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ORANGE COUNTY MAINTAINS STATE OF READINESS AND ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY AWARENESS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

Orange County, VA - Though no cases have been reported in the County, Orange continues readiness efforts for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and any potential effects on the community. Citizens are encouraged to utilize available resources to maintain awareness, and to observe healthy practices.

“Orange County is maintaining a coordinated effort with local and state agencies to provide resources for the health and safety of our community,” said Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Jim Crozier.

Citizens are encouraged to exercise healthy practices, including:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (only if soap and water are not available).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continually update online information regarding COVID-19.

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- VDH: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

The Virginia Department of Health has activated a public information line, 877-ASK-VDH3, for questions about the novel coronavirus situation.

Orange County staff will continue to monitor the situation and maintain contact with local, state, and federal partners.

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