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**COVID-19 RELEASE No. 8
Friday, June 5, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Rappahannock County Government Begins to Restore Normal Operations
Shenandoah National Park Boundary Trailhead Access to Re-Open Soon**

(Washington, VA) – Governor Ralph Northam announced that Phase Two of the Forward Virginia Blueprint will begin today. While social distancing continues to be encouraged, Phase Two supports larger gatherings and an opportunity for less restrictive local government measures.

With the start of Phase Two, the Board of Supervisors supports in-person local public body meetings when and where they can be held safely. The Governor's Executive Order 63 requires, with exception, patrons seeking government services to wear masks covering the mouth and nose. This includes patrons attending local public body meetings and visiting buildings.

We ask the public to continue to conduct county-government business by telephone or email whenever possible, but when in-person access is required, protective barriers are now in place at the point of public service in most offices. In general, the public will have access only to main lobbies and service-counter areas. The following listing describes current access and operations in each county office/facility. These practices are subject to change over the coming days and weeks as we continue to adapt to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

County Administration: 675-5330

- Please conduct business by telephone or email when possible.
- Limited drop-in visits will be accommodated outside after making contact at the door.

Building Official / Zoning Administrator / Emergency Services / 911 Coordination: 675-5340

- Service counter will reopen on Monday, June 8, limited to one patron at a time.
- A pick-up/drop-off location remains in place in the corridor outside of the lobby door.
- Building permit inspections will continue, but must be arranged by telephone/email.
- In-person meetings will be scheduled by appointment solely for time-sensitive matters.

Combined General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Clerk: 675-5356
Circuit Court Clerk: 675-5350

- Altered operations pursuant to Supreme Court of Virginia Emergency Order: http://www.vacourts.gov/news/items/covid/scv_emergency_orders.pdf
- Call to obtain latest status.

Commissioner of Revenue: 675-5370

- Lobby open and limited to one patron at a time.

Commonwealth's Attorney/County Attorney: 675-5338

- Foyer open for walk-in service; ring bell for service through glass door.

Library: 675-3780

- Curbside services available, see website for more detail.
- Due dates on all library materials extended to June 30.
- The library website, www.rappahannocklibrary.org, remains available 24/7 offering access to e-books, e-audio books, and educational and research databases.
- Public Wi-Fi available in parking area.

Refuse and Recycling Centers:

- Hours of operations remain unchanged.
- Please observe appropriate social distancing when using the Amissville or Flatwood centers. Please leave the centers immediately after disposing of your household waste.
- Flatwood "Share Shed" remains closed.

Sheriff's Office: 675-5300 (non-emergency)

- Call 911 in an emergency only.
- Lobby open for walk-in service.
- Call to set up an appointment to speak with a law enforcement officer.

Social Services: 675-3313

- The lobby will reopen to the public on Thursday, June 10.
- The public may also use commonhelp.virginia.gov or call (855) 635-4370 to access benefit programs.

Treasurer: 675-5360

- Lobby open without restrictions.

Visitors Center:

- Remains closed to the public.
- Public Wi-Fi available in the parking area.

Voter Registrar: 675-5380

- Lobby open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., limited to one patron at a time.
- In-person absentee voting available until Saturday, June 20.

Rappahannock County Water and Sewer Authority Plant: 987-3185 or rcwsa1@gmail.com

- Contact RCWSA staff to arrange a meeting; no drop-in visits.

Rappahannock County Recreational Facilities Authority (County Park): 675-5330

- Pavilion rentals expected to resume soon.
- Maintain proper social distancing.
- Call for latest information.

Shenandoah National Park (SNP) is currently operating in Phase One with daytime use of Skyline Drive and adjacent trails available. SNP anticipates transitioning to Phase Two on or about June 11, 2020, at which time boundary trailheads located within Rappahannock County will reopen to the community. The timing of the transition to Phase Two for SNP is subject to change. The Latest information from the National Park Service is available here: <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/alerts.htm>.

The Rappahannock County Office of Emergency Management continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will provide updates as developments warrant and additional information becomes available.

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