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**March 30, 2020**

Today the Governor issued Executive Order 55 which is a Temporary Stay at Home Order. The order may be read here. This order takes effect **March 30** and is effective until June 10, 2020. It directs Virginians to remain in their place of residence executive as provided by Executive Order 53. Violation of this order is a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to §44-1.46.17 of the Code of Virginia.

**Per EO-55 individuals may leave there home for the following reasons:**

- Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in Executive Order 53;
- Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- Taking care of other individuals, animals, or visiting the home of a family member;
- Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
- Engaging in outdoor activity, including exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
- Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- Traveling to and from an educational institution;
- Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; and
- Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

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**Other activities impacted by the order:**

- All pubic and private in-person gatherings are prohibited
- Institution of higher learning shall cease all in-person classes
- Private campgrounds my cease all reservations for stays of less than 14 days



- Public beaches are closed except for exercising and fishing

**Essential retail businesses according to EO-53:**

- Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage
- products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department
- stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and
- other communications technology;
- Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive
- repair facilities;
- Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply
- retailers;
- Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- Pet and feed stores;
- Printing and office supply stores; and
- Laundromats and dry cleaners.

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Very truly yours,

Senator Tommy Norment