



Introduction

- Stacie Neal gave the introduction. Started at 1302
 - Meetings will continue occur weekly

Intent of Call

- To give the update of actions that the state is taking to mitigate the COVID-19 disaster
- And to take questions from the private sector

Updates

- Executive orders and actions taken.
 - March 12- Executive order 51
 - Mar 17- public health emergency declared
 - Mar 21- closed public schools and non-essential businesses
 - Mar 25- public health emergency #2 declared, no elective surgeries
 - Mar 28- Executive Order 53 deluged authority to the department of labor
 - Mar 30- Executive Order 55, stay at home order, effective until June 10 unless ended or amended
- Confirmed cases 1484, 208 hospitalizations, 34 deaths

Agency Reports

Department of Health: Laurie Forlano & Dr. Julie Murphy

Working to support the business community to help interpret the executive orders and the strategies in place to prevent and curb transmission. Also trying to create the guiding principles for the workers that need to continue to work. Working with the department of social services to work with those who need child care due to being essential workers. Working to look at homes and property managers to give them guidance on sanitation and other issues. Working with veterinarians and other members of the animal healthcare community to support them

Department of Agriculture: Bill Scruggs

The guidance issued are available on the website. Farmers markets are still open and a system needs to be established to order ahead of time. Whether it is online or over the phone. Comply with social distancing requirements. Ensure that all sanitation standards are met by each stand or vendor. For produce auctions and "pick your own", follow social distancing rules. The sale of seafood has declined due to it being sold largely to restaurants. There is a lack of consumer understanding on how to preserve different items, including fish. New materials have been put out into the public, to give guidance on how to prepare them or to freeze them. Livestock auctions are still being held but there are still the restrictions in place. After the initial uncertainty, the prices of cattle and other items are bouncing back to the original prices or more. A food distribution program has been approved and started to deliver food to people's homes (March 28-April 26).



VA Fusion Center: Andrew Dunnick

Continuing to monitor the effects and trends within the emergency management sector. Cyber security targets and suggestions have been sent around. A new trend has started, the #filmyourhospital, where people go and video hospitals or other medical areas to spread conspiracy theories about the lack of a pandemic.

Commerce & Trade: Stacie Neal reporting

The executive orders were not intended to curtail businesses from operating, but rather to increase sanitation efforts and effectiveness. Those who have reached out to help produce PPE, we are working to put you in touch with the correct people. There has been no relaxation of OSHA and other safety requirements at this point.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management: Stacie Neal reporting

The VA EOC is in full activation, with most staff being virtual. There are 134 localities with emergency declarations and 54 localities with open EOCs at some level. One of Logistics highest priorities is acquiring and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to hospitals, healthcare facilities, local jurisdictions for first responders, and other local agencies with regular public contact.

Private Sector Program Report: Stacie Neal reporting

There are now close to 1000 businesses registered on the portal. Some utilities have been updated to being essential, including telecommunications. The Private Sector Team has received 303 offers of assistance and is working to respond. Over 700 emails are being filtered and added into the database as well. We are looking towards the ability to accommodate the surges with more PPE and medical equipment (e.g. beds or mattresses). We are now sending a new daily situation report to the private sector group. This briefing will go out in the evening so you will hear from us at least once per day. If there is significant information that warrants additional communications, we will adjust accordingly.

Dept. of Homeland Security, Cyber Security: Rob Mooney

Guidance for the Critical Infrastructure Workforce; a guide to help the critical infrastructure in all 50 states, to help keep consistency across all of the states. The supply chain needs to be assessed for impacts or destruction caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Look for conservation measures or another supplier of the needed items. Keep in contact with your buyers. If you identify major complications, there are pathways to take to receive help. Check out [cisa.gov](https://www.cisa.gov) as it contains information for cyber security and infrastructures.

- **Supply Chain Risk Management and Protection Efforts**

It is also imperative that your organization implements policies and procedures in order to effectively reduce the risks facing your organization's supply chain:



- Assess your organization’s supply chain for potential impacts from disruption of transportation logistics and international manufacturing slowdowns resulting from COVID-19.
- Discuss with your suppliers on any challenges they may be facing or may expect to face due to the ongoing situation.
- Identify potential alternate sources of supply, substitute products, and/or conservation measures to mitigate disruptions.
- Communicate with key customers to keep them informed of any issues you have identified and the steps you are taking to mitigate them
- **Cybersecurity Protection Efforts for Your Organization**
 - Securing systems that enable remote access;
 - Ensuring Virtual Private Network and other remote access systems are fully patched;
 - Enhancing system monitoring to receive early detection and alerts on abnormal activity;
 - Implementing multi-factor authentication;
 - Ensuring all machines have properly configured firewalls as well as anti-malware and intrusion prevention installed;
 - Testing remote access solutions capacity or increase capacity;
 - Ensuring continuity of operations plans or business continuity plans are up-to-date;
 - Increasing awareness of information technology support mechanisms for employees who work remotely; and
 - Updating incident response plans to consider workforce changes in a distributed environment.
- **The link below is the CDC’s Interim Guidance for Business and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019...**
 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html
 - OSHA’s “Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19” which is attached here.

Walmart: Brooke

We are pushing that the public shop differently than normal. We are pushing for one person from each household comes to shop, one day a week (see attached flyer).

VDEM Private Sector Conference Call Notes – April 1, 2020 @1300



1. We are all responsible for keeping space: Keep at least six-feet between you and a fellow customer or associate -- inside and outside the store.
2. Shop patiently: Watch and wait for other customers to be done in an aisle to keep a six-foot distance.
3. Limit and consolidate shopping trips: have a list ready, get what you need, and quickly exit the store.
4. Shop alone: avoid having others with you when possible
5. Stay home when you don't feel well
6. Cover your mouth if you cough or sneeze
7. Wash and sanitize your hands before/after shopping
8. Shop online grocery store curbside pick-up or home delivery when possible

Stacie: These will be amplified on VDEM and VDH websites for use by other private sector partners.

Questions

- Dr. Laurie Forlano: When can we anticipate guidance on critical infrastructures and guidance within the workplace to screen workers. Rob: the information would come from the CDC
- Brett Vassey: How can we consolidate and share information, and who are the contracting agents? Can the statement about distribution centers, made by the Governor, be sent out in a more official capacity? Stacie: I will take that and elevate that. There is vetting that must be done in order to get the contact into place. What Sec. Ball is trying to do is to figure out the guidelines and how to make it happen and to ensure that they can sell their product, whether it is in VA or elsewhere. We are trying to work with the company to get on the approved list, by ensuring that you are a registered vendor in VA
- Bev Yomanaka: Is there a mechanism to publish this guidance to make it more widespread knowledge? Stacie: We do not have the capacity to do that at the state level, but I will send out the steps into the meeting notes. But we can also touch base offline. Laurie Forlano: we can spread the information on our websites and in other ways to ensure it is made available.
- Are there lists of needs in EOCs or other areas? Stacie: we do not have that type of needs but we need PPE. We also need hospital beds and mattresses.

Register on the <https://bit.ly/VaPrivateSector> portal

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