CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Summary

- The Virginia Department of Health is responding to the outbreak of respiratory illness, called coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), that is caused by a novel (new) coronavirus.
- The outbreak was first detected in China in December 2019.
- On March 7, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 in Virginia was announced.
- COVID-19 has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally.
- On March 11, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.
- On March 12, Governor Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- Most people with COVID-19 develop fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
- Healthcare professionals evaluating ill patients for suspected COVID-19 can request testing through a private laboratory. VDH approval is not required for this testing.
- Because of a limited number of tests available, testing performed at DCLS, Virginia's state laboratory, is reserved for patients who meet VDH's priority investigation criteria.
- For media inquiries about statewide coronavirus efforts, please email press@vdh.virginia.gov and include your deadline.

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NOTE: VDH is no longer reporting the pending number of tests as testing capacity has expanded to include commercial

laboratories. Commercial laboratories report all results to VDH. Information will be updated daily, Monday-Friday at noon; and will be updated daily on weekends.