

Thursday, June 28, 2020 – 5:30 pm

During today's press conference the Governor announced the guidelines for Phase III. While the guidance was issued today, the Governor indicated that Phase III would *not begin before* June 26<sup>th</sup> and that he would be monitoring the situation in other states as well as Virginia when making the decision to move to Phase III and would only move into Phase III when it was safe and appropriate to do so. He did not discuss how long Phase III might last.

Phase III's guidance is nearly 40 pages long, so it is almost impossible to summarize it's requirements in a concise manner. Please refer to the Phase III guidelines (see link below) for specific details about various impacted sectors. A few items I know are of interest:

**Social gatherings** – 250 person limit

**Teleworking** – strongly encouraged

**Face Coverings** - required (this applies to most of the items below)

**Non-essential retail** – open no capacity limit, 6 foot physical distancing

**Restaurants** - open no capacity limit, 6 foot physical distancing including bar area

**Farmers markets** – 6 foot social distancing

**Entertainment & amusement (including fairs)** – 50% of capacity, 1000 person maximum, 10 foot physical distance between performers, participants and patrons who are not members of the same household, 6 foot physical distancing seating in table areas

**Horse & livestock shows** – 50% capacity or 250 person max, 6 foot physical distancing, guest flow plan, face coverings required for all inside show grounds unless mounted on a horse

**Fitness & Exercise** – 75% capacity, 10 foot physical distancing

**Personal grooming** – open no capacity limit, 6 foot physical distancing & face masks required.

**Recreational Sports** – 50% capacity or 250 person max, 10 foot physical distancing between all instructors, participants and spectators

**Swimming pools** – 75% capacity, 10 foot physical distancing for pool deck seating, hot tubs, saunas, splash pads & spray pools remain closed

**Private campgrounds/state parks** – open

**Childcare** – open

**Religious services** – open, 6 foot physical distancing, any items used to distribute food/beverage must be disposable and only once & then discarded, cleaning & disinfecting required prior to and following all services.

**Beaches** – open (as noted on the slides, saw no mention in the guidelines - assume 6 foot physical distancing still applies)

Here are the Phase III guidelines issued by the Governor's

Office: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-Three-Guidelines.pdf>

Here's the link to the slides from today's Governor Northam press

conference: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Slide-deck-6.18.2020-Forward-Virginia-Phase-Three.pdf>