



PRESS RELEASE

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONTINUES PROVIDING MODIFIED COUNTY SERVICES

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For Additional Information: Please Contact County Administration (540) 483-3030

Rocky Mount, Virginia – Franklin County remains open for business with modified services and activities at this time. The County is committed to providing a safe environment for our employees and our citizens while simultaneously providing quality services. Out of an abundance of caution due to the circumstances associated with Coronavirus (COVID-19), Franklin County requests citizens to utilize phone, online, curbside, and email interaction with County departments. The general lobby of the Franklin County Government Center remains accessible to citizens picking up or dropping off items related to County business.

Online service information can be found on the [Franklin County Website](http://www.franklincountyva.gov) – www.franklincountyva.gov or by calling or emailing County Departments directly.

Franklin County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and seeks provide citizens with the most up-to-date information. The County’s website [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page](#) is the primary source for official County information.

The County continues to support the local business community during the economic disruption. Important business-related information is regularly updated and shared through the County’s “*Coronavirus Updates for Business*” webpage which can be found [here](#). The [business resource webpage](#) contains helpful information for employers impacted by COVID-19, including national, state, and regional financial resources. The business portal includes a forms link for the business community to communicate issues to local, state, and federal authorities. The County is partnering with the [Blue Ridge Virginia Career Works](#) to offer COVID -19 business assistance funding for qualifying Franklin County businesses. Funding is available to assist with facility sanitation cleaning, teleworking equipment, as well as other essential items. Applications for this program will be accepted between March 30th and April 3rd, 2020. Funding application and eligibility information can be found at www.vcwblueridge.com . Interested Franklin County businesses are encouraged to apply. The County is further evaluating other resources that may assist the business community during the COVID-19 disruption.

As the health and economic conditions continue to change and impact local citizens and businesses, Franklin County will continue to provide up-to-date information on federal, state, and regional directives.

Franklin County residents are urged to practice healthy disease prevention practices including:

- Washing hands often with soap (preferably 20 or more second duration)
- Avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Staying home if you are sick



- Social Distancing
- Avoiding Groups over 10 Persons at this time
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

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Please utilize the resources below for additional information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Questions about COVID-19 signs and symptoms? Get answers from the Carilion Community Hotline. The hotline is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1-866-604-2873.

[Virginia Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

COVID-19 SYMPTOM CHECKER

If you experience these symptoms, call your provider or walk-in urgent care clinic such as VelocityCare to arrange for possible testing.

SYMPTOM	COVID-19	INFLUENZA	COMMON COLD	ALLERGIES
FEVER	COMMON	COMMON	RARE OR NONE	LESS COMMON
DRY COUGH	COMMON	COMMON	LESS COMMON	LESS COMMON
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	COMMON	RARE OR NONE	RARE OR NONE	COMMON
HEADACHE	LESS COMMON	COMMON	RARE OR NONE	LESS COMMON
MUSCLE ACHES/JOINT PAIN	LESS COMMON	COMMON	LESS COMMON	RARE OR NONE
FATIGUE	LESS COMMON	COMMON	LESS COMMON	LESS COMMON
SORE THROAT	LESS COMMON	LESS COMMON	COMMON	RARE OR NONE
SNEEZING	RARE OR NONE	LESS COMMON	COMMON	COMMON
RUNNY NOSE	RARE OR NONE	LESS COMMON	COMMON	COMMON
STUFFY NOSE	RARE OR NONE	RARE OR NONE	COMMON	COMMON
DIARRHEA	RARE OR NONE	LESS COMMON	RARE OR NONE	RARE OR NONE

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