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CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND PRECAUTIONS

PURCELLVILLE, Va. March 12, 2020 — The health and wellness of the citizens and staff will always be the Town of Purcellville's top priority. Like so many of you, we have been focusing our efforts on learning about the Coronavirus and preparing for any potential impact. Our primary guiding objective is to keep the citizens and our employees safe while maintaining continuity of services to the community.

This is an evolving situation and as cases of the coronavirus continue to expand throughout the metropolitan area, the Town will continue to make ongoing adjustments to our emergency plans, general operations and response strategy. As these changes occur, we will continue to provide updates to the community.

Staff is closely monitoring and following both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Loudoun County Health Department guidelines and recommendations to prevent the spread of the virus. In addition to these efforts, we would like to take an opportunity to provide important reminders and resources for you to stay up to date and informed during this evolving situation.

Important Reminders:

Health officials encourage everyone to remain diligent and follow the actions noted below to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

It is important to note, the transmission of the virus does not pose a risk through the Town's drinking water or sewage treatment.

Resources:

The Loudoun County Health Department is the primary agency responsible for local response to public health concerns. To review the latest information about the current

status and ongoing efforts, as well as sign up to receive updates, you may visit the Loudoun County Health Department website: www.loudoun.gov/Coronavirus.

Additional information is also available through the websites of the [Virginia Department of Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

The Town of Purcellville will continue to monitor developments associated with the Coronavirus as well as the coordination of response and management efforts at the federal, state and local levels.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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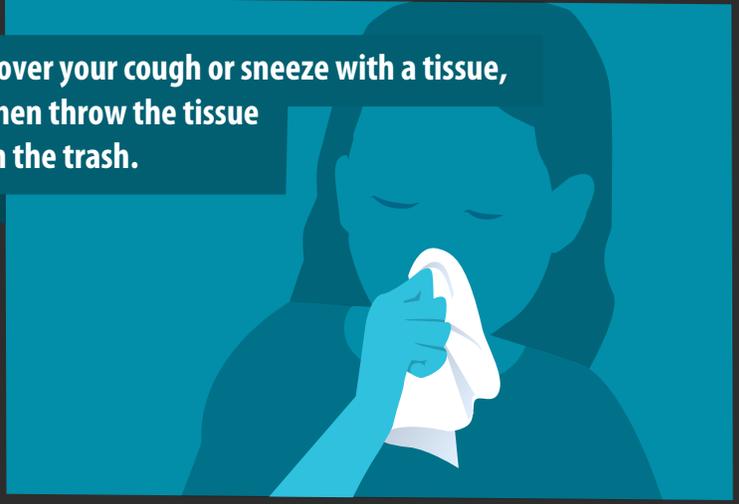
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

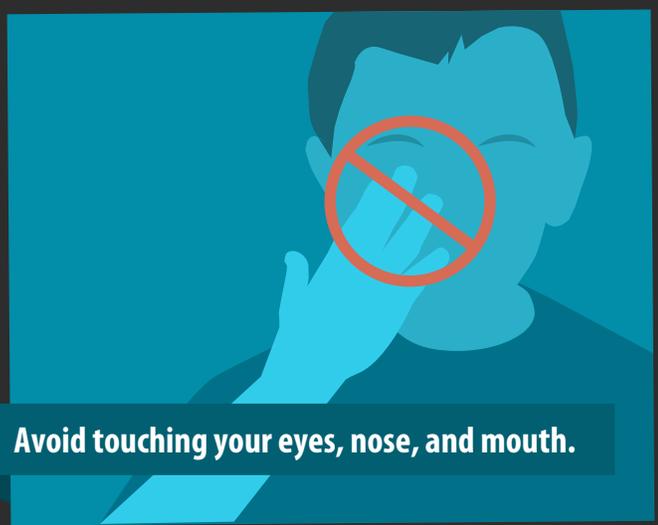
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Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19