



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, INC.

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TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

COVID-19

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Chincoteague are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus situation. The Town's Emergency Management Team continues to remain in communications with our local, state and federal partners for the most precise guidance to ensure everyone's safety.

The state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia remains in place. Governor Northam has requested that people refrain from being in groups greater than ten people including restaurants, movie theaters, gyms, and other public places.

As of 10 AM, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, there are no presumptive or confirmed cases of Covid-19 on Chincoteague Island and no local declaration of emergency by Mayor and Council has been enacted. We will continue to follow the Governor's declaration and recommendations until such time it becomes prudent to declare a state of emergency locally within the Town.

The Town offices, Police Department and Fire/EMS departments are closed to all outside visitors. Staff are at work and services are continuing. Continuity of government remains a top priority after health and safety. Please feel free to call any of these departments with your questions.

We ask all business owners to follow the recommendations of the governor and any that we may issue in the coming days or weeks. For now, no assembly greater than 10 people. Plan for alternative means to serve the public and support the continuity of your business.

Planning is in the process to continue Town meetings electronically to ensure that the public has access to their government but without assembly. We will make this information available once we know how to proceed legally and effectively.

You are still the first line of defense in preventing the spread of cold, flu or the coronavirus. Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water and practice social

distancing when in public and even amongst family. Stay home when you are sick. The steps we take now will dictate how long we will need to stay this course.

If you or a family member becomes ill, immediately isolate yourself and family members from any other personal contact. Call your family doctor by phone for direction and do not go to the doctor's office unless told to do so. Do not call 911 or go to the emergency department for symptoms of the coronavirus unless directed to do so by your doctor as these avenues will be the most likely way that you may become exposed. You should only utilize 911 and the emergency departments for actual emergencies.

This is a serious and difficult time in our community and nation. It is not a time for panic but a time for understanding, patience and cooperation to meet this and any challenge that lies ahead. Please see www.chincoteague-va.gov or follow us on Facebook for updated information or direction as it becomes available.