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Committee Assignments:

Update, Resources & How You Can Help!

Cases in Virginia

The Virginia Department of Health website continues to update the status of cases in Virginia. As of noon today, 391 positive cases have been reported here in Virginia. [Here.](#)

- Counties, Cities and Towns (Chair)
- Finance
- Labor and Commerce
- Public Safety

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Please send me questions about Virginia's response to the coronavirus pandemic. I will contact the Governor to obtain answers. Please email me at Delkkory@house.virginia.gov

Be Careful and Stay Healthy!

Fairfax County Public Schools

News from School Board Member Ricardy Anderson (Mason District). Please click [here](#) for FCPS updates.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Governor Northam is requesting medical professionals, medical

Governor Northam Directs Postponement of Elective Surgeries

~ Order will preserve medical beds and personal protective equipment for COVID-19 response ~

Governor Ralph Northam and State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA today directed all hospitals to stop performing elective surgeries or procedures to help conserve supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The public health emergency order does not apply to any procedure if the delay would cause harm to a patient. The order also does not apply to outpatient visits in hospital-based clinics, family planning services, or emergency needs.

Earlier this week, Governor Northam recommended that hospitals postpone any elective surgeries, and many have already done so.

“Hospitals and medical facilities in Virginia and around the country are in desperate need of additional masks, gowns, gloves, and other personal protective equipment,” **said Governor Northam**. “While we work to increase our supply, it makes sense to decrease the demand on that equipment where we can. Postponing elective surgeries allows us to divert more PPE to the medical staff who are dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak so we can better protect the men and men on the front lines of this public health emergency, fighting to keep us all safe.”

Licensed inpatient and outpatient surgical hospitals, free-standing endoscopy centers, physicians’ offices, and dental, orthodontic, and endodontic offices may perform any procedure or surgery that if delayed or canceled would result in the patient’s condition worsening. Outpatient surgical hospitals are encouraged to work with local inpatient hospitals to assist with surge capacity needs. The full text of Order of Public Health Emergency Two is available [here](#).

Virginia received its first shipment of PPE from the national stockpile this week and the state has made its second request. The Governor continues to call for a nationally-led response for acquiring and distributing PPE so that states are not competing against each other, the federal government, and even other countries for the equipment, causing higher prices in the private sector.

Last week, Governor Northam issued [Executive Order Fifty-Two](#) that lifts Virginia’s certificate of public need restrictions, allowing hospitals and nursing homes to increase their bed capacity as needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

students, and student nurses to consider volunteering with the [Virginia Medical Reserve Corps](#).

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To become a VA Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer, please submit an application in the [Virginia Volunteer Health System](#).

There is a shortage of masks.

You can help hospitals by creating masks at home. DMV Muslims Project has instructions and details on how you can get involved. Please click [here](#) to get involved.

If you're a Healthcare Provider or know of Facilities in need of mask, please fill out the form [here](#).

Helping Our Neighbors During the COVID-19 Crisis

[Please use this link to the Amazon Wish List if you want to make contributions of grocery store gift cards, shelf-stable](#)

Governor Northam has ordered many non-essential businesses to close for 30 days, and told Virginians to stay home except for necessary trips out, so as to increase social distancing and slow the spread of the virus.

[Full Release](#)

COVID-19 Education Innovation

ExcelinEd is providing an ongoing roundup of creative solutions states and districts are taking to meet the education needs of their students affected by school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details please click [here](#).

Paid Sick Time and Family Leave

There will be updates for small business members on how to implement these new emergency requirements related to paid leave. NFIB is waiting for the Department of Labor and IRS to provide guidance on how to implement the paid leave and then how to apply for the refundable payroll tax credits.

The Department of Labor announced yesterday that the **effective date for paid sick time and paid family leave is April 1, 2020.**

NFIB Webinar on COVID-19 Phase 2 – the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*

- Includes info on paid sick time, paid family leave, UI benefits, SBA vs. Business Interruption loans & Phase 3 discussions
- <https://www.nfib.com/webinars/covid-10-part2/>

NFIB Small Business FAQs on COVID-19

- Topics discussed include financial, wage & hour, public health and other legal employment questions.
- <https://www.nfib.com/content/legal-compliance/healthcare/small-business-faqs-on-covid-19/>

NFIB Small Business COVID-19 Landing Page

- Our main page that has all of our resources in one spot
- <https://www.nfib.com/content/analysis/coronavirus/latest-on-coronavirus-from-nfib/>

[food, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.](#)

Please note that items are going out of stock quickly. Our most needed items are:

- Diapers and wipes
- Shelf-stable canned goods
- Household Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, Lysol, rubbing alcohol)
- Antibacterial soap
- Grocery Gift Cards

You can send from other online retailers like Walmart to NVFS Headquarters, 10455 White Granite Drive #100, Oakton, VA, 22124.

We are also regularly updating the [emergency response page](#).

VDOT SENDS A MESSAGE ABOUT COVID-19 THROUGH ON-ROAD SIGNAGE *Digital Message Signs Focus on Public Safety and Health*

RICHMOND, Va. – As announced by Gov. Ralph Northam, motorists across the Commonwealth will see COVID-19 health safety messages on the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) changeable message signs (CMS).

“All of us are accountable to change our behaviors and stop the spread of this virus,” said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine. “We are focused on sharing critical information with those on the road during this health crisis.”

Motorists throughout Virginia can expect to see COVID-19 messages around the state for the coming weeks.

Safety is a top priority for VDOT, and the agency is committed to protecting

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) National Online Dialogue

On Friday, March 20, 2020, [the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Labor announced](#) that small and midsize employers can begin taking advantage of two new refundable payroll tax credits, designed to immediately and fully reimburse them, dollar-for-dollar, for the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave to their employees. This relief to employees and small and midsize businesses is provided under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. [Read the news release to learn more.](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor will be hosting a [national online dialogue](#) to provide employers and employees with an innovative opportunity to offer their perspective as the Department develops compliance assistance materials and outreach strategies related to the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) published its first round of implementation guidance pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

The guidance addresses critical questions such as:

- How does an employer count its number of employees to determine coverage?
- How can small businesses obtain an exemption?
- How does an employer count hours for part-time employees?
- How does an employer calculate wages employees are entitled to under the FFCRA?

Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employee Paid Leave Right:
Please click [here](#).

Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements:
Please click [here](#).

Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Questions and Answers:
Please click [here](#).

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the health and safety of the traveling public, as well as VDOT employees and contractors. Along with state partners, VDOT is closely monitoring the virus impacts and taking action to minimize risks to agency employees and Virginia travelers.

For additional information on VDOT's response to COVID-19, visit <http://www.virginia.gov/newsroom/covid-19.asp>.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Additional Ways to Stay Informed:

- **Get the latest updates by texting FFXCOVID to 888777.**
- Get County Operating Status by department or service.
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To help limit the spread of the coronavirus, **Fairfax County will close all [government buildings and facilities](#) to the public starting Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m.**, until further notice. However, the **county government remains open** for business online and by phone and mail.

Closing government buildings will help **protect the health and safety of residents and employees**, and the move is intended to promote social distancing, a key action to help limit the spread of the coronavirus.

Some **specific public services may continue to be provided in-person** as determined necessary by county agencies and employees will continue to be able to access these facilities. Nonprofit organizations located in county facilities will receive operational guidance from their partner agencies.

A full list of online service can be found on the county's [Assistance from a Distance webpage](#).

More information is [available here](#).



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