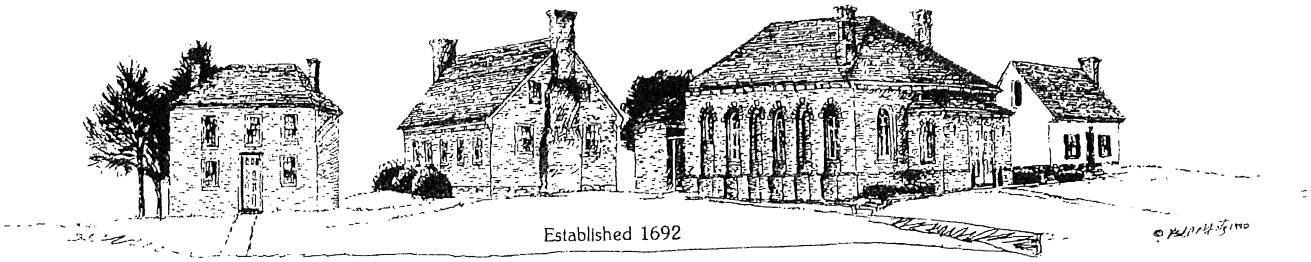

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RICHMOND COUNTY PRESS RELEASE – COVID-19

County officials were notified today by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) of a positive COVID-19 case in Richmond County which may be travel related. The individual is isolated and being monitored by the Virginia Department of Health. The Virginia Department of Health notified the County of this confirmed case to ensure local public safety officials were aware and could continue the precautions necessary to mitigate further spread.

The confirmation of a case in Richmond County was only a matter of time. Richmond County began preparations in anticipation of this event by declaring a local emergency on March 17, 2020. Since then, Richmond County closed its offices to the public and began conducting business online and by telecommunications to decrease risk and support social distancing initiatives. Emergency Responders and Local Law Enforcement have also taken recommended precautions to mitigate the risk of exposure.

Richmond County encourages all citizens to assist in lowering the risk of germ spread to include washing your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, stay home when you are sick, avoid non-essential travel, avoid contact with people who are sick, practice social distancing by maintaining at least six feet of space between yourself and other individuals when out in public, and avoid crowds of more than ten people.

The Three Rivers Health District has established a COVID-19 call line at (804)313-1638. The Virginia Department of Health has also established a state call center that can be reached at 1(877)AKS-VDH3 (1-877-257-8343).

County staff will continue to be available to conduct business and assist the public over the phone or by email.

Additional updates, notices, information and announcements will be posted on the County website at www.co.richmond.va.us and will also be posted on the Richmond County and Richmond County Department of Emergency Services Facebook page.

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