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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to Change Operations Due to COVID-19

Big Stone Gap, Va. - On Thursday, March 12th Governor Ralph Northam declared a [state of emergency](#) due to the COVID-19 virus. Beginning Monday, March 16th the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy will minimize the number of staff at our Big Stone Gap, Charlottesville, Lebanon and Richmond locations.

All scheduled meetings within the next 30 days will be cancelled. Those notifications will also be posted on DMME's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Due to public health concerns, most of our staff will be working from home and still available via phone and email. There will be a few employees at our office locations each day should you need to complete any transactions in-person. You can find a complete listing of our employees [here](#).

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and appreciate your understanding while we do our part to help lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus.