
1. General Information: Stay in touch at the Governor's dedicated [Coronavirus website](#).

2. Supports for Workers:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – expanded time, amounts and those covered

The unemployment insurance program, administered by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), provides temporary financial assistance to individuals who become unemployed through no fault of their own. Under normal circumstances, individuals who meet a strict set of employment-related criteria can receive weekly payments over a period of 12 to 26 weeks, but efforts are underway at both the state and federal level to expand eligibility, increase payments, and extend the duration coverage.

As a result, all Virginians who have experienced job or income loss as a result of the Coronavirus crisis are encouraged to file an application for unemployment insurance using the VEC's [online portal](#), selecting “Lack of Work” as their reason for separation. Please note, recipients will be required to access the portal each week to claim their unemployment insurance payment.

Detailed instructions for individuals applying for unemployment insurance benefits can be found [here](#). An FAQ on unemployment benefits can be found [here](#).

3. Support for Small Business

➤ For questions other than resources listed below, email business@virginia.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER LOANS

Following a request submitted by Governor Northam on March 18, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Virginia. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout the Commonwealth affected by the COVID-19 public health crisis can now apply for low-interest federal disaster loans of up to \$2 million from the SBA to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses. To submit a loan application through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, please visit <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

RAPID RESPONSE FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS

Rapid Response is a federal program to help workers, companies, and communities experiencing layoffs and closures and provide strategies to avert layoffs. This includes connecting workers and businesses to information, partners, new employment opportunities, funding, and training programs that can help lessen the impact of layoffs or avert layoffs all together.

The Additional Rapid Response Assistance for COVID-19 available through the state provides funding to help businesses avert layoffs by providing assistance in sanitization of work spaces, implementing telework options to support social distancing that the company has not supported prior, or other innovative strategies that help keep employees on the job. Businesses may apply for assistance through their regional workforce boards. See **“FIND THE WORKFORCE DIRECTOR FOR YOUR JURISDICTIONS”** at the end of this email. Your director will review applications and provide reimbursement for qualifying

projects. These directors will also be an important resource as we work to re-employ Virginians when this emergency abates and people are looking for work.

FIND THE WORKFORCE DIRECTOR FOR YOUR JURISDICTIONS

DIRECTOR	WORKFORCE BOARD	PHONE	EMAIL	JURISDICTIONS SERVED
Aleta Spicer	Southwest Virginia	276-883-4034	a.spicer@swvaworks.com	Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell & Wise, City of Norton
Marty Holliday	New River/ Mount Rogers	540-633-6764	marty.holliday@vcwnrnr.com	Counties of Pulaski, Montgomery, Giles, Floyd, Bland, Wythe, Carroll, Grayson, Washington & Smyth. Cities of Galax, Radford & Bristol
Morgan Romeo	Western Virginia	540-562-8442	mromeo@vcwblueridge.com	Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin & Roanoke. Cities of Covington, Roanoke & Salem
Sharon Johnson	Shenandoah Valley	540-442-7134	sjohnson@vcwvalley.com	Counties of Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Warren. Cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester
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Ben Bowman	Central Virginia	434-845-5678 x221	ben.bowman@vcwcentral.com	Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford & Campbell. Cities of Bedford & Lynchburg
Debra Crowder	South Central	434-542-5871	dcrowder@vcwsouthcentral.com	Counties of Brunswick, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway & Prince Edward
Brian Davis	Capital Region	804-652-3220 x3228	dav113@henrico.us	Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent & Powhatan; Richmond City
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David Remick	Alexandria/ Arlington	703-228-1412	dremick@arlingtonva.us	County of Arlington & City of Alexandria
Jackie Davis	Bay Consortium	804-333-4048	jdavis@baywib.org	Counties of Accomack, Caroline, Essex, King William, King George, King & Queen, Lancaster, Matthews, Middlesex, Northhampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford

				& Westmoreland. City of Fredericksburg
William Mann	Greater Peninsula	757-826-3327	wmann@vcwpeninsula.com	Counties of Gloucester, James City & York. Cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson & Williamsburg
Sophenia Pierce	Crater Regional	804-835-5100	spierce@petersburg-va.org	Counties of Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Surry & Sussex. Cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell & Petersburg
Shawn Avery	Hampton Roads	757-314-2370	savery@vcwhamptonroads.org	Counties of Isle of Wight & Southhampton. Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk & Virginia Beach
Tyler Freeland	West Piedmont	276.403.4014	tyler@vcwwestpiedmont.org	Counties of Henry, Patrick & Pittsylvania. Cities of Danville & Martinsville