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## NELSON COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY, Announces Closures

LOVINGSTON, VA – March 19, 2020: The County of Nelson has declared a local state of emergency late Wednesday afternoon in response to the threat to public health and safety from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The declaration allows the County to make decisions quickly concerning emergency actions that might be needed in the best interest of and for the welfare of residents as well as allocate local resources as necessary.

In addition, the declaration will allow the County to access operational resources and funding from state and federal agencies. The President declared a national state of emergency on March 13, 2020, and Governor Northam declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 12.

The County continues to actively monitor the updates and recommendations concerning the virus with the guidance of local, regional, and state health experts. All residents are asked to limit in-person visits to the Administration and Courthouse building. Please call the department you are planning to visit before arriving to see if the need for the visit might be met via phone or email.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, and ensure that essential county functions remain available to meet the needs of our residents, the following County Offices are restricting access to staff only:

Nelson County Building Inspection is scheduling appointments and requesting anyone with inspection needs call the office before heading over. Please call them at (434)260-7080.

The Commissioner of Revenue can complete many transactions over the phone or online. The office urges residents to call (434)263-7070 before visiting the office.

Nelson County Economic Development and Tourism is restricting access to staff only. The Visitor Center is currently closed. Please call (434)263-7015 to contact this department.

Nelson County Information Services is handling all requests via telephone and email. Residents can reach them at (434)263-7120. Susan Rorrer can be reached at [srorrer@nelsoncounty.org](mailto:srorrer@nelsoncounty.org); Andrew Crane at [acrane@nelsoncounty.org](mailto:acrane@nelsoncounty.org); and Rachel Arthur can be contacted by emailing [rarthur@nelsoncounty.org](mailto:rarthur@nelsoncounty.org).



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Nelson County Memorial Library is closed for renovations but still has a variety of online activities and amenities available. They can be reached (434)263-6530.

Nelson County Parks and Recreation has had a number of recreational sports seasons postponed and events canceled. Soccer season has been postponed with a tentative start date of April 13. Dixie baseball has been postponed until April 4. The Piney River Mini Triathlon set for April 4 is canceled. The Nelson Community Egg Hut set for April 11 is canceled. The Nelson Downriver Race planned for May 2, is now listed as To Be Determined in cooperation with local, state and federal health authorities' recommendations. Lastly, Nelson's Greatest Adventure Race, originally set for May 16, is also listed as To Be Determined. Residents can reach the Parks and Recreation Department at (434)263-7130.

Nelson County Planning and Zoning is scheduling appointments and requesting anyone with inspection needs call the office before heading over. Please call them at (434)263-7090.

Nelson County Public Schools are closed in accordance with the orders of the Governor of Virginia. School administration offices can be reached at (434)260-7646. More information regarding school closures can also be found by visiting [www.nelson.k12.va.us/](http://www.nelson.k12.va.us/).

Nelson County Treasurer can accomplish a number of transactions via email and over the phone. Contact Treasurer Angela Hicks at [ahicks@nelsoncounty.org](mailto:ahicks@nelsoncounty.org) or you can call the office at (434)263-7060.

Nelson County Social Services is limiting public contact. Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the community may reach staff at their main number (434)263-7160, between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Staff will conduct required interviews for benefits by phone, and will accept all other paper applications, online applications via [www.commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov), and through the call center at (855) 635-4370.

Solid Waste Collection Centers will remain open, but the Re-use sheds are closed until further notice.

Thank you for your patience. We look forward to serving you.

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