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Headline:	FLUVANNA COUNTY CONTINUES TO MONITOR, PREPARE, AND ENCOURAGE CITIZEN AWARENESS REGARDING COVID-19

PALMYRA, VIRGINIA – Fluvanna County Government, the Fluvanna Sheriff’s Office, and the Fluvanna County Public Schools, continue to monitor the rapidly evolving COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation. Though there are no known cases in the County, Fluvanna continues to monitor and prepare. Residents are encouraged to consult available, credible resources to maintain awareness, and to observe healthy practices.

Board of Supervisors Chair John M. Sheridan wants to assure Fluvanna residents that the county is monitoring the situation and highlighted the collaborative efforts to minimize misinformation. “We are working with other agencies to stay up to date with COVID-19,” says Sheridan. “The situation is rapidly evolving and we are continually updating our information.”

County staff is working closely with the Virginia Department of Health’s Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD), which has opened a public information line to answer questions about the situation. Those with questions may call (434) 972-6261.

“There are currently no cases of COVID-19 in our region, but this is an evolving situation,” said TJHD spokesperson Kathryn Goodman. “We’re working closely with all of our community partners to prepare for any local public health response.”

Everyone is encouraged to follow healthy practices, including:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds- sing your favorite song while washing!
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (only if soap and water are not available).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth – the T-Zone!
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing – throw away the tissue immediately and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

Fluvanna County will update the following page regularly:

- <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/community/page/covid-19-2019-novel-coronavirus>

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continually update online information regarding COVID-19:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- VDH: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

“The health of residents, county employees, and visitors to our county is our main priority,” said Eric Dahl, County Administrator. “We want to make sure the community is prepared and well-informed to make reasonable decisions for their families.”