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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**County of Culpeper Announces Closure of County Buildings to the Public  
Beginning at 8:00 a.m., Monday March 23, 2020.**

The County of Culpeper is closely monitoring the coronavirus pandemic. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District announced on March 20, 2020 that there are two individuals in their 70's who reside in Culpeper that have tested positive for novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The County of Culpeper announces the closures of all County buildings to the public, beginning 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020, until further notice. The action is in response to continued concerns over the spread of novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. The closures apply only to areas accessed by the public. Staff will continue working Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These closures are necessary to protect the health and safety of citizens and employees. Culpeper County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary Deal stated that "In addition to the closures, many employees have been instructed to work from home, but we will insure that the mission of serving the public continues to be carried out. The closures will help control the spread of the virus, while allowing us to continue providing services to citizens online, via phone, and by appointment, if absolutely necessary."

The Courthouse will remain open for critical court services.

The landfill and residential convenience center will be open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Culpeper County and Town parks have closed playgrounds and pavilions through May 9, 2020. Trails remain open to the public.

We encourage you to think local during these uncertain times. The public can show community support by continuing to patron local businesses that offer online shopping, curbside pickup and delivery, or by purchasing a gift card for future use. While this is a difficult time, we remain optimistic and know that our community is resilient. We are stronger together, and we will endure – together.

#### Online Services

Residents may access services online in several ways on the County's website ([web.culpepercounty.gov](http://web.culpepercounty.gov))

#### Phone Services

As always, the County of Culpeper is standing by, ready to answer phone calls. Please contact the appropriate departments directly. If you need assistance, contact County Administration at 540-727-3427.

The County of Culpeper continues to reassess the evolving situation daily by remaining in frequent contact with the Virginia Department of Health through the Culpeper County Department of Emergency Management, and will provide updates to the community to include notifying the public if there are any changes to these procedures.

For general questions about COVID-19, the general public is encouraged to call the RRHD COVID-19 Hotline at 540-316-6302 or visit [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus).

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