

COVID-19 at a Glance Region 2

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia



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Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Businesses		
Mandated School Closures	Yes		
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Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery		
Primary Election Postponement	Yes		

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Action Taken			
Waive Cost Sharing for COVID-19	N/A		
Treatment			
Requires Waiver of Prior	For COVID-19 Testing and		
Authorization Requirements	Treatment		
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A		
Early Prescription Refills	State Requires		
Premium Payment Grace Period COVID-19			
	Diagnosis/Impacts Only		
Marketplace SEP	N/A		
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved		
Paid Sick Leave	N/A		

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3/22/20	<u>List of essential and nonessential businesses</u>	
	and Tenth Modification to the Declaration of a	
	State of Emergency	

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Bill Number	Description	Status
No legislation has been introduced as of 4/23/20		



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Treatment		
Requires Waiver of Prior	N/A	
Authorization Requirements		
Free Vaccine When Available	State Requires	
Early Prescription Refills	State Requires	
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A	
Marketplace SEP	Yes	
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved	
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3/23/20	Executive Order 20-03-30-01 and COVID-19		
	Pandemic: Orders and Guidance and Maryland		
	Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Business		

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COVID-19 at a Glance *Maryland*

Bill Number	Description	Status
<u>SB 1079</u>	Allows the Governor to transfer by budget amendment up to \$50,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Account to fund costs associated with the coronavirus. Requires the Governor to provide the Legislative Policy Committee with at least 7 days for review and comment before transferring funds from the Account. Makes the Act an emergency measure.	Enacted
<u>SB 1080/HB 1663</u>	Authorizes the Governor to take certain actions in a state of emergency, including prohibiting cost-sharing by carriers for disease testing, immunization and any associated costs; retailers from increasing the sale or rental price of any good or service by more than 10%; and employers from terminating quarantined or isolated employees.	Enacted
<u>HB 732</u>	Relates to annual gross revenues derived from digital advertising services; provides that the sales and use tobacco tax collected in fiscal year 2021 will be distributed, in part, to expenditure accounts of State government to fund costs associated with COVID-19.	Eligible for Governor
<u>HB 932</u>	Relates to sales and use tax revenue; provides that the sales and use tax collected in fiscal year 2021 on the sale or use of a digital product or code will be distributed, in part, to expenditure accounts of State government to fund costs associated with COVID-19.	Eligible for Governor
<u>SB 190</u>	Part of a larger budget bill for fiscal year 2021. Makes a \$10 million supplemental appropriation to the Department of Health for the current fiscal year to address coronavirus preparedness expenses.	Eligible for Governor
<u>SB 192</u>	Part of the Budget Reconciliation Act; authorizes a transfer up to \$100,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Account to fund costs associated with COVID-19.	Eligible for Governor



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Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers	N/A	
Non-Essential Business Closures	All Non-Essential Retail Businesses	
Mandated School Closures	Yes	
Large Gatherings Ban	All Gatherings Prohibited	
Bar/Restaurant Limits	Closed except for takeout/delivery	
Primary Election Postponement	N/A	

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3/16/20	Executive Order No. 104	

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Essential employees in New Jersey include those that work in pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries, grocery stores, gas stations, pet stores, laundromats, as well as mail and delivery stores.



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<u>SR 64</u>	Urges financial institutions to provide forbearance for mortgage borrower	Adopted
	during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	
<u>SR 65</u>	Urges creation of federal COVID-19 Business and Employee Continuity and	Adopted
	Recovery Fund.	
AR 146	Encourages licensed hospitals statewide to construct pre triage tends	Pending
	outside of their buildings.	
AR 148	Urges United States Congress to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to	Pending
	implement Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.	
<u>AR 151</u>	Urges Governor to immediately rescind Executive Order No. 118, which	Pending
	closed all State parks and forests and county parks.	
AR 152	Urges Governor to reject toll increases proposed by state Turnpike	Pending
	Authority.	
AR 153	Denounces racism in the wake of COVID-19.	Pending
AJR 158	Urges Federal Communications Commission to take temporary measures	Enacted
	to secure broadband access for those affected by COVID-19.	
AJR 160	Supports Chinese and Asian American communities and international	Pending
	partners during coronavirus disease 2019 epidemic.	
ACR 165	Urges Department of Human Services to apply for federal waivers to	Adopted
	facilitate and increase access to SNAP benefits during coronavirus disease	
	2019 outbreak.	
ACR 167	Urges Congress to pass Families First Coronavirus Response Act.	Pending
<u>ACR 168</u>	Urges the federal government to extend "Real ID Act of 2005" deadline.	Pending
<u>SB 2233</u>	Requires Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus	Enacted
	disease 2019.	
<u>SB 2234</u>	Requires insurance coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus	Pending
	disease 2019.	
<u>SB 2304</u>	Concerns family leave and disability benefits during epidemic related	Enacted
	emergencies.	
<u>SB 2307</u>	Establishes sales tax credit and sales tax holiday for portion of state of	Pending
	emergency related to COVID-19 pandemic.	
<u>SB 2331</u>	Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry	Pending
	benefits.	
<u>SB 2332</u>	Establishes "2020 New Jersey Emergency Rental Assistance Program";	Pending
	appropriates \$100 million.	
<u>SB 2333</u>	Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals	Eligible for Governor
	and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of	
	emergency; facilitates issuance of certain temporary licenses and	
	certifications during public health emergency and state of emergency.	
<u>SB 2338</u>	"COVID-19 Fiscal Mitigation Act"; clarifies filing and payment deadline for	Enacted
	CBT and GIT taxpayers, modifies duration of State Fiscal Years 2020 and	



	2021, requires certain updates and presentation for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.	
SB 2345	Requires refunds or credit for transient space reservations when public health emergency or state of emergency is in effect.	Pending
<u>SB 2347</u>	Establishes Employment and Business-Related Tax Deferral Assistance Program in EDA to allow small businesses to defer the payment and remittance of certain employment and business-related taxes during COVID-19 public health emergency.	Pending
<u>SB 2348</u>	Allows Corporation Business Tax and Gross Income Tax credits to certain taxpayers that retain employees during Coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	Pending
<u>SB 2353</u>	Excludes from severance requirements under "Millville Dallas Airmotive Plant Job Loss Notification Act" mass layoffs resulting from coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	Enacted
<u>SB 2354</u>	Prohibits cancellation or nonrenewal of insurance for a period of at least 60 days under certain circumstances after declaration of public health emergency, or state of emergency, or both.	Pending
<u>SB 2360</u>	Allows gross income tax deduction for charitable contributions to certain state-based charitable organizations during coronavirus pandemic.	Pending
<u>SB 2361</u>	Establishes second degree crime of making credible threat to infect another with COVID-19 or similar infectious disease that triggered public emergency.	Pending
<u>SB 2362</u>	Makes FY 2020 supplemental grants-in-aid appropriation of a specified amount to Department of Community Affairs for NJSHARES - S.M.A.R.T. Program to fund financial assistance grants to New Jersey residents who suffered financial losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Pending
<u>SB 2363</u>	Authorizes the Governor to permit emergency rent suspension for certain small business tenants during COVID-19 pandemic.	Eligible for Governor
<u>SB 2364</u>	Clarifies that local governments may accept certain electronic payments.	Pending
<u>SB 2369</u>	Waives required physical presence of employee during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	Pending
<u>SB 2371</u>	Establishes the New Jersey Hospitality Emergency Loan Program in Economic Development Authority to provide no-interest loans to qualified small hospitality businesses; makes a specified amount of appropriation to Economic Development Authority.	Pending
SB 2374	Concerns family leave benefits during epidemic-related emergencies.	Enacted
<u>SB 2378</u>	Establishes a loan redemption program for those who provide health care services or health care related administrative services at approved sites during the coronavirus pandemic.	Pending
<u>SB 2380</u>	Concerns employment benefits and coronavirus disease infections contracted by essential employees.	Pending
<u>AB 3839</u>	Makes supplemental appropriation of up to \$20 million from General Fund to Department of Education to support school facility cleaning and sanitization.	Pending



<u>AB 3840</u>	Requires school districts to provide school meals or meal vouchers to	Enacted
	students eligible for free and reduced price school meals during school	
	closures due to COVID-19 epidemic.	
AB 3841	Automatically extends time to file gross income tax or corporation	Eligible for Governor
	business tax return if federal government extends filing or payment due	
	date for federal returns.	
AB 3844	Concerns business interruption insurance during coronavirus disease 2019 state of	Pending
	emergency.	
AB 3843	Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus	Enacted
	disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019	
	state of emergency.	
AB 3845	Authorizes Economic Development Authority to make grants during periods of	Enacted
	emergency declared by Governor and for duration of economic disruptions due to	
	emergency; allows Economic Development Authority to grant certain business	
	documentation submission deadline extensions.	
<u>AB 3847</u>	Provides paid leave without utilizing accumulated leave time for local government	Pending
	employees under certain circumstances.	
AB 3848	Concerns time off from work in connection with infectious disease.	Enacted
<u>AB 3856</u>	Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for healthcare and	Pending
AB 2000	residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.	Freeted
<u>AB 3860</u>	Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to	Enacted
AB 3846	coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Creates the Temporary Lost Wage Unemployment Program; allows persons to	Pending
AB 3840	claim for lost wages due to coronavirus disease 2019, and employers to pay wages	Pending
	to workers ordered under quarantine by licensed healthcare practitioner;	
	appropriates a certain amount.	
AB 3854	Authorizes all licensed health care facilities and laboratories to collect specimens	Enacted
	to test for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); allows waiver of staffing ratio	
	requirements.	
AB 3865	Limits the return of items purchased from retail food stores during a state of	Enacted
	emergency declared in response to COVID-19.	
AB 3878	Prohibits electric, gas, or water public utility service discontinuances to residential	Pending
	customers during certain epidemics.	
<u>AB 3905</u>	Revises requirements for cash assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey	Pending
	program; appropriates \$25 million.	
<u>AB 3906</u>	Requires State to lease hotel facilities as isolation centers for COVID-19	Pending
	emergency.	
<u>AB 3908</u>	Creates the "COVID-19 Financial Security for Consumers Act." The Act includes	Pending
AD 2014	guidance for officials to apply for certain waivers.	Donding
<u>AB 3914</u>	Provides for employment, retention, and benefits during public health hazard	Pending
AB 3919	posed by coronavirus disease 2019 of certain public employees. Extends certain permits during COVID-19 emergency.	Pending
	Requires institution of higher education to provide refund or credit to students for	
<u>AB 3927</u>	unused on-campus student housing and meal plans due to COVID-19 public health	Pending
	emergency.	
AB 3929	Permits taxpayers to file or make gross income tax, corporation business tax, or	Pending
<u> </u>	sales and use tax return or payment by a specified date without penalty.	. Chang
AB 3930	Excludes payments made for unemployment compensation benefits related to	Pending
	layoffs resulting from coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic from calculation of	
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	employer contribution for unemployment compensation benefits.	
AB 3931	Suspends local ordinances concerning single-use carryout bags, and prohibits use	Pending
	of reusable carryout bags in certain stores, during coronavirus disease state of	
	emergency.	
AB 3932	Requires coronavirus disease 2019 testing for certain persons.	Pending
<u>AB 3936</u>	Requires NJ Transit to refund customers or offer credit for certain tickets and	Pending
	passes due to COVID-19 pandemic.	
<u>AB 3937</u>	Allows a 45 day extension for filing a return under the sales tax during state of	Pending
	emergency related to COVID-19 pandemic.	
<u>AB 3941</u>	Provides for funds received from opioid litigation or settlements to be dedicated	Pending
	for use in financing substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs	
	and services in New Jersey, in recognition that the COVID-19 pandemic has altered	
	treatment and recovery services and social support networks.	
<u>AB 3943</u>	Requires hospitals to report COVID-19 demographic data.	Pending
<u>AB 3944</u>	Extends due date for third quarter property tax payments to a specified date	Pending
	without interest.	
<u>AB 3946</u>	Provides relief to students receiving State financial aid to address special	Pending
	circumstances due to 2020 health state of emergency.	
<u>AB 3948</u>	Concerns mortgage and loan forbearance, rent suspension, and consumer	Pending
	reporting during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	
<u>AB 3949</u>	Prohibits consumer reporting agencies from making reports containing adverse	Pending
	information related to persons affected by coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.	
<u>AB 3951</u>	Provides civil immunity for employer for damages arising from employee's injury	Pending
	or death related to exposure to coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") during	
	public health emergency and state of emergency declared by Governor in	
	Executive Order 103 of 2020.	
<u>AB 3953</u>	Requires hospitals to report coronavirus disease 2019 demographic data.	Pending
<u>AB 3955</u>	Provides one-time deduction of a specified amount for certain taxpayers under	Pending
	Gross Income Tax (GIT).	
<u>AB 3956</u>	Provides relief to students receiving State financial aid to address special	Pending
	circumstances due to 2020 health state of emergency.	
<u>AB 3960</u>	Allows Corporation Business Tax and Gross Income Tax (GIT) tax credits to certain	Pending
	taxpayers that retain employees during COVID-19 pandemic.	
<u>AB 3961</u>	Authorizes use of telemedicine and telehealth in connection with medicinal	Pending
	cannabis program for duration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	
	emergency.	



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3/23/20	Order Of The Governor Of The Commonwealth Of	
	Pennsylvania Regarding The Closure Of	
	All Businesses That Are Not Life Sustaining	
	and <u>Life Sustaining Business</u>	

(CISA): healthcare employees, first responders, food and agricultural employees, energy employees, water and sanitation, transportation and logistics, public workers, manufacturing, communications and IT, community-based government operations and essential functions, financial services, hazardous material management, defense industrial base, and chemical management.

Pennsylvania essential employees work in healthcare, infrastructure, manufacturing, retail, public services, financial services, defense, and construction.



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<u>HB 68</u>	Amends the Unemployment Compensation Law; provides for	Enacted
	unemployment compensation benefit notification by employers; requires	
	employers to provide notification of the availability of unemployment	
	compensation to employees at time of separation from employment; sets	
	forth emergency provisions related to COVID 19.	
<u>SR 323</u>	Terminating the disaster emergency declared in response to the cases of	Pending
	COVID-19.	
<u>HR 628</u>	A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to take action on	Adopted
	legislation that would expand Medicare coverage to include hearing aids;	
	and urging the Congress of the United States to approve the Protecting	
	Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain From China Act, which would ensure	
	that the United States is not dependent on foreign countries for	
	pharmaceutical manufacturing, in recognition that lawmakers are worried	
	about drug shortages amid the COVID-19 outbreak.	
<u>HR 834</u>	Adopts temporary Rules of the House of Representatives relating to roll	Adopted
	call votes, to voting meetings of committees, to consideration of bills, to	
	third consideration and final passage bills, to conference committee	
	reports and to electronic mass communication.	
<u>HR 836</u>	Terminates the disaster emergency declared in response to the cases of	Pending
	COVID-19.	
<u>HR 842</u>	Urges the Congress of the United States to facilitate payment to insurance	Pending
	companies through Federal stimulus funds for the reimbursement of costs	
	associated with the payment of claims made on business interruption	
	insurance policies during the Coronavirus pandemic.	
<u>HB 1232</u>	Amends the Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax	Enacted
	provisions; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response	
	transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019	
	budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue;	
CD 007	and making an editorial change.	
<u>SB 327</u>	Amends the Administrative Code, providing for COVID-19 emergency	Pending
	statutory and regulatory suspensions and waivers reporting requirements,	
	for COVID-19 debt cost reduction review and for COVID-19 Cost and	
	Recovery Task Force; in powers and duties of the Department of General	
	Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and	
	commissions, providing for report of State facilities owned or leased; and	
CD 422	making an appropriation.	
<u>SB 422</u>	Amends the State Election Code; provides for county boards of election;	Enacted
	provides for powers and duties of county boards; provides for forms of	
	ballot, printing ballots and numbers; provides for election day procedures	
	and conduct of primaries and elections; provides for manner of applying	
	to vote; sets forth emergency provisions for the 2020 General Primary	
	Election in response to the coronavirus pandemic.	



<u>SB 613</u>	Repeals provisions relating to employees with access to Federal tax	Eligible for Governor
	information; provides for criminal history background checks of	
	employees and contractors with access to Federal tax information; and	
	providing for COVID-19 emergency mitigation plan for businesses.	
<u>SB 751</u>	Amends the Public School . Code; relates to school professional	Enacted
	employees; makes certain provisions applicable to private and parochial	
	schools; provides for persons to be suspended; provides for a revised	
	rating system; provides for the coronavirus pandemic of 2020 by	
	authorizing the closure of schools.	
SB 841	Provided for the Health Care Cost Containment Council, for its powers and	Pending
	duties, for health care cost containment through the collection and	
	dissemination of data, for public accountability of health care costs and	
	for health care for the indigent; providing for COVID-19 disaster	
	emergency; in local organizations and services, further providing for	
	general authority of political subdivisions; and, in Uniform Unsworn	
	Foreign Declarations Act, further providing for heading of chapter, for	
	short title of chapter, for definitions, for applicability and for form of	
	unsworn declaration.	
SB 1096	Transfers all deposits made to the state general fund to the Small Business	Pending
	First Fund for the remainder of the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency	5 5 6
	proclaimed by the Governor.	
SB 1100	Relates to emergency finance and tax provisions; exempts a payment	Pending
	received by an individual from the United States through the Coronavirus	
	Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) from being	
	included as income of the individual for the 2020 tax year for the purposes	
	of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, the Housing Finance Agency Law,	
	and the Human Services Code, among others.	
SB 1101	Provides for pandemic of 2020 guidelines for food establishments.	Pending
SB 1102	Provides for pandemic of 2020 guidelines for grocery stores.	Pending
SB 1103	Provides for a return to business operations under safety conditions;	Pending
	imposes sanctions; provides for functions of the Department of Health	
	and the Legislative Reference Bureau.	
SB 1104	Relates to emergency finance and tax provisions; exempts a payment	Pending
	received by an individual from the United States through the Coronavirus	
	Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) from being	
	included in the income, earned income or taxable income of the individual	
	for the 2020 tax year for the purpose of the Local Tax Enabling Act, the Tax	
	Reform Code and the Taxpayer Relief Act.	
SB 1106	Amends the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law Heart and Lung	Pending
	Act; provides for disability benefits for a person who contracts or is	- Criding
	diagnosed with COVID-19 or is subject to quarantine resulting from	
	exposure to COVID-19.	
SB 1108	Enacts the COVID-19 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriation	Pending
	Act of 2019.	- Cilding
<u>SB 1109</u>	Establishes public health emergency leave.	Pending
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<u>SB 1113</u>	Provides for personal protective equipment retrofitting tax credit.	Pending
<u>SB 1114</u>	Provides for coverage under business interruption insurance during the	Pending
	coronavirus disaster emergency.	
<u>SB 1115</u>	Relates to the First Industries Program; authorizes the program to provide	Pending
	loan guarantees to commercial lending institutions that make loans to	
	manufacturing businesses to convert or retrofit existing manufacturing	
	facilities to enable the business to manufacture personal protective	
	equipment or equipment necessary to manufacture personal protective	
	equipment needed by health care professionals to respond to the COVID-	
	19 pandemic of 2020.	
<u>SB 1117</u>	Provides for all sports wagering authorization fees, manufacturer license	Pending
	fees, and manufacturer renewal fees to be deposited into the Property	
	Tax Relief Fund to help mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19 on	
	property owners.	
<u>HB 1189</u>	Provides for COVID-19 enforcement officer disability benefits, for COVID-	Pending
	19 health care professionals reporting and for volunteer emergency	
	responders employer tax credit; and, in general provisions, providing for	
	extensions for COVID-19 disaster emergency.	
<u>HB 2369</u>	Relates to the Job Enhancement Act, in Community Development Bank	Pending
	Grant and Loan Program; provides for authority loans; makes	
	appropriations.	
<u>HB 2372</u>	Provides for insurance coverage for business interruption concerning the	Pending
UD 2274	coronavirus pandemic.	- I
<u>HB 2374</u>	Provides for COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical	Pending
UP 2276	Services Grant Program.	Donding
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	Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.	
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<u>HB 2411</u>	Establishes the Child Care Grant Program for Front Line Medical Facility Pending	
	Personnel to reimburse health care practitioners and custodial workers	
	employed at medical facilities for child care expenses incurred during the	
	COVID-19 disaster emergency.	
<u>HB 2412</u>	Provides for emergency COVID-19 provisions related to the extension of waiver	Pending
	provisions.	



COVID-19 at a Glance Virginia

Overview

As the federal government leads the national response to COVID-19, states have taken a number of actions to mitigate the spread of the virus and reduce barriers to testing and treatment for those affected. This fact sheet provides state-level information on adopted social distancing measures, health policy action to reduce barriers to testing and treatment, and legislation that has been introduced in response to COVID-19.

Action to Mitigate Spread of COVID-19

As of March 16, 2020, every state has made an emergency declaration, with most taking the form of a State of Emergency or a Public Health Emergency. These declarations allow governors to exercise emergency powers and many have used this power to take additional actions to slow the spread of the virus by adopting social distancing measures.

Action Taken		
Stay at Home Order	Statewide	
Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers N/A		
Non-Essential Business Closures	Some Non-Essential Businesses	
Mandated School Closures	Yes	
Large Gatherings Ban >10 People Prohibited		
Bar/Restaurant Limits Closed except for takeout/deliv		
Primary Election Postponement	N/A	

Health Policy Action on COVID-19

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) passed by the federal government on March 18, 2020 took action to ensure access to COVID-19 testing by requiring Medicare, Medicaid, all group health plans, and individual health insurance policies to cover testing and associated visits related to the diagnosis of the virus during the federally-declared emergency period. Additionally, FFCRA gives states the option to provide Medicaid coverage of COVID-19 testing for uninsured residents with 100% federal financing.

Many states have gone a step further to implement policies to increase access to COVID-19 testing and treatment, with some states already moving to require insurers to cover a COVID-19 vaccination with no cost-sharing if and when one becomes available. Other states are requiring

state-certified insurance carriers to waive patient cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatment.

Action Taken		
Waive Cost Sharing for COVID-19	N/A	
Treatment		
Requires Waiver of Prior	N/A	
Authorization Requirements		
Free Vaccine When Available	N/A	
Early Prescription Refills	N/A	
Premium Payment Grace Period	N/A	
Marketplace SEP	N/A	
Section 1135 Waiver	Approved	
Paid Sick Leave	N/A	

States have also announced other actions, including extending special enrollment periods (SEP) in state-based health insurance exchanges, enabling early prescription drug refills, and requesting approval for Section 1135 waivers that permit them to waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and HIPAA requirements during a national emergency. While the FFCRA creates a federal emergency paid sick leave program through December 2020, some states have enacted mandatory sick leave policies that will fill in gaps in the new federal emergency leave.

Essential Businesses

An essential employee is a designated employee that is required to work during a business closure in order to meet operational requirements. Essential employees' designation is determined by the state, along with the responsibilities of the employee, and the reasons for closing. There are 14 essential employment categories listed by the Department of

Date Issued	Designation of Essential Businesses		
3/23/20	Governor Northam Orders Statewide Closure o		
	Certain Non-Essential Businesses, K-12		
	Schools and Executive Order 53		

Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): healthcare employees, first responders, food and agricultural employees, energy employees, water and sanitation, transportation and logistics, public workers, manufacturing, communications and IT, community-based government operations and essential functions, financial services, hazardous material management, defense industrial base, and chemical management.

Virginia recognizes healthcare providers, public workers, and emergency services as essential employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.



COVID-19 at a Glance *Virginia*

Bill Number	Description	Status
<u>HB 340</u>	Relates to emergency laws; relates to civil relief; provides a thirty day stay	Pending
	of eviction and foreclosure proceedings for tenants, homeowners, and owners who rent to a tenant a one to four family residential dwelling unit who request a stay and provide written proof that they are an employee of the United States government.	
<u>SB 971</u>	Creates the COVID-19 Relief Fund.	Pending