



# SoVa COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN



**Guidance from Seventh Amended  
Executive Order 72**

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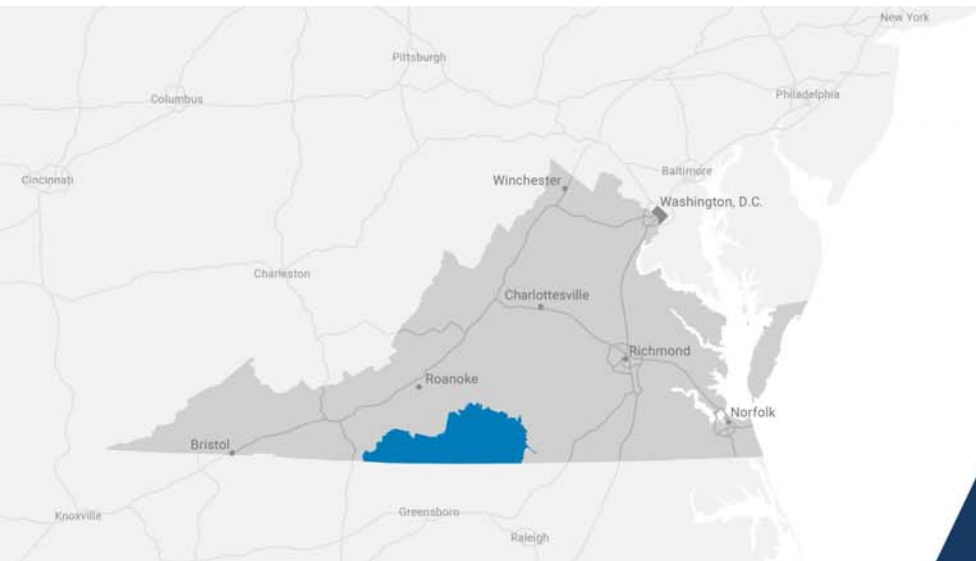
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# SoVa Region



## Forward Virginia: Phase Three with Executive Order 72 Updates

05/15/2021 EO 72 –Further Easing of Surge Restrictions

<b>GATHERINGS</b>		<b>100-person limit Indoors*</b> <b>250-person limit Outdoors*</b>
<b>TELEWORKING</b>		<b>Strongly encouraged</b>
<b>FACE COVERINGS</b>		<b>Required</b> <b>Willful Violation - Class 1 Misdemeanor</b>
<b>NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL</b>		Open
<b>RESTAURANTS &amp; BEVERAGE SERVICES</b>		Open Dining area closed between 12 a.m. – 5 a.m.
<b>ENTERTAINMENT VENUES</b>		Indoor – lesser of 50% capacity or <b>1,000</b> attendees Outdoor – Cannot exceed <b>50%</b> of occupancy limit
<b>FITNESS &amp; EXERCISE</b>		Open with 75% capacity
<b>BEACHES</b>		Open
<b>CHILDCARE</b>		Open
<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>		Open – see Section II Subsection B of EO 72
<b>PERSONAL GROOMING</b>		Open – physical distancing and face coverings required
<b>PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS</b>		Open

# Seventh 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 May 15, 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effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.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 **100 indoors/250 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
- Congregating areas closed
- Patrons may be seated 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
- 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](#)
- **50%** of lowest occupancy or **1000** 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 **1000** spectators/field\*
- Races, marathons ratio of 40 ft<sup>2</sup>/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

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 **100** individuals indoors/**250** 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.”