

Temporary Waivers of Environmental Health Regulations

(Virginia Beach, Va.) – On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty One (51), Declaration of a State of Emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) authorizing heads of executive agencies, with appropriate concurrence, to waive any state requirement or regulation. Virginia's Health Commissioner has signed off on a short-term waiver from some regulatory provisions as they pertain to food establishments, lodging establishments, migrant labor camps, private wells, onsite sewage, campgrounds, and the bedding and upholstery program.

Of particular note is the temporary waiver of the regulations relating to food establishment permits. Permits that are valid as of 3/30/2020 (and that would expire prior to 6/10/2020), will not expire until 06/10/2020. Regardless of a renewal date, renewed licenses will retain their original expiration period (i.e. those expiring in May 2020 will expire in May 2021 once renewed).

Additional information regarding waivers of regulations or standards specific to programs under the Office of Environmental Health Services can be found at the link below. View the signed waiver [here](#).

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/environmental-health-services/covid-19-temporary-waivers-of-environmental-health-regulations/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health at 757-518-2700, option 3.