



SoVa COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN



**Guidance from Fifth Amended
Executive Order 72
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Forward Virginia: Phase Three with Executive Order 72 Updates

04/21/2021 EO 72 –Further Easing of Surge Restrictions

GATHERINGS		50-person limit Indoors 100-person limit Outdoors
TELEWORKING		Strongly encouraged
FACE COVERINGS		Required Willful Violation - Class 1 Misdemeanor
NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL		Open
RESTAURANTS & BEVERAGE SERVICES		Open Dining area closed between 12 a.m. – 5 a.m.
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES		Indoor – lesser of 30% capacity or 500 attendees Outdoor – lesser of 30% capacity or 1,000 attendees
FITNESS & EXERCISE		Open with 75% capacity
BEACHES		Open
CHILDCARE		Open
PLACES OF WORSHIP		Open – see Section II Subsection B of EO 72
PERSONAL GROOMING		Open – physical distancing and face coverings required
PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS		Open

Fourth Amended Executive Order Number 72

Order of Public Health Emergency Nine

Further Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrctions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Effective 12:00 midnight on April 21, 2021 and remains in full force and
effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

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I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

General Requirements for All Businesses and Venues:

- Employee masks* required while working
- Patron masks required over mouth and nose*
- Maintain distance between nonfamily members
- Routine cleaning and disinfection
- Occupancy limits – Private bookings 50 indoors/100 outdoors*
- Businesses that cannot adhere must close
- Promote frequent hand washing by providing place to wash hands/hand sanitizers

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

1. All Businesses

- Adhere to Guidelines for All Business Sectors
- Best practice guidance

2. Restaurant Requirements

- Adhere to Sector Specific Restaurant Requirements
- No alcohol sold, consumed, or possessed after 12 p.m.*
- Dining and congregating areas closed between 12 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.*
- Congregating areas closed
- Patrons may sit at bar for service*

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

3. Farmer's Markets

- May continue to operate
- Sector Specific Farmer's Markets Requirements

4. Non-Essential Retail

- Not listed in Section I, subsection C, Paragraph 1
- May continue to operate
- Sector Specific Brick and Mortar Retail Requirements

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities

- May continue to operate
- Sector Specific Fitness and Exercise Facility Requirements
- Instructors and participants in group exercise to remain at least 10ft apart
- Limit occupancy
- Total number cannot exceed lesser of 75% of minimum occupancy load or 10 persons
- Swimming open with limited occupancy

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services
 - May continue to operate
 - Sector Specific Personal Care and Personal Grooming Requirements

7. Campgrounds
 - Privately owned may continue to operate
 - Sector Specific Campgrounds Requirements

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

8. [Indoor Shooting Ranges](#)

- Disinfect frequently-contact surfaces every 60 minutes

9. [Racetracks and Speedways](#)

- May remain open
- [Race track sector-specific requirements](#)
- [Food service sector-specific guidance](#)
- [Camping area sector-specific guidance](#)

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

10. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

- May open complying with guidelines
- Sector Specific Entertainment and Public Amusement Requirements
- 30% of lowest occupancy or 500 persons*
- Modified guest flow queue lines

11. Recreational Sports

- Activities permitted with sector specific requirements
- Indoor spectators limited to 100 person/field.
- Outdoor spectators limited to 500 spectators/field.
- Races, marathons ratio of 40 ft²/person, staggered starts
- Screen coaches, officials, staff, players for symptoms
- Considerations for Recreational Sports

I. Continued Restrictions

A. Business

12. [Overnight Summer Camps*](#)

- May begin operation on May 1, 2021
- [Sector Specific Overnight Summer Camp Requirements](#) *

13. [Enforcement of Business Restrictions](#)

- [Guidelines for All Business Sectors and sector specific guidelines](#)
- VDH, ABCA have authority to enforce requirements. Willful violation, refusal, failure, or neglect to comply punishable as Class 1 misdemeanor
- Regulatory authorities over business may also enforce

I. Continued Restrictions

B. Other Restrictions

1. [All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings](#)
 - [Guidelines for Social Gatherings](#)
 - No more than 50 individuals indoors and 100 individuals outdoors.*
 - Gathering: Parties, celebrations, other social events – indoor or outdoor. **50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors* performing function of employment or educational instruction not a "gathering".**
 - 50 or more individuals indoors or 100 individuals outdoors* at particular location not a "gathering" if no congregation.
 - Family members living in same residence not a gathering
 - Gathering Restriction Requirements not to bar religious services or educational instruction.*
 - [Graduation and Commencement Guidelines](#)

I. Continued Restrictions

B. Other Restrictions

2. Exceptions to All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings
 - A. Religious Services: Restrictions not to bar individuals from attending religious services with more than 50 individuals indoors/100 Individuals outdoor
 - B. Educational Settings in which individuals may gather:
 - i. Instructional Settings
 - A. Include: Assembly of students, teacher, admin, other staff for educational instruction, activities related to educational instruction – school sponsored social events still subject to Guidelines for Social Gatherings
 - ii. Graduation and commencement ceremonies
 - A. Specifically ceremonies implemented by educational institution to award degrees
 - B. Must follow Graduation and Commencement Guidelines
 - iii. School Performances
 - A. Theatrical and musical performances with student, teacher, admin participants
 - B. Must follow School Performance Guidelines

I. Continued Restrictions

B. Other Restrictions

3. Institutions of Higher Education
 - Must comply with Guidelines for All Business Sectors

4. Enforcement of Other Restrictions
 - Violations a Class 1 misdemeanor.
 - Any law enforcement officer may enforce

I. Continued Restrictions

C. Requirements for Essential Retail Businesses

1. Essential Retail Businesses

- May continue to remain open during normal business hours

2. Enforcement of Essential Retail Requirements

- Guidelines for All Business Sectors and sector specific guidelines
- VDH, ABCA have authority to enforce requirements.
- Willful violation, refusal, failure, or neglect to comply punishable as Class 1 misdemeanor
- Regulatory authorities over business may also enforce

I. Continued Restrictions

D. Continued Guidance and Direction

1. State Agencies

- Continue to protect homeless.
- Assist in avoiding evictions or foreclosures

2. Family Members Defined

- Blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations
- Individuals residing in same household
- Visiting household pursuant to child custody arrangement.

3. Exceptions – **no restriction to limit:**

- a. Health or medical services
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents
- c. Operation of media
- d. Free exercise of religion***
- e. Law enforcement agencies
- f. Operation of government

II. Continued Requirements to Wear Masks*

• Requirements

• Indoors

- Aged five and older
- Does not apply inside personal residence

• Outdoors

- Required for aged five and older when 6ft physical distance not possible

• Employees

- All employees to wear mask*

• Enforcement

- VDH shall have authority to enforce.
- Regulatory authorities over business
- Violations Class 1 misdemeanor
- Enforceable by VA ABCA
- No minor subject to criminal penalty
- Medical grade masks* reserved for medical personnel.

• Exceptions

- Eating or drinking
- Exercising
- Playing musical instrument
- Communicating with the deaf or hard or hearing
- Government or medical services
- Health conditions/disabilities

[Masks waiver effective March 12, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2021 unless amended or rescinded by further executive order](#)

III. Construction with Regulations

“Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Code Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.”