



General County News
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The Latest Coronavirus Information for Albemarle County *Forward Virginia Phase 2 to begin Friday, June 5*

Effective Friday, June 5, Virginia will enter Phase 2 of the Forward Virginia plan to safely and gradually ease health restrictions while containing the spread of COVID-19. Read Governor Northam's [Executive Order 65](#) and review the [guidance for businesses](#) to familiarize yourself with what you might expect for the next few weeks.

Albemarle County Local Government has continued its operations since mid-March, shifting our workforce to telework wherever possible, while supporting our community's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While our doors are closed to the public, we have continued to provide many of the same programs and services - and we will continue to do so under Phase 2.

During Phase 2, here's what you can expect for Albemarle County Local Government beginning on Friday, June 5.

- *Updated* The County Office Buildings will remain closed to the public until at least Monday, July 6, with limited exceptions. This date will be revisited the last week of June.
 - All tax payments must be made through one of our [contactless payment options](#).
 - Community Development will continue to receive intake of applications and payments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but customers are encouraged to [submit online](#).
 - Police will continue to receive limited customers through managed access of the 5th Street Office Building.
 - Voter Registration will continue to offer curbside in-person absentee voting for the upcoming June 23 primaries. Voters are encouraged to vote by-mail absentee – [request a ballot online](#) through June 16.
- *Updated* Park amenities will re-open at Albemarle County parks.
 - Playgrounds, tennis courts, and basketball courts for community/pick-up use
 - Gathering areas, including grills, picnic tables, pavilions, and shelters
 - Restrooms *beginning Tuesday, June 9*
- *Updated* Community Centers will remain on a limited-operating basis.
 - Reservations for private events remain suspended
 - Food pantry and distribution activities remain operational
- Parks programming remains suspended.

- Summer swimming beaches, summer camp, classes and recreation programs remain closed/canceled
- Field reservations are not available
- Community use of County facilities remains unavailable.
 - Meeting rooms in County Office Buildings
 - Training rooms/birthday parties at Fire Stations
- Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and meetings of all other meetings public bodies will remain virtual.
- Our staff in the field – including inspectors, project managers, and Social Services personnel – will be wearing cloth face coverings. To protect our staff and reduce the transmission of COVID-19, they will ask you to wear a cloth face covering too. We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to flatten the curve and keep our community safe.
- First responders will continue with revised response protocols to ensure the safety of everyone.
 - Our 911 call takers will continue to ask screening questions
 - Fire Rescue personnel may don additional personal protective equipment
 - Police or Fire Rescue may request you meet them outside, if practical

We are still here for you.

Please visit our website (www.albemarle.org) or call us at 434-243-7929 for assistance. Specific to COVID-19, visit our COVID-19 resource page (www.albemarle.org/covid19)

What You Can Do

First, share this message with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues.

[Signup to receive these messages in your inbox.](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of resources for businesses, households, schools, and faith-based organizations at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). The CDC is specifically encouraging people to:

- Wear a cloth face covering in all public settings.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (physical distancing).
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles)

Stay Up-To-Date on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)

The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is our community's local public health agency and works closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **TJHD has opened a hotline at (434) 972-6261 to answer questions from the public** regarding COVID-19. At this time, that number is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The public can leave messages that will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.



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