



**The City of
Hopewell, Virginia**

**Hopewell Police Department
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****Hopewell Police Department lobby to remain temporarily closed****

[Hopewell, VA] – The City of Hopewell government extends closure to the public through Friday, April 24, 2020 in an effort to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus. The City’s initial closure began on March 16, 2020 and was slated to run through March 29, 2020. The City has closed all its buildings to public access to protect both our employees and the public; however, we are still conducting business. To get specifics on how you can still conduct business with the city during this time, or if you have any questions about Hopewell closures, call the Citizens Information Line at (804) 541-2391.

This extended closure is consistent with Governor Ralph Northam Executive Order Fifty-three, which orders the closure of certain non-essential businesses, bans all gatherings of more than 10 people, and closes all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, Governor Northam is urging all Virginians to avoid non-essential travel outside the home, if and when possible. The Governor’s Executive Order went into effect on Tuesday, March 23, 2020 and will remain in effect until Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Per Virginia Governor Ralph Northam statewide order, Hopewell Police Chief Kamran Afzal announced the continued closing of the department’s lobby to the public until Tuesday, April 24, 2020 due to the health threats posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. Administrative requests such as requests for incident or accident reports can be made by contacting our Records Department at 804-541-2272 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The requesting information will be sent electronically or mailed. In instances, you get a voicemail, please leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

“We are trying to reduce unnecessary exposure to the public and our department’s staff, as we continue to provide police services to the community,” said Chief Afzal.

Police officers will continue to patrol our city and will remain available for emergency and non-emergency calls as the safety of our community is of the utmost importance. As a reminder for non-emergency calls, please contact our non-emergency number at 804-541-2222. For emergencies, dial 911.

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