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## TOWN, FIRE & RESCUE TAKING STEPS TO COMBAT CORONAVIRUS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**WYTHEVILLE:** The Town of Wytheville and the Wytheville Fire & Rescue Department are taking precautionary steps amidst the ongoing threat of the coronavirus (covid-19). The Town's administration, Fire & Rescue Department and other public safety and public health organizations are working together to provide the most up-to-date information to the public.

**Steps to prevent the spread of the illness:**

- Practice good hygiene
  - No handshaking
  - Wash hands frequently (at least 20 seconds with soap and water or if soap/water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol)
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside bend of your arm
  - Regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces: doorknobs, desks, tables, hand rails, etc;
- Avoid unnecessary travel especially to areas where groups of people will be present.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows when possible

**Things to do if you feel you may have been exposed or are having flu-like symptoms:**

- Call your doctor.
- If you have mild flu-like symptoms (cough, fever) and do not feel that you need immediate medical attention, it's best to isolate yourself at home away from others.
- If symptoms worsen, including difficulty breathing, consider seeking medical attention.
- Avoid public areas. Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid public transportation.

**If you believe you require immediate medical attention and choose to call 911 for EMS, the following will occur:**

- The 911 dispatcher will ask you a series of questions to determine the recent history of your illness. These questions will include details about your symptoms and also about any recent travel.

For more updated information from the Center for Disease Control visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

For more updated information from the Virginia Department of Health visit:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

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