

WFG Informational Bulletin

To: All Virginia Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Executive Order No. 53—Business Services during COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 23, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued a “Stay at Home” Order effective at 11:59 PM March 24 until 11:59 PM April 23.

[A copy of the Order is attached hereto](#), and agents are encouraged to read it in its entirety.

Paragraph 8 of the Order states:

8. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.

WFG believes that settlement agencies fall within the scope of paragraph 8 and so may continue operations subject to the limitations therein.

As this situation continues to evolve, WFG will update as necessary and appropriate.

Information Bulletins are designed to provide our agents with information we think will help in managing their business or just being better title professionals, but which does not rise to the level of being an underwriting mandate and are not within the scope of the agency agreement.