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Status Update 3/25/2020: The latest from York County

Local Business Listing, Waste Management Update

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This email is part of an ongoing status update from York County. Prior updates are not included below, but are posted on our website. View prior status updates at: www.yorkcounty.gov.

Governor Northam extended the statewide closure of public schools for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, the [Governor's Executive Order Fifty-Three](#), which became effective at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, orders the closure of certain non-essential businesses and bans all gathering of more than 10 people.

Helping the Local Business Community

Members of the community have expressed interest in supporting local businesses during this challenging time. York County's Office of Economic Development is maintaining a web page listing local businesses with store hours and services being offered (i.e. food delivery). Visit www.yesyorkcounty.com/openforbusiness for the listing of businesses. If residents and/or business owners know of one not included on the listing, please email the information to econdev@yorkcounty.gov. Check back often – the list is updated as we receive new information.

Local Charitable Organizations

During times of emergency, charitable organizations provide for the needs of many in the community. Consider donating your time or resources to the a charitable group, such as United Way of the Virginia Peninsula (<https://www.uwvp.org/>), Virginia Peninsula Food Bank (<http://hrfoodbank.org/>) and the American Red Cross (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>), to help others in need.

Social Media

Several York County offices maintain active Facebook accounts where information is posted regularly. Please consider “liking” or “following” these accounts to receive up-to-date information at www.facebook.com:

- Government - [@yorkcountyva](https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva)
- Fire & Life Safety - [@yorkcountyfire](https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyfire)
- York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office - [@YorkPoquosonSheriff](https://www.facebook.com/YorkPoquosonSheriff)
- Office of Economic Development - [@YesYorkVA](https://www.facebook.com/YesYorkVA)
- Visit Yorktown - [@VisitYorktown](https://www.facebook.com/VisitYorktown)
- Public Library - [@yorkcountypubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary)
- School Division - [@yorkcountyschoolsva](https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyschoolsva)

Voter Registration

The Voter Registrar’s office, like all County offices/buildings, remains closed to the public. The Voter Registrar encourages voters to register or update their address online at www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal. Individuals without access to the Internet may call (757) 890-3440 to request an application be mailed to them. Once completed, the form may be returned via mail to York County Voter Registrar, P.O. Box 451, Yorktown VA 23690. For additional details, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Waste Management Update

York County’s Waste Management Division has seen an increase in the amount of household trash being collected this week. Our contracted trash collection provider, Republic Services, is working later each day to ensure all collections are complete. Residents are asked to leave their containers at the curbside on their collection day until their trash is picked up.

The Keep American Beautiful group, along with York County Waste Management and Beautification Committee, ask everyone to refrain from community cleanup events during this time due to the Governor’s order for social distancing and the ban on groups of more than 10 people.

For a listing of York County phone numbers, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/directory.

The closures/cancellations listing is regularly updated on the County’s website - www.yorkcounty.gov – and is being shared on the County’s Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva/>.

COVID-19 Information

Symptoms of COVID-19 – fever, cough, shortness of breath – have ranged from mild to severe, and like other respiratory illnesses, it is spread through coughing and sneezing. There is currently no vaccine to prevent the disease, and the CDC recommends that we take the following steps to help prevent the spread of not only this virus, but the flu and other respiratory diseases as well:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

York County officials continue to monitor COVID-19 and are in regular contact with regional officials and representatives of the Virginia Department of Health. Citizens are reminded to ensure they seek up-to-date information from reliable sources, such as the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#).