

**Delegate Kaye Kory** 

# **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Governor Northam Statement on Death in Virginia from COVID-19

**RICHMOND—**Governor Ralph Northam released the following statement today on the death of a Virginian from the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.



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"Pam and I were deeply saddened to learn that a Virginian has died from COVID-19, and we grieve for everyone this virus has touched around the world.

"The health of Virginians and our communities is my most important priority right now. As a Commonwealth, we have taken major, critical steps to stop the spread of COVID- 19. I have declared a state of emergency, closed K-12 schools across the state, restricted visitors at nursing homes and correctional facilities, limited state employee travel, and canceled large events.

"This is a public health crisis—we must all treat it as such.

"Again, I urge Virginians: take this seriously. Take basic health precautions, avoid large gatherings, telework if possible, and stay home if you are sick. That will stop the virus from spreading.

"It is all of our responsibility, yours and mine, to keep each other safe and healthy.

"You deserve to know next steps. I will meet with local officials on the Peninsula tomorrow, and we will speak to the community at 12:00 PM about additional measures we are taking to combat COVID-19."

### Full Release

On March 12, 2020, Governor Northam and state public health officials <u>hosted a media briefing</u> to declare a <u>State of Emergency</u> and discuss government measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. The Governor will reassess these measures after 30 days.



Additionally, the Governor announced that all K-12 schools will be closed for two weeks. Below is the Superintendent's memo sent out to divisions last night. The first link is the memo on the Gov's closure order, the second is related to nutrition issues. The Governor's order does cover all private and public k12 schools; it doesn't cover day care facilities licensed by DSS or residential facilities licensed by DBHDS. FAQs are forthcoming.

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# Lane Closures Scheduled Along

# Eastbound and Westbound Route

# 7, March 16 - March 20

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews will close the right eastbound and westbound turn lanes along Route 7 Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20. Crews will be making sidewalk and other repairs near the Silver Line Phase 1 alignment.

Route 7 - East day, March 16,

What: Right lane closure

Where: From 300 feet after Gosnell Drive to 100 feet after Marshalls Drive Why: Underdrain and sidewalk work

#### Route 7 - West

When: Monday, March 16, through Thursday, March, 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Friday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m

What: Right lane closure

Where: From 1000 feet after Westpark Drive to 800 feet after Westpark Drive Why: Underdrain and sidewalk work

• <u>Updates Related to COVID-19 Following the Governor's Order to Close Schools for a</u> Minimum of Two Weeks (Word)

• COVID-19: School Nutrition Program and Meal Options (Word)

 MEMO 070-20 Attachment A: Waiver for Sponsors to Provide Meals in Non-Congregate Settings (Word)

All Superintendent Memos are posted on the <u>Virginia Department of Education's website</u>. I'll periodically elevate some information, but please consult EDs website for more regular updates. <u>Some of you are receiving questions regarding schools serving special needs populations</u>, our team is working to provide you with additional resources.

VDH will be providing regional respiratory fit testing Train-The-Trainer courses to ensure that Health Districts/ Medical Practices have staff qualified to provide respirator fit testing. Training dates, locations, advance preparation, and registration is available through <u>Virginia TRAIN</u> (Course ID:1046592)

Finally, as of March 13th at 8:26pm, there were 1,629 confirmed and presumptive positive U.S. cases detected and tested in 47 jurisdictions through the U.S public health system, with 138 travel-related cases, 129 cases among close contacts and 1,362 cases with the source of exposure still under investigation. There are 41 deaths associated with this outbreak in the US. Additionally, there are 49 confirmed cases among persons repatriated to the United States and tested by CDC. As of the same time on 3/13/2020, there have been 30 presumptive positive cases, ten(10) hospitalizations, and zero (0) deaths associated with this outbreak in Virginia.

As you know, the situation is fluid. I encourage you to reach out to your local health director. These public health professionals not only have a great deal of experience, they are well-versed in issues affecting the communities they serve. Again, you can find a list of local health districts here and contact info for the health directors here.

# **Update from Cox**

Cox teams have implemented temporary changes to Connect2Compete, our low-cost broadband program, to help school systems with a large population of students who need to learn from home. Full details can be found <u>online</u>, but here are some highlights of the changes that will take place:

- New Connect2Compete customers will receive their first month of service free
- Speeds will increase from 25/3 Mbps to 50/3 Mbps
- Expedited qualification of new families wishing to participate in the program.

# <u>Update from Dominion Energy</u>





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Our customers should not have to worry about losing service during this critical time. Therefore, we have suspended all service disconnections for nonpayment. We know the communities we serve rely on us to provide an essential service. We remain committed to providing reliable energy service 24-7.

We strongly encourage you to access and manage your <u>Dominion Energy</u> account 24-7 using our digital tools. We know this could be a time of hardship or financial difficulty for our customers. We are here to help with <u>payment arrangements</u> or <u>energy assistance</u> funds. We're committed to helping any customer facing hardship.

To protect the communities we serve, we are asking our employees to take steps to prevent the spread of coronavirus by:

- · limiting travel,
- working from home where possible,
- restricting visitors to company offices, and
- requiring employees stay home for 14 days if they have recently visited a country subject to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention travel advisory.

For employees who regularly interact with customers, we're encouraging alternate ways of doing business and remote communication, where possible.

We are closely monitoring the situation, and you can count on us to deliver the energy you need and to protect public health and safety.

## **FINALLY, GOOD NEWS!**







BIG NEWS We just got an injunction partially blocking Trump's efforts to cut the food assistance program. Huge news for nearly 700,000 Americans who were set to lose assistance in just a few weeks.

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ORDERED that the state plaintiffs' and private plaintiffs' motions for a preliminary injunction and a stay pending judicial review are GRANTED as to the challenged waiver portions of the Final Rule; and it is further

ORDERED that the defendants shall be PRELIMINARILY ENJOINED from implementing the challenged waiver portions of the Final Rule, see 84 Fed. Reg. at 66811 (printing parts of the regulation to be codified, including the challenged waiver portions: § 237.24 (f)(2) and (f)(4)); and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the challenged waiver portions of the Final Rule shall be stayed under 5 U.S.C. § 705 pending judicial review; and it is further

ORDERED that the state plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction and a stay pending judicial review is DENIED as to the challenged discretionary exemption portion of the Final Rule, see 84 Fed. Reg. at 66811-12 (printing parts of the regulation to be codified, including the challenged discretionary exemption portions: § 237.24 (h)(2)).

Date: March 13, 2020

BERYL A. HOWELL Chief Judge

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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.