



## Montgomery County, Town of Blacksburg, and Town of Christiansburg Close Playgrounds to the Public April 2

**April 1, 2020** - In response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), Montgomery County and the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg are closing all playgrounds, public restrooms, and basketball courts effective at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. For the safety of our community, the closures will remain in place until further notice.

Parks, trails, and other open spaces are still open for the public to enjoy for the physical and mental health benefits they provide. Individuals and groups of 10 or less must adhere to the social distancing requirements of six feet set forth by the Governor.

As we all continue to do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), we ask that you please continue to practice good infection control by:

- washing your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer,
- keeping household surfaces clean (including cell phones),
- coughing or sneezing into a tissue (and discard it) or your elbow,
- avoiding touching your face,
- practicing “social distancing,”
- avoiding shaking hands,
- remaining at home if you’re sick,
- avoiding others who are sick, and
- staying home except in extremely limited circumstances.

Should you feel ill, please follow the guidelines outlined below:

(Symptoms of coronavirus - <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html> )

- CALL your health care provider or your local health department (do not go to the emergency room). Only the Health Department can issue the required documentation for individuals to visit testing centers.
- The New River Health District has activated a local public health hotline at 540-267-8240, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon; Sunday, noon – 4 p.m.
- Virginia Department of Health (VDH) also has a public health hotline at 877-ASK-VDH3, available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For updates related to coronavirus and the impact on our community, visit [www.montva.com/coronavirus](http://www.montva.com/coronavirus).

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