



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Status Update 3/24/2020:** **The latest from York County** Meeting/Event cancellations, Library Outreach

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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](http://www.yorkcounty.gov).*

Yesterday, 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 goes into effect at 11:59 p.m. tonight (Tuesday, March 24), orders the closure of certain non-essential businesses and bans all gathering of more than 10 people.

### **Board of Supervisors**

The April 7 work session has been cancelled

### **County Offices**

York County offices, facilities, playgrounds and libraries are closed to the public *until further notice*. Staff is reporting to work and continuing to provide services to the community. Citizens are encouraged to visit the website – [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov) – and utilize online payments, customer service requests, and more.

### **Library**

- Got a question for a librarian? Digital collection assistance, library website questions, eBook troubleshooting...whatever the question, “Ask-A-Librarian.” Link is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library) or directly at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/YCPLAskaLibrarian](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YCPLAskaLibrarian).
- The library is continuing its Live Stream Story Time on Facebook on Wednesday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. suited for children ages 1.5 to 6 years old. On Facebook, visit [@yorkcountypubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary).

## Tourism Development

- The delay and suspension of Historic Yorktown operations and buildings has been extended until further notice. That includes: Trolley Service; Opening of Gallery at York Hall and the York County Historical Museum; the Riverwalk Landing Piers and the Freight Shed.
- This also means we will have to cancel or postpone any county-sponsored or co-sponsored events from now until the end of April including our opening market, French Market, and Pirate Festival. As previously announced, the National Park Service's Civil War Weekend; the Victory at Yorktown 10K, 5K, and 1 Mile Family Fun Run and Ferrari Invasion are all canceled.
- We will continue to evaluate the remaining spring events. For a list of all other gallery, museum, restaurant, shopping and lodging changes, please go to [visityorktown.org](http://visityorktown.org) and follow Visit Yorktown on social media.

## York-Poquoson Virginia Cooperative Extension

Master Gardener events have been cancelled through the end of May, including:

- Annual Plant Sale
- Master Gardener Study Trip
- Flower Therapy at the Convalescent Center
- Earth Day Event
- Fairies and Friends Pollinator Day
- All Library Talks

For more information, call (757) 890-4940.

## Yorktown Beach

Earlier today, County Administrator Neil Morgan ordered the closure of the Yorktown Beach to sunbathing and swimming. This closure also includes the National Park Service (NPS) Beach Picnic Area located at the end of Water Street as well as the NPS beach west of the Coleman Bridge. **The Yorktown Beach and Riverwalk Landing walkway are open for pedestrians.** However, the rules of social distancing apply (stay six feet apart) with group size limited to no more than 10 people. For additional details, [view the press release online](#).

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For a listing of York County phone numbers, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/directory](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/directory).

The closures/cancellations listing is regularly updated on the County's website - [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov) – and is being shared on the County's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyyva/>.

## 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 \(VDH\)](#).