Following are notes from the 14OCT2020 Governor of Virginia teleconference. These notes are not all encompassing but will provide basic insight to the discussions.

* Governor explains how government building is abiding by covid-19 set-up
  + 6ft spaced out, wearing masks, only deaf translators are not wearing masks
  + 65 staff were asked to quarantine. All 65 were tested negative.
  + Wearing a mask in office and when they travel
    - Reiterates masks have been scientifically proven to stop the virus
* Importance of Contact Tracing
  + Go back 48 hours of testing/symptoms
    - Interview: Who /where have they been
      * Who met with them 6ft or closer for 15 minutes or longer?
      * 14 days quarantine recommended for all of those people
  + Quarantine: Exposed but not diagnosed. Isolation is when you have tested positive. When you test positive you cannot spread after 10 days post isolation/test.
  + 3-none testing criteria
    - 10 days diagnosis
    - Resolutions of symptoms
    - 24 hours without a fever
* Health numbers
  + Trending downward below 5%
  + Dept of Health released a new pandemic dashboard.
  + Many other states cases have risen
  + Colder months =people will be indoors more and closer together
* Two new bills passed
  + June tenth is a new state holiday-Oldest celebration of slavery
  + Immunity from civil liability for home health care workers, hospice and others who are caring for COVID patience. This does not cover gross negligence.
* CARE ACT dollars
  + 220MIL K-12 schools for COVID preparedness and response
  + 30 MIL fast track local bandwidth projects increase
  + 12 MIL to expand rent/mortgage relief program
  + 50 mil for hazard pay for home health providers, vaccine program and childcare providers.
  + Planning on expanding the eligibility to Rebuild Virginia program to help small business
* Elections
  + Today is the deadline to register to vote
    - Verizon cable was cut and interrupted government system
    - The deadline is set, and Governor does not have the authority to change the date only the courts.
    - Can vote absentee in person. Check with your local registrar.
    - Early voting for 45 days prior to election is working extremely well.
      * 550K people have voted early
      * ¼ of total turnout from the last election in 2016.
* Michigan Governor testimony and VA governor’s name was mentioned
  + He cannot comment since it is an ongoing investigation.
  + Both he and his wife are safe and working with the local authorities of any threats.
    - No imminent danger for him or his family
* Health Data for VA
  + 24 hours New cases: 1,235
  + 11 new deaths
  + Total: 160, 805/deaths 3372
  + Over 15K test per day/ Total 2,468,715
* Questions:
  + Expand of threats to himself?
    - Governor: Will not be intimidated and will continue to work. What does concern him are the people are making the comments and Reddick, these threats are coming not from another country, but from DC.
  + Walk through concerns once you were exposed once diagnosed?
    - Governor: 1) Frightening when one is notified, especially when his wife came back positive. On the 24th of September someone at the mansion staff had come down from COVID, they all got tested. We had mild symptoms; his symptoms came in about 8 days after he started isolation. There have been a lot of people who has died from COVID, which has had a big impact on their families. Just going into isolation has an impact. Please continue to wear your mask and wash your hands.
  + Any redundancy on the cable that has been cut?
    - Governor: I cannot answer specifically. This is exactly like we need back-ups; we still have a lot of work to do. Currently there is no back-up and trying to get it back up quickly.
    - Official: Occurred on their 10gig circuit to help with remote work. The back-up isn’t that large, and applications tend to be slow. We will have a temp solution in at 4PM.
  + Voter registration deadline?
    - Governor: I don’t have the authority, it’s in the code and has to be done by the courts.
  + White House sent statement blaming you/Governor Whittemore saying the President is spreading this information.
    - Governor: CDC offered guidelines to combat how to fight COVID like masks, two days later the president said, “Liberate Virginia” which sends mixed messages. People find meaning in those words.
  + Personal experience of having COVID will affect imposing regulations?
    - Governor: This isn’t about me; we will keep working as we know work in Virginia.
  + When will we get to phase 3?
    - Govenor: As the numbers are going up across the country, we are not out of the woods. We will continue to have conversations with the school districts. There must be a trend just not in Virginia, but throughout the country to go to phase 3.
  + Expanding capacity at local events?
    - Governor: We must be careful as people gather and do not social distance/wear a mask. Gave example of rose garden at White House and the infections.
  + What is the mechanism to file to extend voter registration?
    - Official: They are fully supportive of the courts extending deadline.