

COVID-19 ISSUE ALERT

We are committed to keeping citizens of Charles City County updated with important information related to this issue. There has been an increase in positive tests for COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Those at elevated risk include:

- People in communities where ongoing community spread with the virus that causes COVID-19 has been reported are at elevated though still relatively low risk of exposure.
- Healthcare workers caring for patients with COVID-19.
- Close contacts of persons with COVID-19.
- Travelers returning from affected international locations where community spread is occurring.

It is important to remember to seek information from trusted sources such as the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

The health and safety of Charles City County is our top priority. There are steps citizens can take to protect themselves from the spread of Coronavirus and other communicable diseases.

Currently, there are no vaccines available to prevent coronavirus disease; however, there are steps you can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold that will also help prevent coronavirus disease:

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others

The CDC does not recommend that people who are not sick wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory viruses. Rather, masks should be reserved for people who are sick so they can protect others from getting infected.

Check out the materials below for additional facts about Coronavirus.

[CDC: COVID-19 Fact Sheet](#)

[CDC: What to do if you're sick.](#)

[CDC: Stop the Spread of Germs](#)

[Virginia Department of Health: COVID-19](#)

WHO: COVID-19 Updates