



## Division of Animal and Food Industry Services Food Safety Program

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On May 26, 2020, Governor Northam issued Executive Order Sixty-Three requiring Virginians to wear face coverings in public indoor settings to help contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. This statewide order will go into effect at 12:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020. The full text of the order can be found [HERE](#).

In addition, Governor Northam issued Executive Order Sixty-One that allowed restaurant and beverage establishments to offer outdoor dining while maintaining social distancing. The full text of the order can be found [HERE](#). These orders directly affect many businesses under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) Food Safety Program. Please review the following information carefully.

### **Executive Order 61 & Executive Order 63 Requirements**

#### **Face Coverings for Food Establishments (Essential Retail Businesses, Breweries, Cideries, Distilleries, Wineries, Tasting Rooms, and Farmer's Markets)**

- Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when working in customer facing areas.
- Customers must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment.
- Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

#### **Seating Under Executive Order 61 – All Food Businesses**

- Only outdoor seating may be provided for customers on the premises.
- Seating must have a minimum of six feet between parties at tables. If tables are not movable, some tables must be closed so that seated parties are at least six feet apart. Tables that should not be used must be clearly marked that they are out of service.
- Parties of more than 10 are not allowed in outdoor seating areas.
- Bar seats and congregating areas must be closed to customers except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in an outdoor bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- See pages 5 through 6 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

#### **Retail Food Establishments – Executive Order 61**

##### Best Practices:

- Adhere to the guidance in pages 1 through 4 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

## **Breweries, Cideries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms under Executive Order 61**

### Mandatory:

- Comply with the mandatory requirements on pages 5 through 7 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

### Best Practices:

- Adhere to the guidance on pages 1 through 4 and pages 7 through 9 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

## **Farmers Markets under Executive Order 61**

### Mandatory:

- Comply with the mandatory requirements on pages 10 through 11 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

### Best Practices:

- Adhere to the guidance on pages 1 through 4 and pages 11 through 12 of the Guidelines for All Business Sectors linked [here](#).

## **Helpful Links**

CDC Use of Cloth Face Coverings Guidance linked [here](#).