

**Southeastern District
Response to Coronavirus by State**

March 17, 2020

March 16, 2020: President Trump issues guidelines that call for Americans to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people and to limit discretionary travel.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

Delaware: State of Emergency Declaration (March 12, 2020)

1. Public Gatherings: March 16, 2020: Public Gatherings of 50 or more people are banned.
 - a. <https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/16/governor-carney-limits-restaurants-to-take-out-and-delivery/>
2. Schools: March 13, 2020: Schools closed from March 16-27.
 - a. <https://governor.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2020/03/School-Letter-Governor-Carney-03132020.pdf>
3. Child Care: March 14, 2020 “The Division of Public Health does not recommend closing non-public school child care settings at this time.”
 - a. <https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/14/delaware-issues-guidance-for-child-care-providers-on-coronavirus/>

Maryland

1. Public Gatherings: March 16, 2020: Gatherings of more than 50 people—including social, community, religious, recreation, and sporting events—are now strictly prohibited in all locations and venues in Maryland. This follows updated CDC guidelines.
 - a. <https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus>
2. Schools: March 12, 2020: during Governor Larry Hogan’s press conference, Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, directed that effective Monday, March 16th, through Friday, March 27th, all public schools in Maryland will be closed.
 - a. <https://news.maryland.gov/msde/state-superintendent-salmon-announces-temporary-closure-of-maryland-public-schools/>
3. Child Care: March 12, 2020: Governor Larry Hogan enacted an emergency order to expand child care access to child care for critical personnel during the state of emergency. This will help ensure that child care services are available for



providers of health care, emergency medical services, and law enforcement personnel while schools are closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- a. <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/03/14/governor-hogan-enacts-emergency-order-to-expand-access-to-child-care-during-covid-19-state-of-emergency/>

North Carolina: Executive Order by Governor (March 14, 2020)

1. Public Gatherings: Governor Cooper issued an executive order that bans mass gatherings of more than 100 people and closes K-12 public school statewide through March 30.
 - a. <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO117-COVID-19-Prohibiting-Mass-Gathering-and-K12-School-Closure.pdf>
2. Schools: March 16, 2020: To reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in our community, K-12 public schools in North Carolina will be closed by order of the Governor for at least two weeks, effective March 16, 2020. Child care centers and family child care homes have the option to remain open.
 - a. <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO117-COVID-19-Prohibiting-Mass-Gathering-and-K12-School-Closure.pdf>
3. Child Care: March 16, 2020: Child care centers and family child care homes have the option to remain open.
 - a. [https://ncchildcare.ncdohhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/N/NC Interim Guidance for Child Care Settings 3 16 20%20Final.pdf](https://ncchildcare.ncdohhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/N/NC%20Interim%20Guidance%20for%20Child%20Care%20Settings%203%2016%2020%20Final.pdf)

Pennsylvania (York County): Declaration of Disaster Emergency

1. Public Gatherings: March 16, 2020: Avoid large gatherings of 50 or more.
 - a. <https://yorkcountypa.gov/communications-office/news/1816-coronavirus-information.html>
2. Schools: March 13, 2020: Schools closed for 10 days effective March 16, 2020
 - a. [https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/emergency-management/Signed Declaration of Disaster Emergency.pdf](https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/emergency-management/Signed%20Declaration%20of%20Disaster%20Emergency.pdf)
3. Child Care: Specific information not available at this time.

South Carolina: State of Emergency (March 13, 2020)

1. Public Gatherings: March 15, 2020: CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass events, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>



2. Schools: All South Carolina public schools are closed March 16, 2020 through March 31.
 - a. <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/>

3. Child Care: The Governor has declared a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 emergency, and emergency plans for child care licensing are in effect. If you are a licensed child care center and can expand your capacity to serve foster children, children of DSS staff and First Responders or displaced children, please contact Child Care Licensing at 1-888-825-7174 as soon as possible. If your organization has the ability to set up a temporary child care site, please contact Child Care Licensing at 1-888-825-7174. You may be allowed to operate without a license for a maximum of 30 days in accordance with state law (63-13-440). Child Care Licensing must grant approval for temporary child care arrangements.
 - a. <https://scchildcare.org/>

Virginia: State of Emergency (March 12, 2020)

1. Public Gatherings March 12, 2020 Governor Northam is also urging localities and non-profits to limit large public events, effective immediately.
 - a. <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-853537-en.html>

2. Schools: March 13, 2020: Governor Ralph Northam today ordered all K-12 schools in Virginia to close for a minimum of two weeks in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Schools will close from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, at a minimum. Localities will maintain authority over specific staffing decisions to ensure students maintain continuity of services or learning, while protecting the public health of teachers and staff.
 - a. <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-854442-en.html>

3. Child Care: Uncertain the guidance of the Governor regarding child care. The Virginia Council for Private Education says that guidance is coming.

Washington D.C.

1. Public Gatherings: March 16, 2020: In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mass gatherings of more than fifty (50) persons are prohibited anywhere in the district of Columbia.

2. Schools In response to coronavirus COVID-19, there have been changes to the School Year 2019-2020 calendar. All schools will be closed for students from March 16 to March 31. March 16 will be professional development for teachers and spring break will be March 17 to March 23. There will no longer be a Spring



Break period in April. From March 24 to March 31, students will participate in distance learning.

- a. <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>
3. Child Care: Based on the emergency executive order and the issuance of a public health emergency executive order issued by the Mayor, OSSE has activated the District-wide Child Care Disaster Response Plan. At this time, OSSE strongly encourages that child development centers follow DCPS operating status under which students will not be coming to school facilities through March 31.
- a. <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/release/guidance-related-covid-19-child-care-provider-closures-and-public-funding>