



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FRANKLIN COUNTY UPDATE

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**Rocky Mount, Virginia** – Franklin County cordially reminds citizens to help one another and continue to work in reducing the threat of community spread of COVID-19.

Please note as of today, VDH reports approximately **333** confirmed COVID cases in Franklin County which is a sizeable increase from the previous weeks. During the last two weeks, Franklin County has seen a **31% increase in the number of reported new cases**, which is the largest increase in the number of new cases since the pandemic began last March.

Franklin County expresses it is vitally important for area residents and visitors to continue to adhere to wearing facial coverings or masks in public areas, exercise social distancing, and practice good hand hygiene.

Residents are urged to practice healthy disease prevention practices including:

- Wearing a mask or face covering
- Exercising Social Distancing of at least 6 feet
- 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
- Avoiding large groups of persons
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

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Franklin County officials continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby offering guidance and collaboration with local / state officials, health care providers, first responders, schools, businesses, social service agencies, etc. For more information, visit our [COVID-19 page](https://www.franklincountyva.gov/678/Coronavirus-COVID-19) at <https://www.franklincountyva.gov/678/Coronavirus-COVID-19>.

Local Department of Health- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/west-piedmont/>

Virginia Department of Health - <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Governor of Virginia - <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

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