



City of Danville

Office of the Mayor

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Concerned Members of the Community:

I know many of you have questions and concerns about how your City is responding to the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. I want you to be aware that we are taking all necessary steps to be prepared as a local government.

City staff began closely monitoring and reacting to this situation a few weeks ago. On March 2, we issued a press release on this issue and Mark Aron of River City TV did an interview with Dr. Spillman, the head of our local branch of the Virginia Department of Health. We also established a website with information about our response and readiness, which includes the interview with Dr. Spillman: <http://danvilleva.gov/coronavirus> This website contains press releases and other up-to-date information and links to other official websites that should be your primary source of information.

It is also important for you to know that part of our mission as a local government is to be prepared in the event of an emergency, whether it be natural or man-made. For example:

- We have an Emergency Operations Plan that provides direction on how we respond to all manners of emergencies, including biological emergencies.
- During emergencies, we work closely with other emergency responders like the Danville Life Saving Crew, SOVAH Health, and others.
- Our department heads and first responders train frequently on what to do during an emergency and stand ready to respond.
- We have plans in place just in case our organization has a worker shortage in order to provide for the continuation of essential City services.

If you want to keep up-to-date on all things related to Danville City Government, visit our website at (<https://www.danville-va.gov/>) When you scroll down, on the left are our most recent press releases on urgent issues of importance.

Be well,

Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor
City of Danville, Virginia