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**COVID-19 RELEASE No. 2
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**

This afternoon, acting as the Director of Emergency Management, County Administrator, Garrey W. Curry, Jr. declared a Local State of Emergency in response to the potential spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its impact on the County of Rappahannock.

The primary reason for declaring a local state of emergency is to provide the opportunity for future funding reimbursement from the state and federal government and provide for emergency procurement if necessary.

At the time of this release there continue to be no known cases of COVID-19 in Rappahannock County. Some citizens have confused reported cases in the “Rappahannock Health District” as being related to our county, but that health district is in a different area of the state.

Local Emergency Management Officials continue to suggest that citizens obtain information from official sources such as the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on their respective websites:

VDH: www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus Or by telephone: (877) -ASK-VDH3
CDC: www.coronavirus.gov (877) -275-8343

In keeping with CDC recommendations related to social distancing, the Library Board of Trustees has elected to close the Rappahannock County Library effective today at least through March 31, 2020. Due dates on all library materials will be extended and the library website, www.rappahannocklibrary.org, remains available 24/7 offering access to e-books, e-audio books, and educational & research databases. Further, Wi-Fi will be available 24/7 on the library grounds.

The Director of Emergency Management will be working with local public bodies to determine on a case by case basis whether government meetings will occur as scheduled or be canceled. Meetings that do not include critical or time-sensitive topics will be

canceled and rescheduled. Citizens should rely on typical meeting notification processes such as the county's [BoardDocs webpage](#) to understand the latest status of a scheduled meeting.

This release and other pertinent information will be added to a new page on the County webpage (www.rappahannockcountyva.gov) that can be accessed by selecting the top link called "[COVID-19 Information](#)" in the list of links on the right side of the home page. This page currently includes important documents regarding the functioning of the Rappahannock County courts.

The Rappahannock Food Pantry has announced that they will remain open for their normal hours (Tuesday / Thursday 12:00 pm – 4:00pm and Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm), but service will be provided as a drive through with preselected portions of food provided to each patron. In addition, all Rappahannock County citizens are welcome to visit and receive food (be prepared to share name, address, phone number, and number of people in household). Those interested in volunteering should call the Food Pantry at (540) 987-5090. Donations of food are also accepted with a preference for: ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, olive oil, strawberry jam, pancake syrup, and bread (please call ahead).

The Rappahannock County Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the incident and provide updates as additional information becomes available.