



MEETING WITH COUNTY LEADERS ON MARCH 31, 2020

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PREPAREDNESS

Note: Also refer to the following Meeting with County Leaders Reports:

- March 16, 2020
- March 20-23, 2020

BRUNSWICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- Dr. Charlette T. Woolridge provided an update on the U.S. and the Commonwealth of Virginia's confirmed cases.
- On March 30, 2020, the Virginia Department of Health confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in Brunswick County.
- Dr. Woolridge provided an overview of Executive Orders Fifty-Three (Statewide Closure of Certain Non-Essential Businesses and K-12 Schools) and Fifty-Five (Stay at Home); and Sheriff Roberts discussed law enforcement's role pertaining to these Orders.
- Dr. Woolridge emphasized the need to continue to follow federal and state protocol to include, but not limited to, practicing social distancing, washing hands, avoiding gatherings of ten or more people, to name a few.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No new report.

COURTS

- Supreme Courts has extended the closure of courts for another three weeks beyond the current order.

ENVOY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

- Utilizing telemedicine as a means of physician visits. Physicians are no longer entering the facility.

FIRE & EMS

- Ordered large shipment of surgical masks, N95 masks, gowns, gloves, eye protection, disinfectant cleaner, and hand sanitizer last week through VDEM. FEMA and VDEM are unable to give a time line of deliveries. The County is trying to locate these items for purchase while we await shipments.
- First responder agencies in the County are ordering sanitizer from Fastenal. Awaiting shipment.
- Ordered hand-sized and 1-gallon containers of sanitizer from the Silverback Distillery in Afton, who is teaming up with another distillery to ship free sanitizer to first responders. Awaiting shipment.

- The ID card project for first responders is being expedited to allow all responder to have a new ID card as they go out to the scenes and in public where they may have to show the credential.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- No new report.

JAIL (MEHERRIN RIVER REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY)

- Assessing more positions and having some essential functions such as Maintenance and Command Staff work remotely and/or have an altered schedule.
- Continuing to work with the courts on evaluating offenders that may qualify for release and/or electronic monitoring.
- Also placed space savers on the floors in all units to ensure social distancing when in line for pill call and temperature screenings.
- Also combined some housing units to break down into quadrants to lower the number of total offenders out at one time.

LIBRARY (MEHERRIN REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM)

- The library will remain closed until further notice. This closure also includes the use of the library's meeting rooms.
- The library will not charge fines and item due dates will continue to be extended until normal operations resume.
- Wi-Fi continues to be available in parking spots closest to library entrances.
- If you have questions concerning your account or other library resources please email the library at mrlsweb@gmail.com.

SCHOOLS (BRUNSWICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-BCPS)

- Need assistance with getting masks and other PPE items.
- Reduced staffing at all sites, staggering to ensure social distancing.
- Providing meals to students, delivery on Tuesday, April 7th with pickup on Thursday, April 9th (still working on plans for April 13th and beyond). Currently set to provide meals through May 14th.
- Will connect with Department of Social Services for social/emotional health and how BCPS may continue to be a resource for families.
- Developing Brunswick Connect to get community partners to engage and assist with meal pickup/delivery and other avenues to connect with families.
- Academic and Learning plan is complete, details will be shared with families on Tuesday with meal delivery.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE (BCSO)

- Sheriff provided an update on the unrest in the community and the significant uptick in calls for service associated with COVID-19.

SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

- All DSS staff have been designated as essential personnel by the Governor due to essential services we provide to citizens.
- High increase in benefit programs applications including Medicaid and especially SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps).
- Staff are teleworking as much as possible, no more than 10 staff at Agency at one time.
- Change in work schedule: Staff are working 4 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Social Workers are responding the CPS (Child Protective Service), APS (Adult Protective Service) and Foster Care issues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- We have already seen a rise in CPS concerns.
- Dr. Midgett, BCPS, and I will discuss ways we can help meet the needs of the children to assure their needs are being met during this time.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

- No new report.

SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SVCC)

- No new report.

TOWN OF ALBERTA

- No new report.

TOWN OF BRODNAX

- No new report.

TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE

- No new report.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- No new report.