Virginia: Governor Northam Issues Executive Order Mandating Closure of All Nonessential Businesses, Bans on Gatherings of More than 10 People, and Closure of all K-12 Schools

Description of Program and Relief

Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order 53, including a directive requiring the closure of all nonessential businesses, bans on gatherings of more than 10 people, and closure of all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year.

The following is a list of retail businesses considered essential that may remain open:

- 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.
Any brick and mortar retail businesses not listed may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment; otherwise, it must close.

Violations of the ban against gatherings of more than 10 people, the closure of dining and congregation areas in food and drink establishments, the closure of recreational and entertainment businesses, and the 10-patron limitation in brick and mortar retail businesses not listed, will be a class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia.

**Government or Lead Agency**

Office of the Virginia Governor

**Dates Available**

Effective March 22, 2020 at 11:59 pm until 11:59 pm on April 23, 2020

K-12 Schools closed for the remainder of the academic year

**Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions**

N/A

**Application Deadlines (If Applicable)**

N/A

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