

## Introduction

- Stacie Neal gave the introduction. Started at 1302
  - Meetings will occur weekly and we are currently planning to move the call to 1230 to extend the call by 30 minutes. If that happens an email will go out to the group. Confirmed that meetings will begin at 12:30PM beginning April 15.

## Intent of Call

- To give the update of actions that the state is taking to mitigate the COVID-19 disaster
- Questions

## Updates

- Executive orders and actions taken.
  - Mar 12: [EO-51 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
  - Mar 13: [Virginia COVID-19 EM-3448 Declared \(Incident Period Jan 20,2020-ongoing\)](#)
  - Mar 20: [EO-52 Increases in Hospital Bed Capacity in Response to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
  - Mar 20: [Order of Public Emergency One - Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency](#)
  - Mar 23: [EO-53 Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
  - Mar 25: [Order of Public Emergency Two - Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency](#)
  - Mar 28: [EO-54 Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to Request Title XII Advances to Support Virginia Worker](#)
  - Mar 30: [EO-55 Temporary Stay at Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Continue to amplify the messaging to OPEN businesses that they must keep everyone 6 FEET APART, and follow the best practices for enhanced sanitization
- 3645 cases; 563 hospitalized; 75 deaths
- 175 local emergency declarations across the Commonwealth
- 55 local EOCs are open across the Commonwealth
- Governor's Press conferences will be held M-W-F at 2 pm



## Agency Reports

### **Department of Health: Dr. Murphy**

Community Mitigation Group is working with funeral directors and morticians as well as animal healthcare communities. Recently held a webinar for that group. Working with leadership on guidance for CI workers as well as curb side pickup for community mitigation. Working with leadership to provide guidance for not requiring doctors' notes and to amplify one message regarding guidance. Community Mitigation is a priority right now

### **Department of Agriculture: Bill Scruggs**

Recent issue with the dairy industry, where dairy farmers were being asked to dump milk because of a backup in processing. Some grocery stores were limiting the quantity of purchasing for milk which made it seem like there was a shortage. Coordination was done to resolve this issue. There was also a processing issue due to school milk decrease and was resolved in terms of packaging. There is no shortage currently. Seafood and Shellfish (last week) still working closely to help them with that decline in demand. Market news includes, livestock sales in Winchester and Abington were canceled and one packing house in PA shutdown for 10 days due to employees testing positive. They are in the process of opening. Cattel prices are 1-5% lower than the previous week. Grins are down 5%. Working with farmers markets, specifically with the vegetable market on the decline in demand and an increase in supply. Food distribution, were able to get household delivery approval from FDA and that is running smoothly. Working hard to reach out and coordinate with the industry.

### **VA Fusion Center: Andrew Dunnick**

Zoom video conferencing security issues. In most cases, "Zoom bombing" is occurring where uninvited individuals are accessing calls and being inappropriate. Zoom issued some guidance for this. The VA COVID Task Force was stood up and issued a joint statement with the IRS regarding the economic impact packages. An issue to bring to your attending happening in Europe but has not been seen here. In Europe related to 5G conspiracy theories essentially suggesting 5G caused COVID-19 are circulating causing damage to comms facilities.

### **Dept of Homeland Security, Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security: Rob Mooney**

One major concern for this week is the use of fraudulent placards being used. If businesses are concerned or want to assist their employees with travels to and from work, provide a letter outlining their essential function. However, this is not required. [www.CISA.gov](http://www.CISA.gov)

### VDEM: Stacie

Still at full activation—Red, some essential folks are at the EOC but most are working virtually. Logistics and PS have had a huge roll in coordinating with the private sector. We are working through donations and procurement for needed items (list PPE). VDEM is coordinating with the USACE (other) on planning for need for alternate care facilities in anticipation of surge support to hospitals.

Private Sector specific, now have about 1000 businesses registered through the portal and this call. We now have 734 offers of assistance. We have gone through and prioritized those items and working to marry up those offers with local requests. Over 900 emails have come into the email box. Donations over 12, majority are for PPE.

We have been working to improve how we are coordinating with PS and have set up a specific webpage that is password protected to provide additional access to critical information as a one stop shop. We will provide links, call notes and call in information. Finalizing the terms of use agreement and once that is completed we'll be sending the information to those registered on the portal <https://bit.ly/vaprivatesector>

Recently hired a consultant in helping businesses that want to pivot their operations to support this response to ensure their products are compliant with FDS, NIOSH and OSHA on those details. They will also help us forecast out the needs of PPE.

### Questions

- Steven Collins—anti-body testing, does gov require these for returning to work? Are there sufficient laws in place to support this? Guidance on discrimination issues/concerns? Will it be covered by ABA Laws? Something to think about in advance of any issues.
  - Dr. Julie Murphy—they are following the research around anti-body testing but no current guidance on using that. Current guidance is that employers not require lab tests or doctors' notes to confirm illness. Currently looking at the serology and what the utility of that is.
  - Stacie—sits on the legal and policy group and will bring this concern up with them so its on their radar and planning can start.



## VDEM Private Sector Conference Call Notes – April 8, 2020 @1300



- Reminders—
  - Portal—use this for offers of assistance (link)
  - Website— [www.vaemergency.gov/private-sector-partners](http://www.vaemergency.gov/private-sector-partners)
  - Essential services/workers—currently only identifying what's not essential and are working through the actions required should additional restrictions be put in place.
- Dave Herring (Canon VA)—CDC guidance on cloth face coverings states that these should be washed, is it to wash them daily?
  - Julie Murphy—daily should be sufficient but will reach out to the experts to get clarity.
- Bill Scruggs and Stacie Neal—emphasized how appreciative they and the Commonwealth are for the continued support and coordination of all the private sector partners.

Adjourned @ 1342

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