



For Public Dissemination -
Culpeper County Emergency Response Plan -
For: 2019 -Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) -

The first and most important message that The Culpeper County Board of Supervisors and all local government agencies would like to express to our citizens, is to encourage them to “Not Panic” at the news that the state of Virginia has confirmed positive cases of the Coronavirus. County Officials are very closely monitoring this situation and are simply encouraging people to remain calm and follow the CDC recommendations for prevention.

The Culpeper County Office of Emergency Services has developed an emergency response plan to further assist the coordinated local efforts to address the health concerns related to COVID-19. This coordinated effort includes the cooperation and involvement of several local, state and federal partners as well as our local urgent care and long-term health facilities, and is aimed at providing the most cohesive approach possible to establishing a specific management and mitigation plan to organize all resources that could potentially be needed for our County in the event that we encounter an exposure to COVID-19 locally.

This specific emergency response plan will act as an extension of the existing Culpeper County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the purpose of management and mitigation during this health concern. The plan addresses matters related to medical and health response, emergency management, resource management, mass care, quarantine and public information dissemination.

This Plan will be disseminated and shared amongst all departments and agencies that provide direct supportive and response services to the citizens of Culpeper County. Some strategic considerations will be presented in the plan and it will include the latest recommendations and guidelines as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. The purpose for this emergency response plan is to merely initiate a proactive planning and collaborative approach between all appropriate departments and agencies in the county. At this time, the scope of this plan is aimed at “Education and Prevention”.

It is important to stress that there are still many recorded cases of seasonal flu that have no direct correlation with COVID-19. While COVID-19 shares many of the same signs/symptoms as the flu, a presentation of those similar signs/symptoms does not immediately indicate a COVID-19 infection. Therefore, we are encouraging everyone to follow the guidance and recommendations from the CDC, the VDH and the local physicians. Follow the appropriate preventative measures, then consult with a health care provider. Again, those recommendations and guidance’s are subject to change, so stay informed.

For questions about the plan, contact The Culpeper Office of Emergency Services at: 540-727-7161

For the latest recommendations and guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>