

Virginia Public Health Emergency Order

In order to flatten the curve of COVID-19, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam issued a [Public Health Emergency Order](#) mandating that all restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters “reduce seating capacity to 10 patrons” at a given time. To meet this mandate, the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health (Health Department) and the Virginia Beach Police Department are working together and sharing resources to protect the health and safety of all in the community. In doing so, we plan to educate local establishments to ensure voluntary compliance. Please be informed that noncompliance with the emergency order may result in the suspension of the establishment’s permit.

We recognize the important service these establishments provide within our community, not only through the service of food, drink, and entertainment, but also in shaping our local economy. However, to mitigate the spread of this virus everyone must work together. The Health Department and Police Department are asking each of the establishments mentioned above to strictly adhere to the executive order set forth by Governor Northam and the State Health Commissioner, Dr. M. Norman Oliver, until otherwise noted. While we do not intend to assertively patrol local businesses in search of those in violation of this order, we will respond to complaints for such violations and act, if necessary. By working together, we will stay strong, healthy, and overcome the challenges posed by this disease.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Health Department at 757-518-2700, option 3 or the Police Department at 757-385-4097.