

Bedford County's

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

May 15, 2020



Reopening Details Inside



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here to help

BEDFORD COUNTY COVID-19 CALL CENTER

This call center is set up to address non-emergency questions.

Our mission is to help Bedford County residents feel as safe as possible, while connecting you with resources that may address your needs.

CALL: 540-587-0720

EMAIL: COVID19-BedfordHelp@BedfordCountyVA.gov

Phones will be answered Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm.

A voicemail has been set up for calls that come in outside of those staffed hours.

All emergencies should still dial 9-1-1.

Sign up for Emergency Notifications and other information:

<http://alertbedford.com>

A L E R T
B E D F O R D

RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS OF EMERGENCIES AND CITIZEN INFORMATION SERVICES VIA



LANDLINE



CELLPHONE



EMAIL



SMS

Primary Moved to June 23

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we encourage you to vote at home via absentee ballot



The deadline to apply for a "by mail" absentee ballot is 5:00 pm on June 16, 2020



Call: (540) 586 - 7649
Web: tinyurl.com/BedfordAbsentee

COVID-19 Call Center

Safety Reminders:

- **Social Distancing:** Citizens are asked to practice social distancing; social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching the coronavirus.
- **Self-Quarantine:** People who have been exposed to the coronavirus and who are at risk for coming down with it are encouraged to practice self-quarantine. Health experts recommend that self-quarantine lasts 14 days. Two weeks provides enough time for them to know whether or not they will become ill and be contagious to other people.
- **Small Groups:** The presidential administration has limited gatherings to ten people or less and has issued a stay-at-home order.
- The [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- **Governor Northam's most recent "Stay-At-Home" Order can be viewed [HERE](#).**

Bedford County Call Center:

This call center is set up to address non-emergency questions, and will also assist any Bedford County resident needing assistance dealing with emotional stressors due to COVID-19. Its mission is to help Bedford County residents feel as safe as possible, while connecting them with the resources that may address their needs.

Dial 540-587-0720 or email COVID19-BedfordHelp@BedfordCountyVA.Gov. Phones will be answered Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm. A voicemail has been set up for calls that come in outside of those staffed hours. All emergencies should still dial 9-1-1.

Local Information:

For the latest updates on how COVID-19 is effecting our area, please visit <https://www.bedfordcountyva.gov/about-bedford/covid-19>

National and State Resources:

Citizens are also encouraged to visit the links below for the most current information.

www.cdc.gov/COVID19
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>

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540.587.0720

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Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

DO:

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use if under two years old
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other PPE intended for healthcare workers

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Operations Status

Solid Waste – Convenience Centers

All convenience centers continue to operate. The public can continue to utilize these facilities to dispose of their household waste, but should comply with social distancing guidelines when visiting these sites. Questions can be directed to (540) 586-7656.

Spring yard waste collection will be available April 15 – May 15 for Bedford County Residents. There is a limit of 2 loads of brush per day, per household. Limbs, brush, leaves, and yard clippings will be accepted. No commercial businesses, no bags, no construction, and no boards/lumber accepted. The following Convenience Centers will accept yard waste daily between 7:00am and 7:00pm at the Convenience Center sites:

- Blackwater Convenience Center
- Boonsboro Convenience Center
- Chamblissburg Convenience Center
- Forest Convenience Center
- Goode Convenience Center
- Moneta Convenience Center
- Montvale Convenience Center
- Otterville Convenience Center
- Stewartsville Convenience Center
- Stone Mountain Convenience Center

The County's transfer building (Route 43) will temporarily closed for construction on April 23, 2020. The County will continue to accept all previously appropriate waste materials at the Route 43 facility, and operating hours will not change. However, new drop-off areas have been developed for residents and small commercial vehicles as shown on the construction drawing.

Staff will direct all users entering the facility to an appropriate unloading area, as follows:

Bulk Recycling Area:

- Wood waste (brush, limbs, stumps, leaves ... no bags please)
- Tires
- Appliances, Metal
- Inert Materials (brick, block, concrete, stones)
- Garbage/Trash from small vehicles ... place inside the provided container

Residential Special Waste Area

- Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste

Landfill – Small Vehicles

Small vehicles such as pickup trucks with/without trailers may unload on a designated gravel area on the landfill.

Landfill Working Face – Large Trucks

All large trucks delivering waste must unload at the landfill working face.

Thank you for your patience and support during the construction period.

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County Administration Building & Departments:

The County Administration Building (122 E. Main Street, Bedford), will be open to the public beginning Monday, May 18. However, social distancing will still be utilized to protect the health of both the public and the staff; facemasks are preferred.

The service options which were put into place when our facilities closed will still be available to residents who would prefer to not enter the building or simply find these options more convenient (these options are outlined below).

- **Community Development:**

Residents can apply for building, zoning, land disturbing permits and other plan types online using the County's self-service site: <https://selfservice.bedfordcountyva.gov/energovprod/selfservice/home>. Staff will review and issue permits via email. Requested inspections are still on-going with additional precautions in place to protect staff and the residents from the spread of COVID-19. Those with questions can call (540) 586-7616.

- **Commissioner of Revenue Office:**

For inquiries regarding income tax filings please call (540) 586-7621.

- **Economic Development:**

Local, state, and federal resources available to businesses and workers impacted by COVID-19 are continually updated on the Bedford County Economic Development Website: www.bedfordeconomicdevelopment.com/business-assistance/covid-19-resources/.

Those with questions can also call (540) 587-5670.

- **Finance:**

Payments to vendors will be sent via mail. No in-person pick-up of checks will be permitted.

- **Treasurer's Office:**

The 2020 Real Estate 1st half taxes are still due 6/5/20; the bills were mailed out on May 4, 2020. Please call (540) 586-7670 with any questions.

Payments can be made in several ways:

- * **Online:** Residents may use www.officialpayments.com. To use this site, residents will need their account number, amount owed, and the jurisdiction code 1067. A small convenience fee is added per transaction.
- * **Credit Card Payments Via Mail:** Tax payments can be mailed to 122 E. Main St, Suite 101, Bedford, VA 24523. For credit card payments through the mail please use the back of the bill or visit <https://www.bedfordcountyva.gov/about-bedford/covid-19> to download a credit card form (form is located under the FAQ section on the left hand side).
- * **Check Payments Via Mail:** If possible, please include a copy of the tax bill and/or write the account number or RPC number on the check.
- * **Drop Box:** Payments can be placed in the secure drop box located in front of the Administration Building on Main Street.

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Circuit Court Clerk's Office

A fourth Order was entered by Chief Justice Lemons on May 6, 2020. This Order extends the Declaration of Judicial Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Emergency, through June 7, 2020. In light of this Order, Judge Updike entered an Order on May 8, 2020, with regard to operations of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. This office will continue the reduced operational hours schedule through June 5, 2020. Office hours are from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Staff will be in the office until 5:00 each day to assist the public by telephone and to continue to keep process filings, recordings, phone inquiries, email inquiries, and to assist with wills being offered for probate.

Please note that "facemasks are preferred". Those with questions can call (540) 586-7632.

Registrar's Office (Voter Information):

The Registrar's office (321 N. Bridge Street, Bedford) is open for in-person voting. Please use the sidewalk entrance on Bridge Street; only one person is allowed in at a time into the office. Voters are asked to wear masks if they have them. Staff can be reached at (540) 586-7649.

Residents are encouraged to conduct voter registration and requests for absentee ballots through the Dept. of Elections website: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. All voters are eligible to use voter code 2A and COVID-19 as qualifying reasons to request absentee ballots for upcoming elections.

Animal Shelter

The animal shelter (1307 Falling Creek Road, Bedford) is open by appointment only. The shelter can be reached at (540) 586-7690.

Staff is still working in the facility to care for the animals. All adoptions, owner turn-ins, and the receiving of animals are suspended at this time.

If you are looking for a lost pet, please contact the shelter at 540-586-7690. If it is determined that your pet is in the shelter, staff will arrange a pick-up time and bring the animal out of the building to you. Please be sure to have proof of ownership (license, vet records, pictures, etc.) to assist in the return process. **Do not arrive at the shelter unannounced.**

Welcome Center

The Bedford Area Welcome Center (816 Burks Hill Road) is will reopen to the public on May 18 at 9:00 am. Staff can be reached at (540) 587-5683; if no answer please leave a message. Please check DestinationBedfordVA.com for information about virtual events and also follow on Facebook at Bedford Area Welcome Center and Destination Bedford Virginia for additional information and updates.

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Parks & Recreation Facility at Falling Creek Park

The Parks & Recreation Facility offices at Falling Creek Park (1257 County Farm Road, Bedford) will be open to the public on Monday, May 18.

The Parks & Recreation Department can be reached at (540) 586-7682.

The Cooperative Extension can be reached at (540) 586-7675.

Drop boxes are located at the front of the building for any paperwork or small returns for anyone not wishing to enter the building.

• **Parks Facilities**

Facilities are open, but social distancing should still be observed as surfaces are not being sanitized. IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME.

• **Parks Reservations**

All reservations of Parks facilities or amenities through June 10, 2020 have been canceled. All registrations, rentals, reservations, and payments continue to be suspended until further notice.

• **Recreation Programming**

All programs, activities, trips, and reservations through June 10, 2020 are cancelled.

Full refunds or full credits will be issued for all cancelations and staff will call each spring sports athletic participant. Please allow 2-4 weeks for the refund check to be mailed if you elect to receive a refund.

As soon as this action is reversed, updated information will be put on Facebook, and our Bedford County Parks and Recreation website. Please be sure to monitor those sites so you know when normal operations will resume.

Department of Social Services

Given the inadequate space for social distancing, the Department of Social Services is limiting access to the building. Employees are continuing to telework as much as possible. If you need to see someone for a face to face appointment please call ahead to schedule an appointment at 540-586-7750 x 0. There is a drop box at the rear entrance that can be used to drop off needed paperwork.

Citizens who have appointments will need to arrive at the rear entrance and ring the intercom. The front desk will acknowledge visitor's arrival. The employee with whom the appointment is made will escort the visitor into the building. To best protect citizens and staff all persons entering the Department will have a temperature check done by infrared thermometer. All visitors are encouraged to wear a mask.

- **EBT Cards:** The issuance of Emergency EBT Cards will be determined by the agency and residents will be notified by a phone call when their Emergency EBT card is ready for pick up. If a customer's Virginia EBT card has been lost, stolen or is no longer working, they can call the EBT Customer Service Center at 1-866-281-2448 for a replacement EBT card.
- **SNAP Benefits:** If a customer wishes to apply for SNAP benefits they may do so by calling the Enterprise call center at 1-855-635-4370 or apply online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov
- **Healthcare:** Cover Virginia for Medicaid can be reached at 1-855-242-8282. Help answering questions regarding benefits can be found at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov.
- **Health Insurance Marketplace** questions can be directed to 1-800-318-2596 or www.healthcare.gov

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Voter Information

Primary is Rescheduled for June 23, 2020

Voters concerned about going to polls to vote in the Primary due to COVID-19 may request an absentee ballot by mail using reason code 2A. Due to stay at home orders issued by the Governor, you are strongly encouraged to vote at home by absentee ballot. You must first submit an Absentee Ballot Application. Once your application has been processed, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. You may request an absentee ballot online at www.elections.virginia.gov or you may request an application for Absentee Ballot application by calling your Voter Registration Office at 540-586-7649.

Absentee voting for these primaries started May 9, 2020; if you have already requested an absentee ballot, be looking for it in your mail.

The Governor has amended Executive Order 56 regarding the last day to register to vote in the June 23rd primaries; the last day to register to vote for these primaries is now May 26.

- **The deadline to apply for a “by mail” absentee ballot is 5:00 pm on June 16, 2020.**
- **The deadline for the voter registration office to receive absentee ballots is 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.**
- **Voters are still required to show a photo ID for the June Primary.**
- **In Person absentee voting is now available in the office of the Registrar at 321 N Bridge Street, Bedford, VA. Voting is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and also on Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. When the Library is closed, the Registrar’s office is accessible from the sidewalk entrance on Bridge Street.**

When completing your Application for Absentee Ballot, you must indicate which primary you choose to influence. **You may not participate in both primaries.**

The Democratic Primary is for voters in the 5th Congressional District only and has candidates for the House of Representatives. The Republican Primary has candidates for the US Senate. Questions regarding absentee voting may be directed to the Registrar at b.gunter@bedfordcountyva.gov or by calling 540-586-7649.

Barbara J. Gunter, General Registrar, Bedford County

BARBARA GUNTER, REGISTRAR

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321 N. Bridge St.
Suite 200
Bedford, VA 24523

[website](#)

540.586.7649

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at this time)



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Democratic Primary Ballot is available to voters in the 5th Congressional District and will include the following candidates for Member House of Representatives:

- R. D. Huffstetler, Jr.
- B. Cameron Webb
- Claire C. Russo
- John D. Lesinski



Republican Primary Ballot is available to all voters and will include the following candidates for Member United States Senate:

- Daniel M. Gade
- Thomas A. Speciale II
- Alissa A. Baldwin



Assistance for

Local Businesses

Do you need assistance in determining what programs and loans are available during the COVID-19 crisis for your business? Please visit the [Office of Economic Development's website](#) for available loans and grants. New information is added on a regular basis, so be sure to check back often and reach out to us at 540-587-5670.

Recovery Resources for Small Businesses

As businesses begin to look at reopening and/or planning to transition to the 'new normal,' there are a number of factors to consider and decisions to be made. The Virginia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) recommends using the [Review - Reopen - Recover process](#) no matter what stage you are in to determine your next steps. This [checklist](#) is meant to help guide you through those important questions



An employee at Litesheet Solutions in Forest is hard at work. Many manufacturers have maintained operations as they follow CDC guidelines for safety.

Help local store/restaurant owners know what's important to you as they reopen.

The Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance has put together [a short survey](#) for the public to share what's important to them as many stores and restaurants reopen beginning May 15, 2020, under [Virginia's Phase 1 Reopening Plan](#). Your input will help business owners know the best ways to address safety concerns. Take the survey [here](#) (identifying info is optional).

Jim Messier (left in photo) of Arthur's Jewelry in Bedford talks with a customer. Many retail businesses are beginning to reopen soon, under Gov. Northam's Phase 1 Reopening Plan, while others have maintained operations under strict guidelines and reduced hours.



TRACI BLIDO, DIRECTOR

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122 E. Main Street
Suite 202
Bedford, VA 24523

[website](#)

Phone: (540) 587-5670

Office Hours:
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8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Let [Pam Bailey](#) or [Traci Blido](#) know how we can help you during this troubling time. We will get through it.

(Please note: We are updating this COVID-19 Resources [page on our website](#) daily, so please bookmark the link.)

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Assistance for Local Businesses

Bedford County EDA assists businesses with PPE needs

The Bedford County Economic Development office and EDA recently worked with the Dept. of Fire and Rescue to meet the need for 10 manufacturers and public-facing service industries to obtain a supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to do business. If you are having trouble ordering or paying for PPE for your Bedford County business to maintain or reopen operations, please contact the Office of Economic Development, 540-587-5670 or Traci Blido, Economic Development Director, tblido@bedfordcountyva.gov. We may be able to help.

“All of us from Weldex really appreciate what you are doing to keep our local businesses open with PPE. Our team really appreciates this since we are going into different account that require us to use PPE when doing so. We were running very low and could not find any. It is great being part of Bedford County. Thanks so much for all your support and emails to help us though Covid-19. Have a blessed day.”

Robin Hartman, Weldex Sales Corporation



Virginia 30 Day Fund

The [Virginia 30 Day Fund](#), launched by a tech entrepreneur, provides 30-day loans to small businesses waiting for federal funds. Businesses must employ between 3-30 people, be based in Virginia and operating for at least one year, and owned and operated by a Virginia resident. Businesses do not need to repay the loans, although they are encouraged to “pay it forward” to another Virginia small business by repaying the Fund. The application is designed to be completed in 10 minutes or less, and approval takes place within three days, with funds transferred immediately.

Town of Bedford launches small business support program

The [COVID-19 Grant](#) provides help to the owners of locally-owned, non-franchise, for-profit, brick and mortar restaurant and retail businesses in the **Town of Bedford**. The grant is intended to support the small-business community that has been significantly impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, especially the retail and restaurant sectors.



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Department of

Parks & Recreation

Bedford County Parks and Recreation recognizes the importance of staying active during the COVID-19 pandemic. With social distancing guidelines and closures in place, [Parks and Recreation created a document with links to online resources](#) for various ages including fitness, fun and educational activities.



[Here you will find FREE](#) video tutorials, resources and activates for all ages. We want to make sure you stay active and have fun while at home. **The Virtual Rec is growing daily, so check back often.** (Please note that we do not endorse or receive funds to advertise any of the third-party sites or services listed or referenced on this page.)

WYATT WOODY, DIRECTOR

Contact Information:
1257 County Farm Road
Bedford, VA 24523

[website](#)

Phone: (540) 586.7682

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8:30 am - 5:00 pm



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Public Library System

NEW SERVICES

Starting Monday, May 18, the BPLS will offer grab and go book/dvd pickup services (formerly curbside pickup) for Bedford County Library card holders. Please call ahead to ensure your items are ready and wait in your car until a staff member puts your bag on the designated table for pickup. Limit of 50 holds per card.

Other services such as copying, printing and faxing are available by appointment. Credit card payments preferred. Please call your local branch for details (contact numbers are given below)

Grab and go service hours are listed on the website at www.bplsonline.org and on the BPLS social media pages (see links at bottom of page).

Enhanced cleaning measures are still in place so any items placed in the book drops will be isolated for 72 hours and then cleaned before being checked in.

CONTINUING SERVICES

Downloadable books, music, movies and audio are still available 24/7 from the [digital library link](#) or your favorite ebook app.

Until we can offer in person storytimes, visit the [BPLS YouTube channel](#) to see your favorite staff members perform abbreviated Rock A Bye reader activities, listen to some of our favorite preschool books, and have fun with the whole family making crafts or adventuring through our digital escape room activities.

BPLS website: <https://www.bplsonline.org/>

BPLS YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKBbsnnHMQrEQJzoVLivDuA>

BPLS Online Kid's Fun Stuff: <https://www.bplsonline.org/online-fun-stuff/elemlinks/>

BPLS Digital Downloads: <https://bedfordva.rbdigital.com/>

- Bedford Central Library 540-586-8911
- Big Island Library 540-425-7000
- Forest Library 540-425-7002
- Moneta Library 540-425-7004
- Montvale Library 540-425-7006
- Stewartsville Library 540-425-7008

JENNY NOVALIS, DIRECTOR

Contact Information:

[website](#)

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321 N. Bridge Street
Bedford, VA 24523
(540)-586-8911

Big Island Library
1111 Schooldays Road
Big Island, VA 24526
(540) 425-7000

Forest Library
15583 Forest Road
Forest, VA 24551
(540) 425-7002

Moneta/SML Library
13641 Moneta Road
Moneta, VA 24121
(540) 425-7004

Montvale Library
11575 Lynchburg Salem Tnpk.
Montvale, VA 24122
(540) 425-7006

Stewartsville Library
45 Cascade Drive
Vinton, VA 24179
(540) 425-7008

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Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office has been actively engaged with the community during this crisis, providing support and services where needed:

FOOD/SUPPLIES

- Food Delivery – Averaging approx. 21 boxes of food/supplies per week
- BCSO & Bedford Get Together delivered 45% of deliveries for Bedford Christian Ministries
- Inv. Maddox coordinated a group of volunteers to pick up food/supplies from local stores – items that were ordered and paid for by citizens unable to leave the house
- Working with local agencies to provide food for Bedford County citizens in need: Gleaning for the World, Park View Baptist, God's Pit Crew, Bedford Christian Ministries, Bedford Christmas Station, Hunting Creek Baptist
- BCSO has stocked 6 cases of ready made food to be handed out if deputies do a welfare check and find someone in need
- On Tuesdays & Fridays, road deputies deliver boxes of food/supplies in their assigned beat
- Helped restock food pantries with donated food from God's Pit Crew and Gleaning for the World
- Established a communication tree with major retailers/grocers in Bedford County to address any food or supply chain shortages. As of last week, information received is that there are no shortages in the near term. We will maintain communication on a continuous basis should they arise.

CALL CENTER

- Call Center received 105 calls (average family size of 2) from citizens requesting food/supplies for their family.
- Call Center checking back with citizens that have previously called in or that deputies have done welfare checks to make sure they have food/supplies
- The number of calls are decreasing, but the number of requests for food & supplies seems to be increasing.

BCSO INITIATIVES

- Bedford Alert sent out messages notifying citizens of the Call Center
- Extra Patrol around critical businesses
- Working with Dollar Generals on the safekeeping of their delivery drivers
- Reading Program for Elementary Schools – Daily readings done by Deputies, Fire & Rescue, & Board of Supervisors' members
- Senior Citizens are called each week to check on their well-being and to see if they have any needs (food, medicine, or sometimes just to chat)
- Strong social media presence warning citizens of scams circulating, up to date COVID-19 news,
- Birthday Drive-bys – In conjunction with Fire & Rescue, first responders helping make birthdays special for local children and young adults
- Food Truck Wednesdays – Inviting local food trucks to set up at Sheriff's Office every week to help support local food vendors & restaurants during the shut down

MIKE MILLER ,SHERIFF

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Connect with Destination Bedford!

In the new age of social distancing, [Destination Bedford](#) is proud to bring you virtual offerings from area attractions and businesses, as well as share information about local businesses that are still open and adapting to serve your needs!

History - The National D-Day Memorial is offering a selection of digital resources including online lesson plans and activities, virtual programs, online lunchbox lecture series, and virtual tours of the Memorial! Find out more by clicking [here](#). The spring newsletter of Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest is viewable [here](#).

Music - [Ricky's Bluegrass Connection](#) has moved their Friday Night Jams to online (tune in Friday nights at 7 p.m.), and is also offering online music classes and fun activities for children! You can help support other local musicians and enjoy free Facebook Live Concerts by joining the Facebook Group [SML Local Musicians!](#)

Art - The [Bower Center for the Arts](#) is Bedford's premier destination for the arts! Check out their [website](#) for ideas on bringing the arts into your home. They will share tips on how to get creative with items you probably already have at home, as well as share live workshops and maybe even some virtual yoga classes!

Shopping - Small businesses are working hard to adapt and make shopping easier than ever. Many are offering special online deals, virtual tours of their store, outside shopping, and delivery and shipping of their items! Find out more at [Buy Bedford: We Shop Local](#) and [We Shop Local SML](#).

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Dining - Many local restaurants are still open, offering curbside carryout and delivery options so you can continue to support your favorite restaurants! Find out who is open and about special deals by following [CVABC Curbside & Carryout](#) and [SML Local Restaurants](#) on Facebook. You can also check the dining options on our [website](#). We recommend calling ahead to verify business hours.

Beer & Wine - Tap rooms and tasting rooms may be closed, but you can have your favorite local wine and beer delivered (or pick it up if you're close by). These include [Beale's](#), [Apocalypse Ale Works](#), [Peaks of Otter Winery](#), and [Hickory Hill Winery](#). Peaks of Otter Winery will even ship direct and is offering a discount on case orders!

The Great Outdoors - Boost your physical and mental health by staying active and getting plenty of fresh air. Kayak, hike, bike, go for a walk, play a round of disc golf, go fishing, or horseback riding...the possibilities are endless in Destination Bedford! Just remember to practice social distancing, even when you're outside. For outdoor adventure opportunities, click [here](#).

Fitness - The Bedford YMCA's fitness instructors have put together a series of [online virtual workouts](#) that you can access from home! They include Body Focus, Stretching, Power of 45, Abs, LaBlast, Cross Training Lite, and even an April Fitness Challenge with an added Planks and Push-up Challenge! Give it a try!

The staff at Destination Bedford is working hard to keep the [event calendar](#) updated with virtual events as well as list the new dates of those events that have been postponed. Check back often for updates, as well as trip itineraries and scenic drive routes that will be added to the website soon!



The tourism office manages three Facebook pages – [Destination Bedford VA](#), [Bedford Area Welcome Center](#) and [Bedford Wine Trail](#). If you are on Facebook, please “like” and follow these pages. We are also on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [TripAdvisor](#).

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2020 Meeting Calendar

Board of Supervisors:

May	26	Regular Meeting – Adopt Budget (<i>Tuesday</i>) at 7:00 pm
June	8	Work Session beginning at 5:00 pm (topic TBD)
	22	Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (Tentative - VDOT Public Hearing on 6-Year Plan)
July	13	Work Session beginning at 5:00 (topic TBD)
	27	Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
August	10	Work Session from 5:00 – 6:30 pm; (VDOT and topic TBD), Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm (<i>Adopt PPTRA Rate</i>)
	September	14
October	28	Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
	13	Annual Joint Meeting with EDA beginning at 5:00 pm (<i>Tuesday</i>)
November	26	Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
	9	Worksession beginning at 5:00 pm (VDOT)
December	23	Regular Meeting
	14	Work Session 5:00 pm; Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

The Board of Supervisors meets on the second Monday at 5:00 pm for Worksessions and the fourth Monday at 7:00 pm for Regular Board Meetings (unless otherwise noted) in the Boardroom of the Bedford County Administration Office, 122 E. Main Street, Bedford, Virginia. Board information, agendas, minutes, etc., can be found [HERE](#).

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Planning Commission:

Planning Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Bedford County Administration Building Boardroom, 122 East Main Street Bedford, Virginia.

- **May 19**
- **June 16**
- **July 21**
- **August 18**
- **September 15**
- **October 20**
- **November 17**
- **December 15**
- **January 19, 2021**

2020 Meeting Calendar

Economic Development Authority:

June	4	Regular Meeting
July	2	Regular Meeting
August	6	Regular Meeting
September	3	Regular Meeting
October	13	Joint Meeting w/Board of Supervisors (Tue. – 5 p.m.)
November	5	Regular Meeting
December	3	Regular Meeting

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January	7	Regular Meeting (Thursday)
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All *regular meetings* are held at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

The annual joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Ground Floor Training Room. Short EDA Business Meeting to immediately follow, if needed. The Economic Development Authority reserves the right to modify this schedule as necessary. Special meetings, such as a Planning Day, may be added as necessary.

Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board:

- **June 3** - Regular Meeting
- **July 1** - Regular Meeting
- **Aug. 5** - Regular Meeting
- **Sept. 2** - Regular Meeting
- **Oct. 7** - Regular Meeting
- **Nov. 4** - Regular Meeting
- **Dec. 2** - Regular Meeting

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm from April to October; and 7:00 pm from November to March. When a holiday falls on the first Wednesday, the meetings are generally held the following Wednesday. Meetings are held in the Peaks Rooms of the Parks and Rec/Coop Extension Building (Falling Creek Center), 1257 County Farm Road, Bedford, Virginia unless otherwise noted. See [Calendar](#) for latest information. You can find the agendas and minutes from each meeting on our [Ag Board Agendas & Minutes](#) page.



GUIDANCE FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTING

PUBLIC SPACES, WORKPLACES, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND HOMES



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

1 DEVELOP YOUR PLAN

DETERMINE WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED. Areas unoccupied for 7 or more days need only routine cleaning. Maintain existing cleaning practices for outdoor areas.

DETERMINE HOW AREAS WILL BE DISINFECTED. Consider the type of surface and how often the surface is touched. Prioritize disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

CONSIDER THE RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED. Keep in mind the availability of cleaning products and personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for cleaners and disinfectants.

Follow guidance from state, tribal, local, and territorial authorities.

2 IMPLEMENT

CLEAN VISIBLY DIRTY SURFACES WITH SOAP AND WATER prior to disinfection.

USE THE APPROPRIATE CLEANING OR DISINFECTANT PRODUCT. Use an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19, and read the label to make sure it meets your needs.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL. The label will include safety information and application instructions. Keep disinfectants out of the reach of children.

3 MAINTAIN AND REVISE

CONTINUE ROUTINE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION. Continue or revise your plan based upon appropriate disinfectant and PPE availability. Dirty surfaces should be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfection. Routinely disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily.

MAINTAIN SAFE PRACTICES such as frequent handwashing, using cloth face coverings, and staying home if you are sick.

CONTINUE PRACTICES THAT REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE. Maintain social distancing, staying six feet away from others. Reduce sharing of common spaces and frequently touched objects.

For more information, please visit [CORONAVIRUS.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



MAKING YOUR PLAN TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT

Cleaning with soap and water removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

Is the area indoors?

YES

It is an indoor area.

NO

Maintain existing cleaning practices.

Coronaviruses naturally die in hours to days in typical indoor and outdoor environments. Viruses are killed more quickly by warmer temperatures and sunlight.

Has the area been occupied within the last 7 days?

YES

Yes, the area has been occupied within the last 7 days.

NO

The area has been unoccupied within the last 7 days. The area will need only routine cleaning.

Is it a frequently touched surface or object?

YES

Yes, it is a frequently touched surface or object.

NO

Thoroughly clean these materials. Consider setting a schedule for routine cleaning and disinfection, as appropriate.

What type of material is the surface or object?

Hard and non-porous materials like glass, metal, or plastic.

Visibly dirty surfaces should be cleaned prior to disinfection.

Consult EPA's list of disinfectants for use against COVID-19, specifically for use on hard, non-porous surfaces and for your specific application need. More frequent cleaning and disinfection is necessary to reduce exposure.

Soft and porous materials like carpet, rugs, or material in seating areas.

Thoroughly clean or launder materials.

Consider removing soft and porous materials in high traffic areas. Disinfect materials if appropriate products are available.



How to Protect Yourself and Others

Know how it spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone should

Clean your hands often



- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people.**
 - » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - » This is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.** www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others



- **You could spread COVID-19 to others** even if you do not feel sick.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public**, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- **The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people** in case you are infected.
- Do **NOT** use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to **keep about 6 feet between yourself and others**. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- **If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

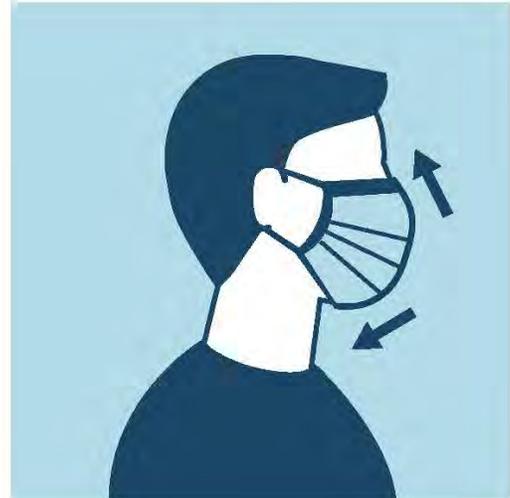
Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



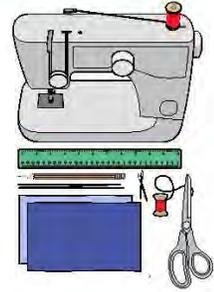
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Sewn Cloth Face Covering

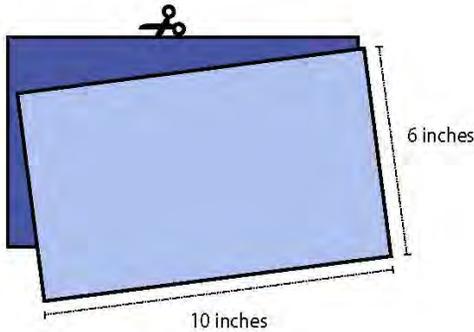
Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

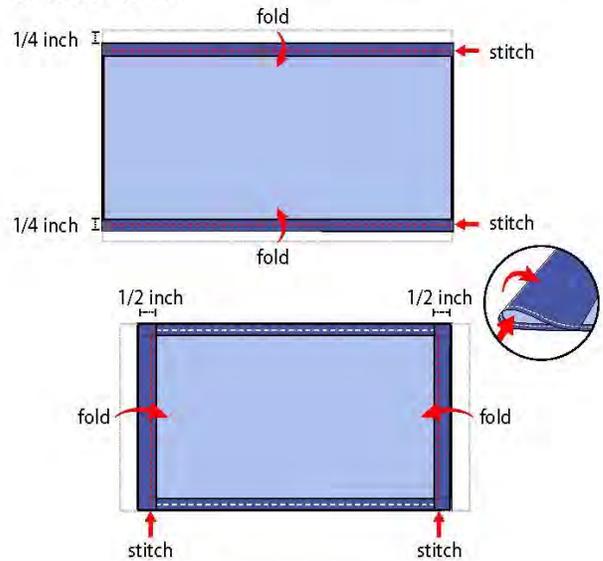


Tutorial

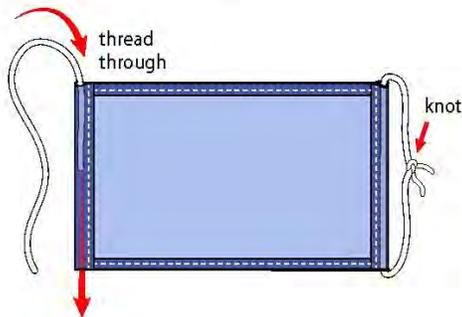
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



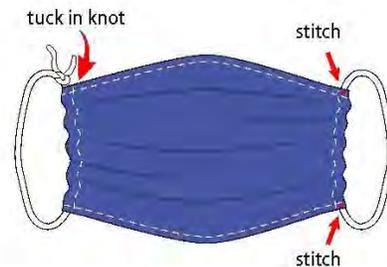
2. Fold over the long sides 1/4 inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over 1/2 inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the cloth face covering fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.

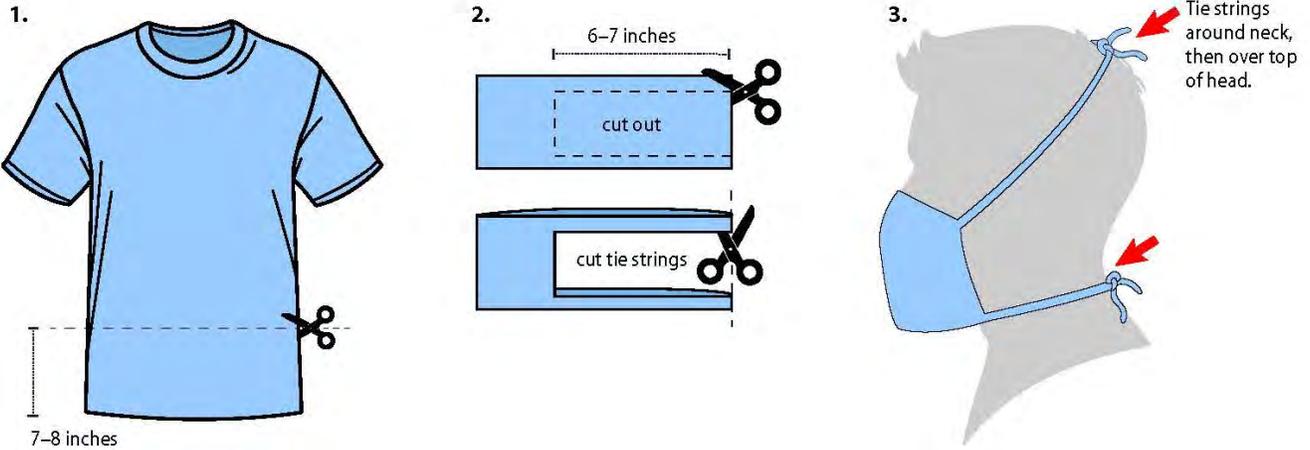


Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

Tutorial

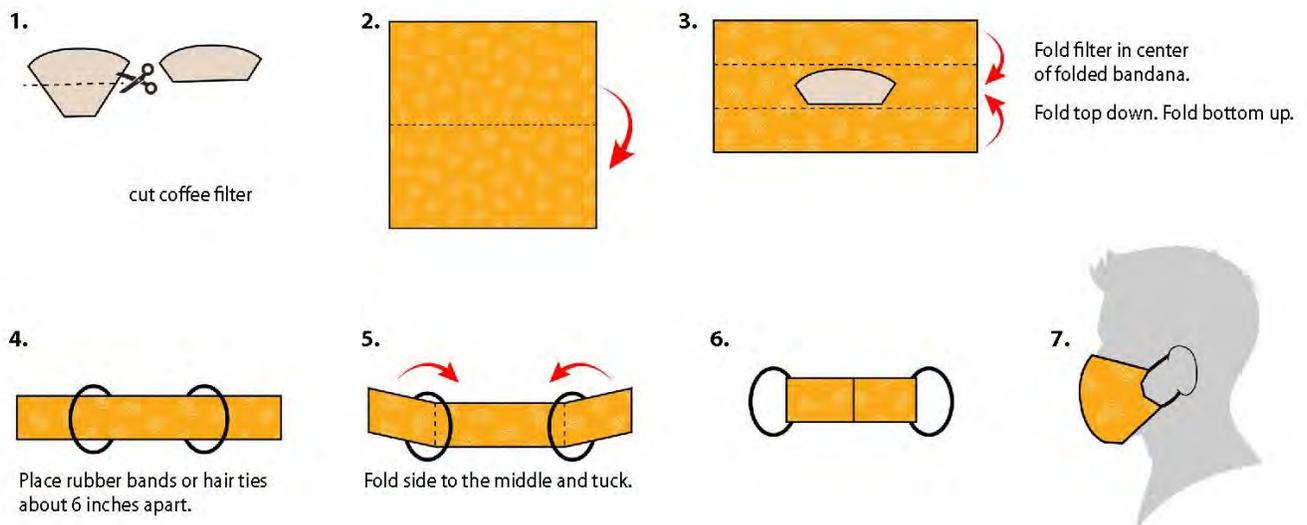


Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Coffee filter
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial





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Roommates count.




Your kids count.



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SEE HOW YOUR ANSWERS CAN SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

Census Bureau to Resume Some 2020 Census Field Operations in Select Locations

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May 4, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin a phased restart of some 2020 Census field operations in select geographic areas this week.

Updates on the operations resuming by location [are available at 2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020censusgov). This webpage will be updated weekly as 2020 Census operations resume across the United States.

The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is of the utmost importance. All returning staff will receive safety training to observe social distancing protocols in the COVID-19 environment. For their safety and the safety of the public, the Census Bureau has ordered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all field staff, including those that work in a field office. These materials will be secured and provided to staff prior to restarting operations.

As part of the phased restart of operations, the Census Bureau will resume dropping off 2020 Census invitation packets at front doors of households in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their home. This operation is also known as Update Leave. About 5% of households are counted in the Update Leave operation, where census workers will confirm or update a household's physical location address and then leave a census questionnaire packet.

The Census Bureau began delivering census materials to these households on March 15; however, this operation was suspended on March 18 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Update Leave operation does not require interaction between households and a Census Bureau employee and follows the most current federal health and safety guidelines. In states where we have resumed the Update Leave operation, we are also resuming fingerprinting for new hires to keep applicants moving through the hiring process. ACO staff will begin returning to the office as necessary to support the Update Leave operation, as well.

The Associate Director for Decennial Programs leads the operational team making the decision to restart select operations within an ACO, driven by the assessment of career Census Bureau operational leadership; a thorough review of the operating status of a state, locality or tribal area; the key data that support that operating status as identified by federal, state and local guidance; and the ability of Census Bureau staff to safely resume operations, including the procurement of PPE.

Households that receive the 2020 Census invitation packets are strongly encouraged to respond promptly to the 2020 Census using the census ID included in the questionnaire packet. People can respond online, by phone or by completing and returning the paper form by mail. Responding with the census ID or by completing and returning the paper questionnaire helps ensure the best count of their community.

For more information, please visit the [2020 Census COVID-19 operational adjustments](https://www.census.gov/2020censusgov/operational-adjustments) page.

No news release associated with this announcement. Tip Sheet only.

2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

The 2020 Census is underway and more households across America are responding every day. Online, phone, and mailed self-responses will continue throughout the data collection process. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is adjusting 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding COVID-19.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, field activities would resume after June 1, 2020, as area census offices begin returning to full staff capacity. **In-person activities, including enumeration, office work, and processing activities, will incorporate the most current guidance from authorities to ensure the health and safety of staff and the public.**

Activity/Operation	Original Schedule	NEW SCHEDULE
<p>Self-Response Phase</p> <p>Online, phone, and mailed self-responses continue throughout the data collection process.</p>	March 12–July 31	March 12–October 31
<p>Group Quarters (e-Response and Paper Enumeration)</p> <p>Many group quarters have already begun responding through our e-response enumeration option.</p>	April 2–June 5	April 2–September 3
<p>Remote Alaska</p> <p>Early operation to reach parts of Alaska that may be difficult to reach later in the year and whose populations depart for other activities. The operation will be mostly completed on the original planned schedule, though some areas with year-round populations will be enumerated when it is safe to do so.</p>	January 21–April 30	Tentatively January 21–June 19, but may need further review and coordination

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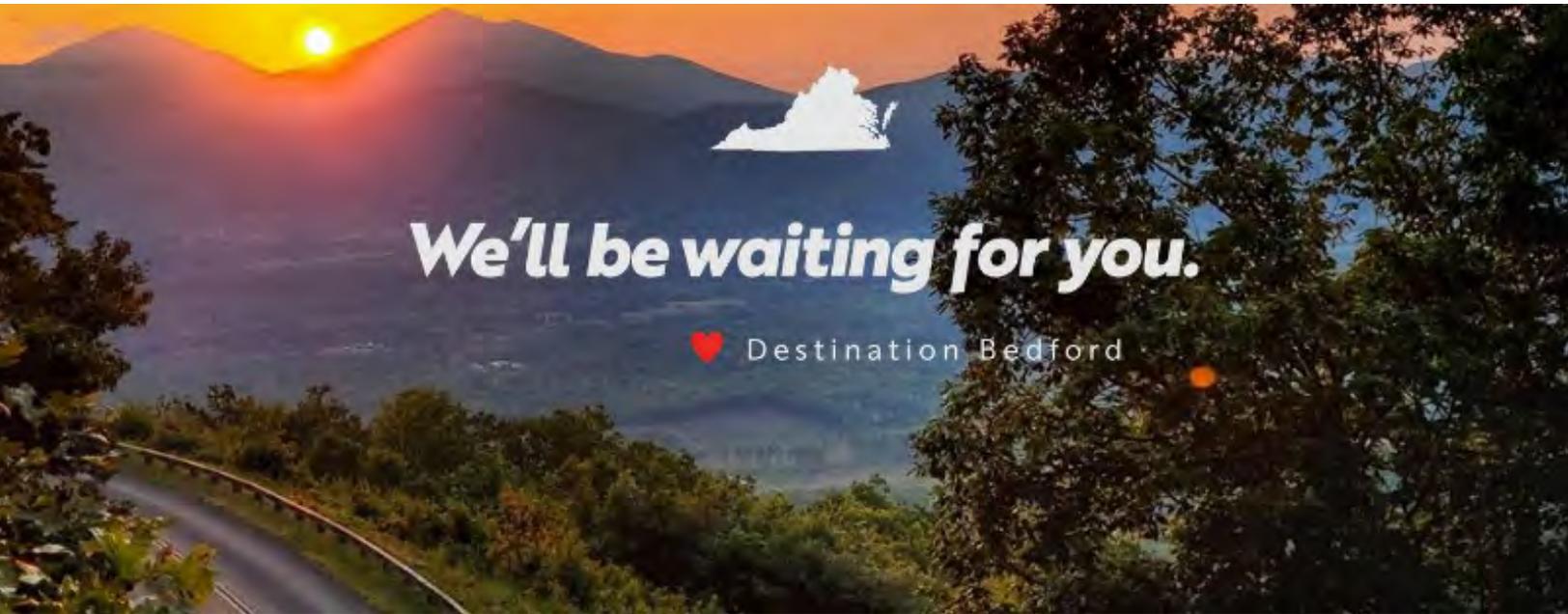
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Activity/Operation	Original Schedule	NEW SCHEDULE
<p>Field Offices at Peak Operations</p> <p>Managers and staff commence administrative, training, deployment, and support activities for peak data collection operations. This includes selecting and hiring field staff.</p>	March 1	June 1
<p>Update Leave—Stateside</p> <p>Census takers drop off invitations to respond and paper questionnaires at the front doors of 5 million households stateside while updating the addresses.</p>	March 15–April 17	June 13 –July 9
<p>Update Leave—Puerto Rico</p> <p>Update Leave Operation for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, approximately 1.7 million households, will be coordinated separately.</p>	March 15–April 17	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.
<p>Update Enumerate</p> <p>Census takers interview about 2,000 households in remote parts of northern Maine and southeast Alaska.</p>	March 16–April 30	June 14–July 29
<p>Nonresponse Followup (NRFU)</p> <p>Census takers will interview households in person.</p>	May 13–July 31	August 11–October 31
<p>In-Person Group Quarters Enumeration</p> <p>Group quarters that remain a part of our in-person group quarters enumeration efforts will begin in July.</p>	April 2–June 5	July 1– September 3
<p>Service Based Enumeration</p> <p>We’re working with service providers at soup kitchens, shelters, and regularly scheduled food vans to count the people they serve.</p>	March 30–April 1	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.
<p>Mobile Questionnaire Assistance</p> <p>Census Bureau staff assists people with responding online at places people gather (events, grocery stores, etc.).</p>	March 30–July 31	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.

Activity/Operation	Original Schedule	NEW SCHEDULE
<p>Count of People Experiencing Homelessness Outdoors</p> <p>Census takers count people under bridges, in parks, in all-night businesses, etc.</p>	April 1	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.
<p>Enumeration of Transitory Locations</p> <p>Census takers count people staying at campgrounds, RV parks, marinas, and hotels if they do not usually live elsewhere.</p>	April 9–May 4	Tentatively September 3–September 28, but may need further review and coordination.
<p>Process Apportionment Counts</p> <p>After collection activities are complete, Census Bureau experts run and review output from programs to unduplicate responses, determine final housing unit status, populate any missing housing unit data on household size, and finalize the universe to be included in the apportionment count file.</p>	July 31, 2020–December 31, 2020	October 31, 2020–April 30, 2021
<p>Process Redistricting Data</p> <p>Census Bureau experts run and review programs to populate any missing demographic data for each household, run differential privacy programs to ensure confidentiality, and run tabulation programs for each state delivery.</p>	January 1, 2021–March 30, 2021	May 1, 2021–July 31, 2021
<p>Deliver Apportionment Counts to the President</p> <p>By law, the Census Bureau will deliver each state’s population total, which determines its number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.</p>	By December 31	Deliver by April 30, 2021
<p>President Delivers Apportionment Counts to Congress</p>	Within 7 days of start of legislative session or approximately 10–20 days after receipt.	Within 14 days of receipt.
<p>Deliver Redistricting Counts to States</p> <p>By law, the Census Bureau will deliver the local counts each state needs to complete legislative redistricting.</p>	By April 1, 2021	Deliver by July 31, 2021



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