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To: PMA Virginia Members

On Monday, March 30, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order 55 to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 mandating all residents of Virginia stay in their homes from March 30, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. until Wednesday, June 10, 2020. The order prohibits the public or private gathering of more than 10 people outside of a single household/living unit.

While the order requires all residents to stay at home, it does not close all non-essential businesses. A previous order, effective March 23, directed all non-essential retail businesses to limit in-person occupancy at any one time to no more than 10 patrons, or close. It also directed all non-retail business operations to utilize telework as much as possible and adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.

To provide needed assistance for small businesses in the state, the Small Business Administration has approved a request allowing Virginia small businesses disrupted by the coronavirus to apply for low-interest, long-term disaster loans of up to $2 million. The Economic Injury Disaster Loans can be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills by businesses suffering substantial economic injury.

The situation is very fluid and, while PMA is a national organization, we are mobilizing all of our resources to assist our members throughout the country. Working with our advocacy team in Washington, D.C., we have created www.onevoiceinfo.org as a one-stop resource for members to find links to the latest OSHA, CDC and local government resources, including workplace safety posters to print.

Please feel free to reach out to us at any time with questions.