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Pittsylvania County's Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CHATHAM – Pittsylvania County is closely monitoring the outbreak of Coronavirus, caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. County officials are proactively monitoring and discussing the current situation regarding the Coronavirus and they are providing County leaders with updates as needed. Currently, there are no cases in Pittsylvania County, and this was confirmed again today. All County agencies are continuing to monitor the situation and are ready to respond. Our employees are being briefed on the situation and are taking precautions, and employees have been instructed to stay at home if they are sick. We will be installing hand-sanitizing stations in all the County buildings and citizens are encouraged to use them upon entrance of County facilities and are also encouraged to respect social distances. Anyone who is sick is encouraged to stay at home and have minimal contact with others, as well as practicing good hygiene. We encourage everyone to educate themselves regarding Coronavirus COVID-19 and we will continue to discuss this situation with the Virginia Health Department, hospitals, and State agencies and provide information as necessary.

What you can do:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash your hands, especially after coughing and sneezing,

before and after caring for an ill person, and before preparing foods and before eating.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (such as kissing, sharing cups, or sharing eating utensils) with people who are sick. Close contact is considered being within six (6) feet of someone who is ill for 15 minutes or more.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except when you need to get medical care. If you seek medical attention, call your doctor's office or medical facility before you go.

Information can be found at the below websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Patients have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath (symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.) If you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms or are having an emergency, please call 9-1-1 and answer all questions as prompted.

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