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NewsFlash



Virginia Expected to Enter Phase 3 on Wednesday, July 1st

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Per Governor Northam, **Virginia is currently expected to enter Phase 3 on Wednesday, July 1st.**

You can view the Governor's video announcement by [here](#).

Phase 3 guidelines for specific business sectors can be found [here](#).

Visit virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia for more information and answers to frequently asked questions.

Governor's Facebook Message Regarding Phase 3

Thanks to Virginians pulling together over the last four months, our key health metrics are trending in the right direction, and every region of the Commonwealth is on track to enter Phase Three of our #ForwardVirginia plan next week, on Wednesday, July 1.

Phase Three has important changes for non-essential retail, restaurant and beverage services, gyms and fitness centers, and

recreation and entertainment venues—but the same health and safety measures that we know reduce transmission of #COVID19 will remain in place.

Here’s what you can expect in Phase Three:

	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE
NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL	Open with 50 percent capacity	Open
RESTAURANTS AND BEVERAGE SERVICES	Indoor and outdoor seating at 50 percent capacity	Open
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES	Low-contact indoor and outdoor open; high-contact closed	Open with 50 percent capacity
FITNESS AND EXERCISE	Open with 30 percent capacity	Open with 75 percent capacity
BEACHES	Open	Open
GATHERINGS	50-person limit	250-person limit
TELEWORKING	Strongly encouraged	Strongly encouraged
FACE COVERINGS	Required	Required
CHILDCARE	Open	Open
PERSONAL GROOMING	Appointment only	Open
PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS	Open	Open
OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS	Closed	Closed
STATE PARKS	Open	Open

Phase Three still means you are #SaferAtHome, especially if you are vulnerable.

- ✓ **Teleworking is still strongly encouraged.**
- ✓ **You still need to practice physical distancing in all situations outside your home.**
- ✓ **Face coverings are still required in indoor public spaces.**

We are able to safely move into Phase Three next week because Virginians have been doing the right things, like staying home and practicing social distancing. But we need to remain cautious: cases are on the rise in many other states, and we do not want to see that in Virginia.

Together with enhanced testing and contact tracing, we can continue safely easing health restrictions—but everyone must keep taking the necessary steps to protect yourself and those around you.

More information on the Phase Three guidelines can be found [here](#).

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SAFER AT HOME: PHASE THREE GUIDELINES FOR ALL BUSINESS SECTORS

PHYSICAL DISTANCING BEST PRACTICES:

- ✓ Establish policies and practices for maintaining appropriate physical distance between persons not living in the same household. Maintain at least ten feet of distance for establishments where exercise activities, singing, or cheering is performed, and at least six feet of distance for all other settings. (See sector-specific guidelines below for more detailed information on public engagement.)
- ✓ Provide clear communication and signage for physical distancing in areas where individuals may congregate, especially at entrances, in seating areas, and in check-out lines.
- ✓ Limit the occupancy of physical spaces to ensure that adequate physical distancing may be maintained. (See sector-specific guidelines for more detailed information.)
- ✓ Encourage telework whenever possible.
- ✓ For those businesses where telework is not feasible, temporarily move or stagger workstations to ensure six feet of separation between co-workers and between members of the public.
- ✓ Limit in-person work-related gatherings, including conferences, trade shows, and trainings.
- ✓ When in-person meetings need to occur, keep meetings as short as possible, limit the number of employees in attendance, and use physical distancing practices.

Coronavirus - We're in it together, we'll get through it together - Tony

Be safe!



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