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The COVID-19 pandemic has shocked economies across the globe including Virginia. While the Commonwealth has long been blessed with a strong economy, we must remain committed to our efforts to foster an economic climate that promotes business investment and job creation, despite the current headwinds.

Given this uncertainty, the Virginia Chamber is creating a blueprint to provide businesses and policymakers with the guidance they need to get all Virginians back to work safely.

WHY DO WE NEED A BUSINESS PLAN FOR GETTING VIRGINIANS BACK TO WORK?

- The Governor launched a business task force as part of his COVID-19 response to solicit input on reopening the economy. This blueprint is a meaningful way for the business community to communicate its suggested guidance to our government stakeholders.
- **Virginia has an expected 10% unemployment rate for April.** We need to get more Virginians back into the stream of commerce.
- Although the hospitality, restaurant, and retail industries have been devastated by COVID-19, the vast majority of businesses have been able to operate, at least partially, through the utilization of innovative strategies like flexible teleworking arrangements and enhanced safety precautions. Each business has a story to tell and best practices to share that could benefit their peers

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

This Blueprint will benefit from your recommendations. Please fill out the survey below and email us your best practices. The deadline for participation is May 15.

- [Fill out our survey linked here](#)
- Email us any resources or information that might be helpful as we compile input and join our coalition of support at policy@vachamber.com