



### **Intent of Call**

Today's call will be divided into two parts: Civil Unrest & COVID-19.

For those who have not participated previously, the intent of this call is to provide our private sector partners with an update of actions that Virginia is taking to mitigate, respond to, and now recover from COVID-19 in Virginia, and now the civil unrest that is happening across the nation.

The flow of our agenda will include first an update on civil unrest in the Commonwealth, to include a briefing by the Commonwealth's fusion center; followed by a COVID-19 situation update (policy and procedure standpoint), a report on contact tracing from an epidemiologist with the Commonwealth, followed by State Agency briefs, and a brief from DHS CISA representative in Virginia. Finally, we will open the lines for questions so please hold those questions until the end and the operator will open the line where you will have an opportunity to ask questions the; all speakers will stay on the line. As always, while we may not have answers for every question on the phone today, we always provide responses to you individually whether that be through emails, the Private Sector Portal, updates on our website, or this weekly meeting call.

The purpose of these calls is not meant for solicitation or procurement offers; those need to be directed to the Private Sector email at: [Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov)

Nor is this call is for media; if you are media, please hang up and contact the JIC at [COVID19JIC@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:COVID19JIC@vdem.virginia.gov)

This call is intended to get actionable information from state government into hands of businesses and industries in Virginia both for situational awareness and decision-making purposes, and it becomes even more important now that we have moved into Phase One of re-opening, as businesses look to resume their operations & also take into account health and safety of your employees, and customers.

### **VDEM Civil Unrest Situational Update**

On Sunday May 31, the Governor issued [Executive Order No. 64: Declaration of a state of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest & Institution of a curfew in the city of Richmond, and the city of Virginia Beach](#). E.O. No. 64 allows the authorization of additional assistance to localities in response to escalating violence across the Commonwealth.

The Governor also granted a request from the Mayor of Richmond, and the Mayor of Virginia Beach, to extend a curfew to remain in place until June 29, unless amended or rescinded.

Curfews do not apply to everyone. For instance, if you are a person traveling to/from home, work, or places of worship; additionally, individuals who are hospital personnel, members of the press, state & city employees/volunteers, military personnel (to include, but not limited to, the National Guard), private emergency medical transport workers, those traveling to & from public meetings pertaining to city council and/or school board, and those seeking emergency services or other emergency workers, are all EXEMPT for the aforementioned purposes.

Currently in Virginia there are four localities under curfew:

- Richmond
- Virginia Beach
- Fredericksburg (*Local curfew implementation v. Commonwealth curfew*)
- Lynchburg (*Local curfew implementation v. Commonwealth curfew*)

As of June, 1 there are 22 states (including the District of Columbia) that have activated and/or plan to activate the National Guard; in addition, at least 28 states have imposed curfews in at least one/or more cities since June 1, to quell civil unrest.

VDEM EOC remains at activation Orange aka Partial Activation, and operating 24/7 shifts. Command & General Staff, along with several ESFs that are staffing overnight as of May, 31 and will continue to do so throughout this week, and potentially next week, pending on the climate.

All Regions in the Commonwealth are experiencing activity due to civil unrest; but, there is increasing activity in the following areas:

- Hampton Roads
- Richmond
- NOVA
- Roanoke
- Lynchburg

### **Virginia Fusion Center**

There are four main areas of concerns with activities and riots, from an Intelligence standpoint, in the Commonwealth:

- Richmond
- Eastern Shore

- NOVA
- Western VA

The Richmond & Eastern Shore area are currently the main areas of concern due to these localities being in Urban Areas, which allows for easy movement of people and vehicles, which gives observation points (whether in a car or a building) to monitor First Responder activities.

Drone usage is being tracked, as it poses a threat for surveillance, as well as nefarious attacks/being used as a weapon.

Over the past five days the trend has been that large groups of protesters & rioters continue to destroy property, vandalize businesses, historical monuments & museums, impact Police & First Responders, loot, assault, ignore curfews, block roads, arson and many other violations of the Commonwealth's laws.

Some specific examples of incidents seen in Virginia include:

- Throwing of bricks, rocks, and full bottles of liquids at Police & Firefighters
- Attacking police with blunt objects
- Smashing-in windows of Businesses and Government Buildings in order to gain access or loot property
- Setting fires to dumpsters, trash-cans, vehicles, and public transportation in order to block intersections, roads, and to divert resources from reaching these areas
- Carrying of supplies to fight the affects of chemical agents deployed by law enforcement
- Pre-deployment of resources by rioters to conduct illegal activity
- Threats to go outside city into residential areas

Other examples seen outside of Virginia, throughout the United States:

- Individuals ramming Police with vehicles
- Use of firearms to shoot at Police officers
- Attacking Police Departments & First Responder vehicles
- Stealing weapons & supplies
- The use of edged weapons or knives to stab police officers during riots
- Use of incendiary devices, such as Fireworks, and throwing of Molotov Cocktails
- Monitoring of Law Enforcement Radio by Rioters

Back to Virginia, specifically: Riots & Protests are assessed to likely continue for another one-two weeks, especially in the Eastern, Central and Northern portions of the Commonwealth. The

individuals participating in these activities are expected to continue criminal behavior and looking for opportunities to destroy property, loot and/or attack law enforcement. Therefore, we highly suggest anyone affiliated with law enforcement or first responders be prepared for such activities.

### **VDEM Civil Unrest PS Situational Update**

From a PS standpoint, we know there are businesses being impacted by looting & rioting, as well as curfews. Many Businesses are closing early or reducing hours to lessen impact. If you are making decisions about closing early, please email: [Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov) so that we can have situational awareness of stores across Virginia; this helps Regional and Local EMs to be aware of such information.

If you have suspicious activity ongoing at your businesses that you need to report please email the Fusion center at: [VFC@VFC.VSP.Virginia.Gov](mailto:VFC@VFC.VSP.Virginia.Gov)

### **VDEM COVID-19 Situational Update**

As of today, the **number of confirmed COVID19 cases in Virginia is 46,905**, current total of **hospitalizations as of today is 1,311**, the total **cumulative hospitalizations reported is 4,884**; there have been **1,428 fatalities**.

To recap on where we are with the Executive Orders (EO) and the Forward VA process: [EO-51 AMENDED: Extending Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) was amended on May, 26 to remain in effect until amended, or rescinded.

On May 15, Phase One began implementation on May 15<sup>th</sup> in most of Virginia where the public health criteria outlined by the Commonwealth is currently being met.

On Tuesday during the Governor press conference, he announced that given the current health metrics continuing in a downward trend, the Commonwealth will move into Phase II of the Forward Virginia Blueprint beginning on Friday, June 5th.

[EO-65 Phase Two Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), was issued, confirming the move to Phase 2 on Friday, June 5; however, this excludes Northern Virginia and the City of Richmond who remain in Phase I.

As for an update on the Blueprint for Forward Virginia, as a reminder, there are three phases.

Phase 2 restrictions will include:

- Stay-at-home is still safer especially for vulnerable populations
- No social gatherings of 50 people or more
- Continue social distancing
- Continued teleworking
- Face coverings required in indoor public places
- Restaurants will be able to expand to 50% of capacity, while still maintaining social distancing and sanitation requirements
- Gyms and other fitness facilities can now hold indoor exercise at 30% of capacity
- Pools will be able to open for exercise and instructional use with limited capacity
- Entertainment venues, such as museums, zoos and botanical gardens will be able to open with restrictions
- Recreational sports will be allowed with social distancing and no sharing of equipment
- Phase 2 will last 2-4 weeks or longer, pending metrics

As a reminder the Governor's phased approach is based on science and data and includes mitigation strategies to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus through enhanced safety practices. The plan allows localities to consider delaying implementation of Phase One guidelines based on local conditions.

Guidance for all Business Sectors can be found on the Commonwealth's COVID-19 webpage (link is also on the private sector page) and includes guidance for the following sectors:

- Restaurants and Beverage Services
- Farmers Markets
- Brick and Mortar Retail
- Personal Care and Grooming Services
- Fitness and Exercise Facilities
- Campgrounds and Summer Camp
- Religious Services

The length of each of the three phases is dependent upon Virginia's progression along the health metrics. The governor will provide more details about moving into Phase 2 during his press conference on Thursday.



As a reminder, the Governor Press Conference's are now held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 2 pm EST.

### **Agency Reports**

#### **Virginia Department of Health:**

Nothing Significant to Report; will remain online for Q&A

#### **Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services:**

The market news office has reported National Beef & Pork Slaughter Capacity is improving, but it is still down due to plant closures, and reduced capacity at open plants; roughly 55 plants that have reported closings/re-openings across the country.

As of May, 28 last week Cattle & Hog Slaughter processing was down 11% compared to the same period in 2019. Cattle Slaughter in early May was down 37%; Pork slaughter was down 35%. Overall, things are improving as we move forward.

Livestock auction markets continue to be held throughout the state; as of May, 29 state feed and grain cattle prices remained steady ~ 2% higher. Headcounts were low, but that was partially due to wet conditions at the end of May, and is typical for this time of year.

Grain prices are steady ~ higher, for the most part; there was concern about the prices on the Chicago mercantile exchange grain market (which is sensitive to many factors, to include the recent civil unrest) would be negatively impacted but that was fortunately not the case.

FEMA will be issuing ~11k infrared thermometers to the Commonwealth to be used and distributed amongst CI. In March, several key livestock units signaled that this was a need (especially poultry).

#### **VA Fusion Center**

Saturday June, 6 is the advertised global 5G protest day. Arson and threats to 5G infrastructure continue throughout the country, though there have been no incidents in Virginia, yet, and there are no anticipated threats to the communications infrastructure within the Commonwealth at this time. Though, given Saturday is a global event, it increases the potential for activity as the conspiracy theorists rally to protest 5G & the perceived threat/link to the global CV-19 outbreak. Domestic extremists and other actors will be willfully looking to cause destruction to 5G infrastructure Saturday.

Despite the civil unrest taking the recent headlines, the cyber threat remains very real and active in terms of phishing, malware, etc. The trend has pivoted to try and get information and/or steal payments that been sent out to Americans by the Federal Government. During the period of March- May of this year, there was a significant uptick in "password spraying attacks"

(brute force attack that attempts to match user names with weak passwords), targeting health care settings and educational institutions with ties to health care, so those sectors should be extra vigilant and on high alert.

### **VDH Contract Tracing Update**

VA Dept of Health working group on containment & contract tracing is planning out, and helping put into place, case investigation and contact tracing-monitoring.

“Box-in/Test-Trace-Isolate” is the overall goal of the working group in terms of case investigation and contract tracing. As COVID-19 is identified with the increase in testing capabilities, thorough case investigations will take place to include:

- Making sure cases are referred to medical care when necessary
- Isolating cases so as to stop the spreads
- Sharing clinical and epidemiology data to learn more about COVID-19
- Creating and maintaining a list of who the cases may have been in contact with when they were infectious/contagious
- Passing cases to Contact-Tracing case officers once cases are identified & their information is shared to be followed-up upon for 14 days after their last exposure; this will include automated daily check-ins in the form of emails/text messages/calls and if there is an indication of any individual developing symptoms, ensuring they are connected to proper local health care for testing/medical treatment

This method, in theory, reduces the spread by interrupting chains of transmission by identifying and isolating those who ARE sick and capable of spreading this illness to others, and in doing so, you quarantine individuals presenting symptoms so they do not in turn transmit COVID-19 to large numbers of others while they are ill.

Even with technology, and automated systems, this effort will require hiring a large number of people (i.e.: 1000 contact tracers, 1200 case investigators, as well as a handful of folks to assist in the process of Regional coordination and data analytics). Some have started to on-board, and the VDH website has an orange box about who they are looking to hire, as well a link to apply for the posted jobs.

### **DHS/CISA**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **VDEM**

There are currently 136 Local Declarations, with 58 local EOC's opened.

As previously mentioned, we are at 24-hour coverage again.

VEST continues to coordinate efforts to expand the number of testing opportunities across the Commonwealth, in coordination with the Health Equity Group and the VA Dept of Health.

We are using the National Guard to increase our testing capacity (i.e.: Long term care facilities, jails & prisons), meat processing plants, congregate housing, and, finally, the community at large in conjunction with locality officials.

We entered Hurricane Season on Monday, with our third named storm, and we continue to work diligently on our planning for operating in a COVID public health emergency.

There are some very specific things and secondary events we will need to address with regard to a Hurricane Response in a COVID-19 environment, i.e.: decreased capacity in shelters, need for more shelters to continue social distancing, enhanced sanitation, and mass feeding operations. We will be working with state agencies and localities as this plan is developed.

There is a future planning cell within VEST, to include VDEM along with other state agencies that have roles in hurricane or flooding events. We have developed our concept of operations, and we are working on our Incident Support Plan.

### **Private Sector Updates**

I wanted to re-highlight some resources for PPE Sourcing options and share a new resource. All of these can be found on the Virginia private sector website under 'Private Sector Program Resources for Business and Industry'.

Also, if you visit the State DGS website ([eva.virginia.gov](http://eva.virginia.gov)) look for the COVID-19 emergency vendors list, which is updated every 24 hours.

Additionally these websites are also good resources for PPE (posted in the private sector website):

<https://www.mcclungcompanies.com/vma>

<https://www.Projectn95.org>

With regard to FEMA cloth face mask allocations, 121,500 have been received & allocated; we anticipate 131K more, though date of arrival is TBD.

If your agency is having trouble procuring masks through other channels, we are reaching out to the associations to prioritize these allocations so please communicate your need through them.

There is now a service available for N95 mask sanitation from Battelle. We have 3 units across the state; you can mail the N95 mask and have them sanitized and returned. This will help with



the resupply challenges, as N95 masks are hard to come by nowadays. If your organization is interested in using this sanitation service for N95, please email: [private.sector@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:private.sector@vdem.virginia.gov), and we will send you the instructions.

The process includes registering on the Battelle site and using your assigned registration number to mail your N95 to one of our 3 units in Virginia (Blacksburg, Richmond, Newport News). The N95 will be sanitized and returned by mail.

As a reminder, the purpose of the Private Sector Survey ([Virginia.gov/covid19supplies](http://Virginia.gov/covid19supplies)); this is a survey where businesses and industry can submit their offers of assistance to the State relative to critical supplies for our hospital and healthcare workers, first responders, and emergency response. The survey will accept offers for products, equipment, services, and skilled teams.

Please coordinate your company's offers – we are seeing duplicates in the systems that have been submitted by different people which delays the process.

Please also consolidate all offers of assistance into one entry; a single entry can accept products, equipment, services, and skilled teams so there is no need for multiple entries from the same business.

When you receive our follow up, please read through the email fully to ensure you are providing all additional information requested as we are asking for some very specific information in some cases.

If we reach out to you and do not hear back after three attempts, we will put the offer on hold as unresponsive.

If you have not heard back from the Private Sector team, please check your Spam email.

Turnaround time for all offers of assistance is now between 48-72 hours unless the offer is made on Friday afternoon or over the weekend.

Please do not submit offers for your business more than once, especially if you have already been sent to DGS for financial and reference checks. If the Private Sector Team has followed up with you and received a quote, then the information has been sent to DGS.

As mentioned last week, we recently made some changes to the survey as testing is becoming a top priority. Currently the Private Sector Team is working with DCLS, DGS, VEDP on test kit evaluation process to streamline the evaluation of viable options. If you have already been contacted about PPE and also have test kits to offer, please note we will be going back through



the database to pull those vendors and send an additional follow up to you. If test kits are a new capability you have please email the Private Sector email and include Test Kits in the subject line.

The daily power point was reduced to three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. While the VEOC remains at Orange or partial activation, we are operating 24 hour shifts to cover the protests and civil unrest events ongoing across the State.

Emails on Tuesday/Thursdays and weekends will only be sent if there is something significant to relay (i.e.: Governor Press Release related to COVID-19 or a secondary emergency, EOs or Policy changes that would impact businesses).

We are also going to be sending out information on the current Tropical Storm, as well.

#### Q&A

Q: Follow up from last week regarding any processes or programs to start manufacturing PPE and sanitizer in the Commonwealth? We are a company in New Jersey and can be reached at (782) 361-1386; we want to bring 10K jobs to Virginia.

A: Please email [Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:Private.Sector@vdem.virginia.gov) or visit [Virginia.gov/COVID19/supplies](http://Virginia.gov/COVID19/supplies) as solicitations are not part of this call.

Q: VA manufacturing association, wondering what the difference is in Richmond & NOVA and where did they fail in the metrics that kept them from moving into phase 2?

There is not a lot of information or easily accessible information on the website, the numbers indicate a downward trend, and a number of businesses call daily asking why they did not move into Phase 2? The reports are hard to read to distill the data. There needs to be more transparency, as fatigue and panic is beginning to set in for businesses who cannot understand the decision making process. There is an appetite for a clearly- understandable, one-pager that Businesses can reference.

A: The local governments in those specific areas made the decision to not move into Phase 2 based on their assessment of key metrics and not meeting them in the appropriate timeline. Each locality's website should list more detail; we will also share this feedback internally with leadership. In the interim, Fairfax County has been releasing metrics & expectations, the metrics and participating in the bi-weekly Fairfax county BEOC calls. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.ffxbeoc.org/>. Additionally, if you Google "VDH key measures" you can find information online on all ongoing efforts. Alexandria City also has a lot of information on their local website.

Q: How can we update PPE quantity and adjust offers at a certain price once the survey has been completed?

A: CGS or VDEM are in fairly regular touch with all applicants, and for something as fluid as pricing of procurements, the VA PS Team is not involved in this. Rather, the VA PS Team is initial responses and marrying up lists of need & capabilities.

**Reminders** – this information is included in all messaging sent from the Private Sector Portal

1. **Private Sector Website:** <https://vdem-private.virginiainteractive.org/private-sector/>
2. To receive regular updates from Virginia, please register for the Virginia **Private Sector Portal** at <https://bit.ly/VaPrivateSector>
3. **Private Sector Survey** for issues, unmet needs, and offers at <http://virginia.gov/covid19supplies>
4. For questions that cannot be addressed through the Survey or issues accessing the Portal or Survey, please email [private.sector@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:private.sector@vdem.virginia.gov)
5. For questions about essential services, please direct your inquiry to [commerce.trade@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:commerce.trade@governor.virginia.gov)
6. For updates and guidance on COVID-19, please visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>
7. For non-clinical information, waivers, and situational updates, please visit <https://www.vaemergency.gov/coronavirus>

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