

## Summary of COVID-19 Related Declarations and Orders in the National Capital Region

(as of April 17, 2020)

To slow the spread of COVID-19, states, counties, and cities are issuing declarations and orders to maximize social distancing. These actions include closures of schools and non-essential businesses, bans to limit the size of gatherings, and orders for people to *Stay at Home* except for essential activities, such as accessing food or healthcare or going to an essential job.

COG observes that COVID-19 related actions and definitions of essential and non-essential businesses are increasingly consistent in our multi-jurisdictional region. As of this update, in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia:

- Officials have issued *Stay at Home* orders to maximize social distancing in the region.
- Gatherings of more than 10 people are banned.
- Businesses that can use teleworking and maintain social distancing are exempt from the closures.
- Open businesses must follow [CDC](#), [OSHA](#) and state agency guidance for social distancing, environmental cleaning, and disinfection.

In the District and Maryland, new orders require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances.

### REGIONAL CLOSURES – STATUS

(X=closed)

Facilities/ Businesses	Examples	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
Schools	Public and private	X End of School Year	X May 15	X End of School Year
Restaurants	Take out or delivery only			
	Dine-in	X	X	X
Food Retail	Grocery stores			
Essential Retail	Hardware stores, electronics			
Other Retail	Clothing stores, other brick and mortar retail*	X	X	
Entertainment	Theaters, gyms, recreation centers	X	X	X
Personal Services	Salons, spas, tattoo parlors	X	X	X

\*Virginia brick and mortar businesses are limited to 10 or fewer customers and must follow guidance.

## REGIONAL DECLARATIONS AND GUIDANCE

Jurisdiction	Date	Order
District of Columbia	03/11	<a href="#">Declaration of Public Emergency: Coronavirus</a>
	03/24	<a href="#">Closure of Non-Essential Businesses and Prohibition on Large Gatherings During Public Health Emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>
	03/30	<a href="#">Stay at Home Order</a>
	04/15	<a href="#">Extensions of Public Emergency and Public Health Emergency and Measures to Protect Vulnerable Populations During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</a>
Maryland	03/05	<a href="#">State of Emergency</a>
	03/23	<a href="#">Order Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments</a>
	03/30	<a href="#">Amending and Restating the Order of March 3, 2020 Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments Additionally Requiring All Persons to Stay At Home</a>
	04/15	<a href="#">Order Requiring use of Face Coverings Under Certain Circumstances and Requiring Implementation of Certain Physical Distancing Measures</a>
Virginia	03/12	<a href="#">State of Emergency</a>
	03/23	<a href="#">Temporary restrictions on restaurants, recreation, entertainment, gatherings, non-essential retail businesses, and closure of K-12 schools due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>
	03/30	<a href="#">Temporary Stay At Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>
	04/15	<a href="#">Extends business and service closures to May 8 (reference 3/23 order)</a>