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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Resources

Governor Northam orders statewide closure of certain non-essential businesses

Governor Northam issued a statewide Stay at Home order to protect the health and safety of Virginians and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. [Executive Order 55 \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-855702-en.html\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-855702-en.html) takes effect March 30, 2020, and will remain in place until June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by a further executive order.

The terms of [Executive Order 53 \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-855292-en.html\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-855292-en.html) still apply for those non-essential businesses required to close to the public until April 23, 2020.

DPOR-regulated businesses that must close until April 23, 2020, include:

- Barber shops;
- Cosmetology, nail, and waxing salons;
- Esthetics spas;
- Tattoo parlors and permanent cosmetic tattooing salons; and
- Body-piercing salons.

Professional businesses *not listed* in EO 53 must utilize telework as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such businesses must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing procedures, and apply relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities. A [Frequently Asked Questions guide \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-EO-53.pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-EO-53.pdf) provides more detailed information.

DPOR Offices at the Perimeter Center are closed to the public, in response to the continued spread of COVID-19.

To minimize inconvenience during this public health threat, DPOR is extending deadlines during the declared state of emergency.

- [Temporary Waiver of Regulations to Extend Validity of Expired Licenses, Certifications, Registrations and Other Authorizations \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/DPOR COVID-19 Credential Expiration Waiver.pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/DPOR COVID-19 Credential Expiration Waiver.pdf)
- [Temporary Waiver of Regulations to Extend Examination Eligibility Deadlines \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/DPOR COVID-19 Examination Eligibility Expiration Waiver.pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/DPOR COVID-19 Examination Eligibility Expiration Waiver.pdf)

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and promote social distancing, DPOR is temporarily waiving regulations that prohibit or limit online instruction.

- [Temporary Waiver of Regulations that Prohibit or Limit Online, Electronic, or Distance Theoretical Instruction \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/COVID 19 Online Instruction Waiver \(1\).pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/Boards/COVID 19 Online Instruction Waiver (1).pdf)

Examination Services Updates

Important notices about scheduled exams, test centers, and related services:

- [PSI Services \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/FormsandApplications/A450-PSI-COVID19.pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/FormsandApplications/A450-PSI-COVID19.pdf) test sites (including fingerprinting services) closed until April 13, 2020.
- [National Council of Architectural Registration Boards \(NCARB\) \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/FormsandApplications/NCARB - Update.pdf\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/MainSite/Content/FormsandApplications/NCARB - Update.pdf)
- [National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying \(NCEES\) \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://ncees.org/covid-19/\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://ncees.org/covid-19/)
- [Pearson VUE \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://home.pearsonvue.com/\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://home.pearsonvue.com/) test centers are closed until April 16, 2020.
- [National Association of State Boards of Geology \(ASBOG\) \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.asbog.org/\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.asbog.org/) exam cancelled for March 20, 2020.
- [Prometric \(http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update\)](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update) test centers closed as of March 18, 2020.

The Office of the Governor is providing a [Frequently Asked Questions guide](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-from-Workers-Regarding-COVID-19.pdf) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-from-Workers-Regarding-COVID-19.pdf>) for workers that have been temporarily laid off or discharged during this public health crisis.

Please refer to the following resources for best practices and other information regarding preventing transmission of COVID-19.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [General Information about COVID-19](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)
- [How to Protect Yourself](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>)
- [Resources for Businesses and Employers](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

- [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>)

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

- [General Information and Updated Situation Summary](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/) (<http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>)
- [Interim Guidance: Considerations for Businesses and Employers](http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/VDH-Business-Guidance_03.08.20-1.pdf) (http://web.archive.org/web/20200404080013/http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/VDH-Business-Guidance_03.08.20-1.pdf)

Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

- [Resources for licensees to promote personal and client health and safety](http://web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/COVID-19_Resources/) (http://web/20200404080013/http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/COVID-19_Resources/)

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