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**VIRGINIA – COVID-19 – Executive Order 53 – Issued 03/23/20;
 Executive Order 55 (Stay at Home Order) – Issued 03/30/2020;
 Executive Directive 10 (Alcoholic Beverages) – Issued 04/09/2020;
 Executive Order 56 – Issued April 13, 2020**

[RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, GATHERINGS, NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES, STAY AT HOME ORDER, ETC.]

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GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION #
Effective Period	EO-53: 03/24/2020 at 11:59 PM EST through 04/23/2020 at 11:59 PM EST; Extended to May 8, 2020, and later extended to May 14, 2020. It appears this was not extended past May 14, 2020. EO-55: 03/30/2020 at 11:59 PM EST through 06/10/2020 at 11:59 PM EST This order was amended by Eos 60 and 61. See separate summary.	EO-53 pg. 2; EO-55 pg. 3
Intent; Failure to Comply	Intent is to mitigate the impacts of this virus on the Commonwealth. Failure to Comply = Violations of paragraph 1, 3, 4, and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia.	EO-53 Pgs. 1 & 4
Stay at Home Order	Individuals may leave their residences for certain permitted purposes. See permitted purposes below.	EO-55 §1
Business Closures	Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets. May continue to offer delivery and take-out services. Closure of all public access to listed <u>recreational and entertainment businesses</u> . See list below.	EO-53 §3 & §4 ; EO-55 §§ 4,5

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	Closure of all reservations for overnight stays of less than 14 nights at all privately-owned campgrounds. Closure of all public beaches for all activities except exercising and fishing.	
Retail Businesses	<p><u>Essential retail business</u> may remain open during their normal business hours. See list below.</p> <p>Any other brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 5 may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10 patron limit with proper social distancing requirements, it must close.</p>	EO-53 §5 & §6
Professional Businesses	Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.	EO-53 §8
Social Distancing and other Workplace Guidance	All business shall, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities while in operation.	EO-53 §7
Sale and Service of Alcoholic Beverages	Allows the sale and service of cocktails off-premises by establishments licensed to sell mixed beverages and by distilleries. These provisions will expire when Executive 51 (state of emergency order) expires.	ED-10 §§1-4
Exemptions	Certain persons are exempt from the Order: (a) health care or medial services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operations of the government.	EO-53 §9
Other Provisions	The orders also include provisions relating to school closures, primarily elections, and absentee voting.	EO-53 §2; EO-55 § 3; EO-56 §§1-5
DEFINITIONS (SUMMARY)		
Essential Retail Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; 	EO-53 §5 & §6

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
Closed Recreational and Entertainment Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers; • Fitness centers, gyms, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, and indoor exercise facilities; • Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart; • Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and • Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement. 	EO-53 §3 & §4 ; EO-55 §§ 4,5
Permitted Activities (Individuals)	<p>Purposes for which persons are permitted to leave their residences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services; • Seeking medical attention, essential social services, gov't services, assistance from law enforcement, emergency services; • Taking care of others, animals, or visiting the home of a family member; • Traveling req'd 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; <p>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 gov't agency.</p>	EO-55 §1

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