

## ATTENTION STANLY COUNTY CITIZENS

The safety and security of our employees and citizens is a top priority. County officials are continuing to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, all County departments are operational; however, the County is limiting non-essential programming in compliance with State and Federal recommendations and guidance.

Further, we ask citizens to limit their face to face interaction at County offices. Citizens are encouraged to utilize our many web based services, payment drop boxes or call County staff in advance of traveling to a County office. A full list of county contacts can be found at:

<http://www.stanlycountync.gov/departments/>

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Everyday precautions will help to prevent the spread of this and other respiratory diseases. These preventative tips include:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water and for at least 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched using regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

In addition, citizens should prepare for COVID-19 by getting the latest information directly from reliable sources. The COVID-19 outbreak has been accompanied by significant misinformation from unreliable sources. Be careful and pay close attention to what you read or hear about the virus in an effort to separate rumors from fact.

Any changes to County operations will be communicated on the County's web page. Please visit the Health Department's COVID-19 web page (<http://stanlyhealth.com/2019-covid-19-2/>) for the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the NC Dept. of Health & Human Services (NC DHHS). Stanly County will also be providing updates on our Facebook and Twitter social media accounts.

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