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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Headline:	Fluvanna County Continues Response to COVID-19

Fluvanna County continues to monitor guidance from the CDC and VDH. There are no cases of COVID-19 in our community at this time. Read on to learn more about how Fluvanna County is responding to COVID-19.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Effective March 16 and at least until April 5, 2020:

Cancelling:

- All Boards, Committees, and Commissions meetings, with the following exceptions:
 - The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting taking place on March 17, 2020
 - Board of Supervisors meetings

Please continue to check the Fluvanna County web calendar (www.fluvannacounty.org/calendar) as the status may change as this situation evolves.

Parks & Recreation

All parks, trails, and dog parks will remain open at this time.

Effective March 16 and at least until April 5, 2020:

Suspending:

- Registered Classes/Programs
- Youth & Adult Sports Leagues (both Parks & Recreation and Outside Organizations)
- Senior Center Programs

Cancelling:

- Picnic Shelter & Facility Rentals

We will reassess the situation after April 5, 2020.

All County Facilities

Effective March 16 and at least until April 5, 2020:

Cancelling:

- All reservations of County public meeting rooms in County Facilities.
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What is Fluvanna County doing to prepare?

Our Incident Management Team (IMT), made up of public safety agencies and key county staff, plan for and respond to major incidents, including public health crises like COVID-19. The IMT is meeting frequently and communicating daily to address our community's needs.

Fluvanna County's IMT has developed a multi-phased plan, in alignment with guidance from the CDC and VDH, on what measures to take, and when, to reduce the spread of disease, and to maintain our business operations. The phases of the plan are designed to respond to what happens locally – beginning now, in the planning phase and continuing, if necessary, until there is no longer the potential of a local threat.

Fluvanna County has implemented the following measures:

For our community:

- We want to ensure that our First Responders are always ready to serve our community. We have initiated some basic steps in efforts to keep our First Responders safe. Our Public Safety Dispatchers will begin asking callers a few basic questions in accordance with guidance from the International Association of Emergency Dispatchers. This is so our First Responders can take appropriate precautions to protect themselves and reduce exposure risk. Rescue Squad members may ask if you can step outside or Deputies may call you prior to responding. We remain committed to ensuring we have the appropriate resources to respond to all emergency calls.

For our employees:

- Enhanced cleaning protocol for County-operated buildings
- Cancelled work-related travel outside our community for staff, and cancelled work-related meetings convening people from outside of our community
- Encourage employees experiencing respiratory symptoms to stay home
- Signage encouraging use of hand sanitizing stations and/or hand washing throughout the building

What Can You Do?

First, share this message with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues. Signup to receive FAN Mail in your inbox at www.fluvannacounty.org/subscribe.

Fluvanna County will continue to update the following webpage:

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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of resources for businesses, households, schools, and faith-based organizations at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. The CDC is specifically encouraging people to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. Call your doctor before going into the office if you are experiencing fever or respiratory symptoms.
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
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- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles)

The Virginia Department of Health has resources for the public, travelers, schools, businesses, and large events as well - www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus.

Local Resources

The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is our community's local public health agency and works closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). TJHD has opened a hotline at (434) 972-6261 to answer questions from the public regarding COVID-19. At this time, that number is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The public can leave messages that will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

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