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**Pittsylvania County to Reopen Public Offices May 18**

**CHATHAM, VA** – Starting Monday, May 18, Pittsylvania County offices will reopen to the public for normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. County offices have been closed to the public since March 25 due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. This reopening follows the Virginia Supreme Court's extension of its judicial emergency that ends May 17.

As part of the reopening, county offices will replicate their reduced staffing schedule implemented in March prior to the offices being closed to the public. The reduced staffing schedule requires staff to work one of two shifts that alternate weekly. This will limit county staff working in offices at any given point by 50 percent encouraging social distancing and will allow the county to slowly ramp up operations to full staff as conditions allow in the future.

"This staged approach will allow us to safely reopen the county for our employees and citizens and work towards a new normal," County Administrator David Smitherman said. "We look forward to reopening county operations to serve our citizens."

While most county offices will operate on normal business hours, the following locations will be adjusted with modifications to services rendered as follows:

- Public Libraries – Will be closed through at least June 10 but will offer curbside pickup for books and DVDs at its four branches Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. located in Brosville/Cascade (434-685-1285), Chatham (434-432-3271), Gretna (434-656-2579) and Mount Hermon (434-835-0326).
- Pet Center – Will offer a phased-in operational schedule starting May 18 that is available on the Pittsylvania Pet Center Facebook page (@pittsylvaniapets).

With most county offices resuming normal operations, citizens are encouraged to conduct as much county business as possible via phone or email. A staff

directory is available at [pittsylvaniacountyva.gov](http://pittsylvaniacountyva.gov) or by calling 434-432-7700. Any citizen needing a face-to-face meeting is encouraged to call ahead for an appointment with any county office.

Regular public meetings, including the Board of Supervisors, will continue to be held as scheduled at the Pittsylvania County Community Center. This facility, located at 115 South Main Street in Chatham, can accommodate meeting adjustments needed to ensure social distancing compliance. Additional sanitation measures for public meetings will continue to be a focus.

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