

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



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