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## For Immediate Release

**March 18, 2020**

In order to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Smyth County is implementing changes to our operations. Effective 11:45 A.M. March 17, 2020, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency for Smyth County, Virginia. Beginning Thursday March 19, 2020 County Government offices located in the Smyth Office Building will be on a Limited Closure schedule. We will continue to provide services on a limited basis according to the guidelines listed below.

The limited Closure Schedule includes:

- County Government Offices will be closed to the public.
- Employees will be teleworking when possible, or work on a varied schedule.
- Building Inspection Services, Zoning, Erosion Settlement Control, and Water & Sewer departments will continue to receive applications and requests by email only.
- Solid Waste Services & Convenience Stations will remain open on a regular schedule.
- Department of Emergency Management and Law Enforcement will operate as normal.
- Utility payments can be made by phone, drop box or online at [www.smythcounty.org](http://www.smythcounty.org).

The Limited Closure will be reevaluated as needed by the Board of Supervisors' Chair Judy Wyant, Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore and Emergency Management Coordinator Charles Harrington.

During this closure please refer to Smyth County's website [www.smythcounty.org](http://www.smythcounty.org) for updates and schedule changes.

Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator