

#### MEETING WITH COUNTY LEADERS ON APRIL 14, 2020

# **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PREPAREDNESS**

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

- March 16, 2020
- March 20-23, 2020
- March 31, 2020
- April 7, 2020

## **BRUNSWICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

- Dr. Charlette T. Woolridge provided an update on the Commonwealth of Virginia's confirmed COVID-19 cases (6,171) and deaths (154) as of this afternoon. She also reported that the number of cases in our region has increased exponentially. They are as follows:
  - Brunswick County: 9 confirmed case
  - Halifax County: 7 confirmed cases
  - Mecklenburg County: 57 confirmed cases
  - Emporia: 8 confirmed cases
  - Greensville: 15 confirmed cases
  - Dinwiddie: 7 confirmed cases
- Dr. Woolridge continued to re-emphasize 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, wear face mask, to name a few.
- Dr. Woolridge and Buddy Hyde provided an update on personal protective equipment (PPE).
  - On April 8, 2020, the County received a very small supply of PPE. As a result, masks and gloves were provided to the Department of Social Services and Brunswick County Public Schools. Masks, gloves, and gowns were provided to first responders.
  - The County is still awaiting another shipment of masks, gowns and gloves from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).
  - The County has ordered 1,000 N-95 masks and they are anticipated to arrive the first week in May 2020.
  - First responders will be given highest priority for PPE.
  - We will be able to provide a small number of masks and gowns to Southside Community Services Board once shipments are received.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• No new report.

## COURTS

• No new report.

## ENVOY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

• No new report.

## FIRE & EMS

- The PPE tracking spread sheet developed by Virginia Cooperative Extension will be used to track supplies and expenditures. The form will be emailed to all agencies to track their respective expenditures and supply usage associated with COVID-19.
- EMS providers are wearing masks at all times and patients are provided with a mask to wear during transport.
- Brunswick EMS has purchased a Scuddles Paint Sprayer and Lucasol One Step Hospital Grade Disinfectant to clean ambulances and EMS building. The disinfectant is effective in killing germs and disease-causing single cell organisms, as well as helps to stop the spread of contagious diseases.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

• No new report.

#### JAIL (MEHERRIN RIVER REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY)

No new report.

#### LIBRARY (MEHERRIN REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM)

• No new report.

## SCHOOLS (BRUNSWICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-BCPS)

• Requested additional masks and gloves once received.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE (BCSO)

• No new report.

## SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

- Requested additional masks, gloves and gowns for CPS/APS staff.
- A Department of Social Services' employee has tested positive for COVID-19. Fortunately, our remaining staff were not at risk according to the epidemiologist with the Southside Health District. We still had the building cleaned by ServPro and we continue with the majority of our staff teleworking and following CDC recommendations.

#### SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

• Requested masks, gloves and gowns.

# 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

• The PPE Tracking spread sheet from Virginia Cooperative Extension was developed by Rachel Henley, Extension Agent, ANR, Powhatan. The spread sheet has been shared with Emergency Management Coordinators across the Commonwealth.

## NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

• Tuesday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.