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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, 460 positive cases have been reported here in Virginia.

Prescription of High-Demand Medicine

State Health Commissioner Norman Oliver sent a letter to clinicians regarding the prescription of medicine that may be a potential treatment for COVID-19. That letter can be [found here](#).

Farmers Markets

VDACS issued a letter outlining guidance for the operation of farmers markets. That letter is **attached to this email**.

REAL ID Enforcement

Acting U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf [issued a statement](#) extending the REAL ID enforcement deadline from Oct 1, 2020 to Oct 1, 2021. For more details please click [here](#).

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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!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Governor Northam is requesting medical professionals, medical students, and student nurses to consider volunteering with the [Virginia Medical Reserve Corps](#).

The Virginia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a force of dedicated volunteers who stand ready to support the community in the event of a public health emergency. Each of the 27 local MRC units is comprised of teams of medical and public health professionals who, along with interested community members, volunteer their skills, expertise and time to support ongoing public health initiatives and assist during emergencies throughout Virginia.

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

Virginia's Coronavirus Homepage

Virginia.gov has set up a website for all things coronavirus-related. All updates [can be found here](#), and the site will continue to update as Virginia takes new action to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Update on UVA Health's ability to provide COVID-19 testing for the Commonwealth:

UVA developed an in house test for COVID-19 at UVA; and is the first medical center in the state to do so. The platform can accommodate 200 tests per day offered for hospitals across the Commonwealth for their inpatients with suspected COVID-19.

Thanks to the recent generosity of a donor, UVA will soon be able to perform over 500 tests every day, is now expanding testing for clinical providers and first responders at Virginia hospitals.

Providing these tests will assist hospitals across the Commonwealth in caring for their patients and also help to save protective personal equipment (PPE) and other critical resources for Virginia's public health needs.

To read more about it please click [here](#).

SCC Approves Cyber Security, Customer Information, and Improved Reliability Provisions of Dominion Energy Virginia Grid Plan; Denies Other Elements Due to Unjustified Heavy Costs to Customers

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has approved certain provisions of the most recent electric grid transformation plan proposed by Dominion Energy Virginia. The approved elements include strengthening cyber security protections, improving service reliability through grid hardening, and a new computer platform to support customer service.

The SCC denied other plan elements due to the projected heavy costs to customers without adequate benefits. The rejected elements include Advanced Metering Infrastructure, commonly referred to as "smart meter technology." And, grid upgrades and related features for which the company failed to justify what would be gained by the projected level of investment.

Dominion's proposal, if approved in full, would have cost customers nearly \$7 billion at full roll-out over 10 years. The elements of the initial phase approved by the SCC will, at a minimum, cost an estimated \$212 million. The SCC rejected initial phase elements costing nearly \$626 million. All cost figures include financing costs.

The SCC said, "We recognize the importance of the plan's overall objectives. We have approved those elements in which the heavy costs to customers have been adequately justified by the overall benefits to customers, and we have denied approval to those elements whose heavy costs were not justified by the overall benefits to customers."

Smart meter technology was one of the most expensive elements of the plan at \$752 million in total costs. The Commission agreed again with a witness for environmental organizations in the first Dominion grid transformation proceeding (Case PUR-2018-00100), who said that smart meters "are beneficial and cost-effective only to the extent the Company utilizes them to maximize the potential gains of rate optionality, energy efficiency, demand response and distributed energy resources."

In this case, the SCC found that Dominion had again failed to justify its smart meter proposal with a plan, including a well-crafted rate design, that could maximize the potential for benefits to customers through energy efficiency and demand response pricing (time of use rates). For the components approved by the Commission, any costs that exceed the current estimates must be proven by the company in a future proceeding before recovery of those costs from ratepayers will be permitted.

[View Final Order](#)

Information on recently-passed federal relief legislation**A MESSAGE FROM SEN. WARNER ON LEGISLATION**

So far, the Senate has passed three major bipartisan coronavirus response bills designed to aid in the fight against the virus and help workers and small businesses:

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 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](#).

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Additional Ways to Stay Informed:

- **Get the latest updates by texting FFXCOVID to 888777.**
- **Get County Operating Status** by department or service.

I-395 NORTH ACCESS TO SHIRLINGTON ROAD TO CLOSE MARCH 26-27

Detour via Glebe Road will allow bridge work related to 395 Express Lanes project

- **PHASE I:** On March 6, the President signed a bipartisan [\\$7.8 billion emergency funding bill](#) that directed needed resources to federal, state and local agencies responding to coronavirus. This legislation immediately provided Virginia with \$13.3 million in federal funding to help cover the costs of preparations for this public health emergency. It also included language based on my [CONNECT for Health Act of 2019](#), which reduces restrictions on the use of telehealth for public health emergency response, as well as \$500 million to facilitate its implementation.
- **PHASE II:** On March 18, the President signed [a second bipartisan coronavirus response bill](#) that focused on the immediate economic impact of the coronavirus. This legislation greatly expanded paid sick leave to many Americans, made it easier for workers who've lost their job or had their hours cut to apply for unemployment insurance, and guaranteed that coronavirus testing will be free. It also included significant emergency funding for Medicaid, nutrition assistance, state unemployment programs, and coronavirus testing at VA medical centers.
- **PHASE III:** On March 25, the Senate passed a [\\$2 trillion coronavirus relief bill](#) intended to help workers who have lost jobs or paychecks due to the coronavirus, small and medium-sized businesses struggling to stay afloat, as well as hospitals and local governments facing financial strain because of the coronavirus. Specifically, the legislation provides emergency cash payments to Americans, a small business rescue plan, a "Marshall Plan" for America's hospitals, and a significant expansion of unemployment insurance.

For days, I was in direct negotiations with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and my colleagues from both parties, working to include specific provisions that would help Virginia workers and local businesses, including:

- **Disaster Unemployment Insurance:** to increase the amount and duration of unemployment benefits and expand eligibility to include hourly workers, gig workers, independent contractors, the self-employed, and others who would have otherwise fallen through the cracks in our system.
- **Foreclosure and eviction protections:** to provide borrowers of federally backed mortgages with forbearance for up to 180 days on mortgage payments. Additionally, the bill includes a provision that would impose a moratorium on all foreclosures for at least 60 days.
- **Small Business Paycheck Protection Program:** to provide small businesses with loans of up to \$10 million that forgive up to 8 weeks of payroll and other costs if the business retains its employees and their salaries.
- **Employer Retention Tax Credit:** to encourage companies to keep workers on the payroll so they can maintain their employer-sponsored healthcare and have a job to return to when the crisis is over.
- **American Worker and Main Street Lending Facility:** to provide low-interest loans to help small and medium-sized businesses keep workers on the payroll.
- **Employer Participation in Student Loan Repayment:** to encourage companies to assist in paying off their workers' student loans, the legislation includes provisions from my bipartisan *Employer Participation in Repayment Act*.
- **And other provisions, including:** protections for small business government contractors, cash advances and debt relief for small businesses, and eased restrictions on accessing emergency funds in your 401K.

In light of the significant size of this legislation, I also worked to ensure that the legislation includes robust worker protections and transparency measures to make sure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely. This includes restrictions on stock buybacks and excessive executive compensation for companies receiving government assistance, as well as full, real-time reporting of government loans to companies, and an inspector general to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

In the coming weeks, I plan to continue working on legislative solutions that will help our country overcome this epidemic and help our economy recover. If you would like to share your thoughts on the coronavirus or another issue that is important to you, I encourage you to [send me an email using this form](#).

Other Actions

In addition to legislation, another important tool at a Senator's disposal are official letters, sent to government agencies, private companies, fellow senators, and other entities. In the weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began, I have been closely tracking the actions of the Trump Administration and using these letters to urge federal, state, and local officials, as well as business leaders to respond appropriately to the threats posed by coronavirus.

You may be wondering: *What good does a letter do?* At a minimum, these letters allow Senators to outline our priorities on an issue, shape public debates, and drive press coverage of important issues that might not otherwise get attention. Often, they create political pressure that yields real, tangible results for the American people. Let me give you three examples:

- **Lifting broadband restrictions:** On March 12, I [led 17 of my colleagues in sending a letter](#) to the CEOs of eight major internet service providers (ISPs) calling on the companies to suspend broadband restrictions and fees that could limit Americans' ability to work, study, and receive medical treatment from home while social distancing. Within days, AT&T, CenturyLink, Charter Communications, Comcast, Cox Communications, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon, as well as a number of smaller ISPs [had responded and announced](#) that they would be waiving fees and data caps for their customers during the coronavirus outbreak.

FAIRFAX, Va. -Motorists exiting to Shirlington Road from northbound I-395 are advised of a detour planned Thursday, March 26 at 9 a.m. through Friday, March 27 at 6 p.m. via Glebe Road and 24th Road South. During that time, the exit from the I-395 northbound directly to Shirlington will be closed to permit work on the bridge over the I-395 general purpose and Express Lanes. Watch for signs directing traffic to remain on I-395 NB and follow the detour through to the next exit for Glebe Road (see map). Work is weather dependent.

This work is being done as part of the 395 Express Lanes project. The eight-mile 395 Express Lanes opened on Nov. 17 and connects the 95 Express Lanes to Washington D.C. Learn how the lanes work and plan your trip at www.ExpressLanes.com.

The 395 Express Lanes are a public-private partnership between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Transurban. See more details [on the project and related lane closures](#).

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- **Gig Workers:** On March 9, I called on the CEOs of the largest gig worker platform companies to provide flexibility and financial assistance to workers affected by the coronavirus. In the week since, several gig companies, including [Uber](#), [Lyft](#), [DoorDash](#), [Instacart](#) and [Postmates](#) have announced assistance for their drivers, and the [Wall Street Journal reports](#) that several gig platform companies are in talks to establish a joint fund to assist these workers.
- **Loan Forbearance:** On March 9, I led my colleagues on the Senate Banking Committee in [sending a pair of letters](#) to financial regulators and trade groups urging our nation's financial sector to prepare for the likely impacts of the coronavirus and take steps to protect consumers who may suffer financially as a result of a coronavirus outbreak. Shortly thereafter, multiple bank regulatory agencies [issued a joint statement](#) calling on banks to provide relief to customers affected by coronavirus and pledging regulatory assistance for banks who do so.

For more details please click [here](#).

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