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Governor Allows Arlington County and Northern Virginia to Delay Entering Phase One

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In response to a [request from Arlington County and other localities](#), Gov. Ralph Northam has issued an [executive order](#) allowing Arlington to delay implementation of Phase One of the “Forward Virginia” plan until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 28.

“I am thankful to the Governor for his decision, and for making a commitment to rely on data, not dates, to drive our reopening decisions,” said Board Chair Libby Garvey. “We are committed to mitigation strategies, such as wearing masks and maintaining social distance, that will help us meet the critical health metrics. Our top priority is the health and well-being of Arlingtonians and all of Northern Virginia. I look forward to continuing to work side-by-side with our regional partners to develop the safest path forward for everyone.”

Entering Phase One in Arlington and other Northern Virginia jurisdictions, which eases restrictions on certain business operations that were put in place in response to COVID-19, will not begin until key health metrics can be met in the region:

1. Downward trend of positive test results over a period of 14 days;
2. Downward trend of hospitalizations over a period of 14 days;
3. Sufficient hospital beds and intensive care capacity;
4. Increasing and sustainable supply of personal protective equipment such as masks, respirators, gloves and gowns; and
5. Increased testing and tracing.

Until then, the region will remain in “Phase Zero” of the [Governor’s Forward Virginia plan](#), with non-essential businesses limited to 10 people and restaurants open for takeout and delivery only.

[Read the Governor’s full announcement on his decision for Northern Virginia.](#)

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This safe, annual process will continue through May 4 in Arlington County, the District of Columbia, and northeastern Fairfax County.

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