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**Governor Northam Orders All Virginia K-12 Schools Closed for Minimum of Two Weeks**

*~ Statewide closure intended to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus ~*

**RICHMOND**—Governor Ralph Northam today ordered all K-12 schools in Virginia to close for a minimum of two weeks in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.



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Schools will close from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, at a minimum. Localities will maintain authority over specific staffing decisions to ensure students maintain continuity of services or learning, while protecting the public health of teachers and staff.

“We are taking this action to keep Virginians as safe and healthy as possible, and to minimize exposure to COVID-19,” **said Governor Northam**. “I recognize this will pose a hardship on many families, but closing our schools for two weeks will not only give our staff time to clean and disinfect school facilities, it will help slow the spread of this virus. This is a fluid and fast-changing situation. We will do everything possible to ensure that students who rely on school nutrition programs continue to have access to meals, and that the disruption to academics is as minimal as possible.”

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As a member of the Dominion Hospital Board, I have received this notice:

The latest COVID-19 update for the Capital Division: In the past week, each of our hospitals has :

- Controlled our care environment by screening all patients and visitors for risk factors for COVID-19
- Implemented limitations on visitors and outside vendors to reduce risk in the hospital.
- Implemented administrative controls to conserve our supply of personal protective equipment.
- Educated staff and physicians on the importance of masking themselves and patients who are at risk for COVID-19
- Worked to limit the use of aerosol generating procedures for patients suspected of having COVID-1

## **FCPS Food Distribution - 3/16**

Fairfax County Public Schools will be providing emergency grab and go lunches at no cost for children 18 & under and at \$2 for adults at five sites on Monday, March 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m..

**Bailey's Elementary School, [6111 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church](#)**  
**Hutchison Elementary School, [13209 Parcher Avenue, Herndon](#)**  
**Hybla Valley Elementary School, [3415 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria](#)**  
**London Towne Elementary School, 6100 Stone Road, Centreville**  
**Burke Center, [9645 Burke Lake Road, Burke](#)**

For more details please click [here](#)



### **Important Notice:**

Due to public health concerns, the Kory/Marsden Town Hall scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed.

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### **Simple steps to protect yourself and others by helping to “flatten the curve”:**

- o **If you have traveled to a region with active spread of COVID-19 within the past 14 days**, please contact employee health and infection prevention at your hospital for guidance.
- o **Stay at home when you are sick** and isolate yourself from other family members and friends, especially those that are elderly, young and immunocompromised
- o **Wash your hands** often with either soap and water for 20 seconds, or alcohol based hand rubs until dry; specifically, wash hands after touching high touch objects (e.g. doorknobs), before eating, after going to the restroom, before touching face, mouth or eyes and after touching contaminated surfaces
- o **Disinfect your phone** and any other surfaces you touch regularly with disinfecting wipes at least once a day (Apple has [guidance](#) for cleaning Apple products; check manufacturers' guidance on using disinfecting wipes on other brands)
- o **Cough into the crook of your arm**
- o **Don't shake hands or hug to greet.** Bumping elbows is one alternative.

### **Patients Under Investigation (PUIs):**

- o PUIs are patients who meet CDC clinical criteria for COVID-19 and have been tested for COVID-19.
- o We have seen a number of PUIs in our facilities, most of whom have been patients with fever and lower respiratory tract infection requiring admission to the hospital, with no specific epidemiologic link to COVID-19.
- o If a PUI is admitted to the hospital, our practice is to treat the patient as though they have COVID-19 until we receive a result of the test for COVID-19.

Health experts, inside and outside the federal government, agree that the best way to prevent illness is to practice routine preventive practices (below).

**Everyday practices** to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases – including the flu -- include:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care (CALL AHEAD to your provider).
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue, and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

**Here are recently added or updated resources you might find useful.**

- [Interim Guidance: Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).
- [Interim Guidance: Get Your Community- and Faith-Based Organizations Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).
- [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#) including guidance for homes, schools, and workplaces
- [Geographic Risk Assessment for COVID-19 Transmission](#)
- [Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#).

For the most current information about COVID-19, please follow CDC on social media and [sign up for the newsletter](#) to receive weekly emails about the COVID-19 outbreak.

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## Testing:

- o Testing capacity varies significantly from state to state
- o COVID-19 testing for suspected PUIs should initially be pursued through the public health system in your state.
- o If the state declines to test an inpatient, we do have the ability to send a limited number of COVID-19 tests to LabCorp;

§ Because testing capacity is limited, **at this point our hospitals are preserving third-party testing for admitted patients** whom the state has declined to test.

§ Please note that LabCorp tests take approximately 3-4 days to return (vs. 24-36 hrs for state labs).

- o **Please note:** even if a discharged ED patient does not meet criteria for testing for COVID-19, they should still receive [guidance on self-isolation under CDC criteria](#), depending on their risk factors.

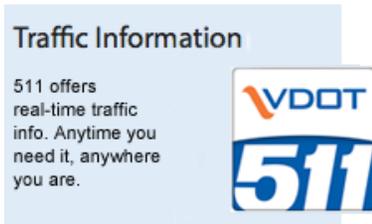
- o We are exploring strategies for testing of patients who do not require admission to the hospital in non-ED areas. These are in the exploration phase.

## Clinical syndrome of COVID-19

- o The New England Journal of Medicine has published an [article](#) with a summary of clinical characteristics of COVID-19 patients in China (Guan, WJ et al):

§ Frequent clinical findings were fever and cough, though not all patients had those symptoms. Over half of patients did not have fever on admission.

§ For patients who had lung CT scans, 86% showed abnormal results, most commonly ground glass opacity and bilateral patchy shadowing.



§ Lab studies reveals lymphocytopenia in 83%, thrombocytopenia in 36%, and leukopenia in 34%.

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A non-coronavirus note:



**I am very proud to be a Chief Co-Patron of the Resolution to ratify the ERA Amendment. Virginia is now the 38th and final state to legislate that equal rights for women must be added to our Constitution.**

I am also proud of the campaign promises we kept in this historic session:  
sweeping climate change legislation;  
common sense gun violence prevention;  
increasing voter access to the polls (same-day voting registration, no-excuse absentee ballots); reigning-in predatory lending practice;  
strong anti-discrimination measures for all minority groups;  
collective bargaining for public employees;  
and prevailing wage and minimum wage mandates.

We have made so much progress, we cannot afford to lose any ground!  
**Will you help me protect our achievements?**

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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.

**Governor Northam to meet with health care providers at Richmond Community Hospital**

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Richmond, Virginia 23223

*Due to increased screening procedures, all media must use the medical office building entrance. Press interested in attending **must RSVP** to Emma Swann at [Emma\\_Swann@bshsi.org](mailto:Emma_Swann@bshsi.org) or (804) 837-0413.*