**MCO and SBA COVID-19: VIRGINIA RESOURCES**

MCO COVID-19 information and websites:

Aetna: <https://www.aetna.com/individuals-families/member-rights-resources/need-to-know-coronavirus.html>

Anthem: <https://mss.anthem.com/anthem/coronavirus.html>

Magellan Complete Care: <https://www.mccofva.com/coronavirus-alert/>

Magellan Health (BHSA): <https://www.magellanhealth.com/news/covid-19/>

Optima: <https://www.optimahealth.com/members/updates/coronavirus>

United Healthcare: <https://www.uhccommunityplan.com/va>

Virginia Premier: <https://www.virginiapremier.com/information-for-healthcare-professionals-coronavirus/>

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In addition to closing numerous public venues, and encouraging Virginia residents to practice social distancing, the state is also placing additional requirements on businesses to prioritize the health of employees and the public.  The information and resources provided here includes general state and federal guidance for navigating the COVID-19 outbreak, as well as specific information and resources for business owners.  **RESOURCES FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**   * [Interim Guidance: Considerations for Businesses and Employers, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001aUuRUK2ZoMXyfMSUmDG4O6fckMz6FypnYSmFog4cgesIR3FzTSmPmX1rfWFCFtqBFih88MP4uS8CeGNEYxkx7mFX11KrHgUmcq2stNQRKdX82H-1bYJluljDcD3Y0_Cv0snrm3x5nJ8MeUqEOTZz_kHov-LqYJvtYKAPV8LCYgBIBIHhMjnTjk1vNgDwEShOyOtJ6-U34GxRDXl0mBIWsW6uIa-PFbfGCmUzFokqTa-SY9AVdaEoH1p2Y427t8thQauThDXQCjTqZqNfnDDJI8Up-M3FiJJB&c=j6-qpI7bslJgG0xR0xnItiWz33STh2ZMkKYTspTml2cR2lFZPcwnlA==&ch=pAAnDeXy5_LaAv9zqgOIX_TAOrdtRS6mYigh5EdJyx0UjfMegXO3hQ==) (PDF) * [VDH Interim Guidance: Information for Food Establishments Regarding COVID-19](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001aUuRUK2ZoMXyfMSUmDG4O6fckMz6FypnYSmFog4cgesIR3FzTSmPmX1rfWFCFtqBtEi1XoSQ1pXREYUki5GHhe7ceGSYku6G9SqyKCLv8LSVanqsGo4QW5xK66Xd1xiO7NbtCgqZ5OU9pPRzY5WOiUNesT-9yBWtZ63wYQsmnqYR60BFSAjmdjKNpXaWtHmS6Wh2zjE8vFU-q2QPchbiWDWd05MG5j5Dksi0e8y83OsiczPcl6KeBteNgVu2eKRtWXzumBf4HgxizCpaAjFx0-MRjciKG5hd&c=j6-qpI7bslJgG0xR0xnItiWz33STh2ZMkKYTspTml2cR2lFZPcwnlA==&ch=pAAnDeXy5_LaAv9zqgOIX_TAOrdtRS6mYigh5EdJyx0UjfMegXO3hQ==) (PDF)   **SUPPORT FOR AFFECTED WORKERS**  Governor Northam announced the following actions to protect working Virginians impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak:   * **No waiting for unemployment benefits.**Governor Northam has directed the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to waive the one-week waiting period to ensure workers can receive benefits as soon as possible. * **Enhanced eligibility for unemployment.**Workers may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits if an employer needs to temporarily slow or cease operations due to COVID-19. If a worker has been issued a notice to self-quarantine by a medical or public health official and is not receiving paid sick or medical leave from their employer, they may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits. In addition, a worker may be eligible for unemployment benefits if they must stay home to care for an ill family member and are not receiving paid family medical leave from their employer. * **Fewer restrictions.**For individuals receiving unemployment insurance, Governor Northam is directing the Virginia Employment Commission to give affected workers special consideration on deadlines, mandatory re-employment appointments, and work search requirements.   **SUPPORT FOR IMPACTED EMPLOYERS**   * **Regional workforce teams will be activated** to support employers that slow or cease operations. Employers who do slow or cease operations will not be financially penalized for an increase in workers requesting unemployment benefits. * **The Governor is authorizing rapid response funding**, through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, for employers eligible to remain open during this emergency. Funds may be used to clean facilities and support emergency needs.   **UTILITIES**  The State Corporation Commission (SCC) [issued an order](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001aUuRUK2ZoMXyfMSUmDG4O6fckMz6FypnYSmFog4cgesIR3FzTSmPmX1rfWFCFtqBk-BwEC9gf0o3kVJwm1C1FLa2iF8jAzwhc3qMtyPuOu4mwPbFDc6xTNNtNaknnjZG79X6_SSfwaHDib4QbUzCWagWdwwsXK8G0xwpNdTzxH8PVAeCekoC7Cmzthh83N6nby-hviDU5zsOM09eC3HFUQ==&c=j6-qpI7bslJgG0xR0xnItiWz33STh2ZMkKYTspTml2cR2lFZPcwnlA==&ch=pAAnDeXy5_LaAv9zqgOIX_TAOrdtRS6mYigh5EdJyx0UjfMegXO3hQ==) directing utilities it regulates, such as electric, natural gas, and water companies in Virginia, to suspend service disconnections for 60 days to provide immediate relief for any customer, residential and business, who may be financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.      **For More Information Click on Below Link**    [https://smallbusinessmajority.org/resources/covid-19-virginia-resources](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001aUuRUK2ZoMXyfMSUmDG4O6fckMz6FypnYSmFog4cgesIR3FzTSmPmX1rfWFCFtqBYo9uCqHxE4p8CCCClPTUBRTNaGkQ0WpVbKyyVBAKKQPZoY0bjNeLfJ5-WeROpiibXu0h0bHEaBtny2M7guJNMiJanQHuVZqk1gMxs4uV-QDWI6GMRHaTXyA8XjoApChd1AazYKRtFlm5Zu1u7M0LJDKkk_PPudQ7ZWgLxVj2FgM=&c=j6-qpI7bslJgG0xR0xnItiWz33STh2ZMkKYTspTml2cR2lFZPcwnlA==&ch=pAAnDeXy5_LaAv9zqgOIX_TAOrdtRS6mYigh5EdJyx0UjfMegXO3hQ==)         |  | | --- | |  | |  |       **DISCLAIMER:** The Department of Minority Business Development is not the content originator of event information and external links. 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