginia:

The [Virginia Department of Health website](#) continues to update the status of cases in Virginia. As of noon today, 114 positive cases have been reported here in Virginia.

ABC Guidelines

Virginia's Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) has issued updated guidelines regarding procedural and regulatory matters for licensed businesses. Among other actions, ABC has authorized Virginia's distillers to produce hand sanitizer, provided that they follow existing state and federal guidelines. The full guidance document can be [found here](#).

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has officially announced Virginia's approval for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. For more information please click [here](#).

***If you are interacting with a healthcare worker, say
THANK YOU!***

Be Careful and Stay Healthy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaye". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Though I will miss you immensely, I will still do my absolute best to represent you in the House of Delegates.