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Capitol Square Closed July 4 Holiday Weekend

RICHMOND, Va. – The Department of General Services, working in collaboration with the Division of Capitol Police, will close Capitol Square during the July 4 holiday weekend.

When Capitol Square closes at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, it will remain closed until 6 a.m. on Monday, July 6.

The closure is in response to Governor Northam's state of emergency (Executive Order 64, third amended), citing past and potential future civil unrest that may pose a danger to public safety. There have been instances during demonstrations that begin peacefully but evolve into conflicts with law enforcement that pose a danger to public health and safety.

DGS closed Capitol Square on May 30 following demonstrations that resulted in damage to multiple surrounding state-owned facilities and structures, as well as injuries to two Capitol Police officers. Selected entrances to Capitol Square reopened to the public with modified hours on June 15. DGS expects the selected entrances and modified hours to remain in effect when Capitol Square reopens on July 6.

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