



Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

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VPRJ UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Williamsburg, Virginia – In light of recent mandated restrictions and updated guidance from the Governor, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control, VPRJ has made the following changes in our operations:

- The lobby is now closed to members of the public. This means that in-person family and friends visitation is suspended through at least Friday, April 3, 2020. VPRJ will work to accommodate continued access to those members of the public who have business with the magistrate, as well as attorneys who need to meet with their clients.
- In consultation with our telephone/tablet provider, Global Tel Link, one free 15 minute video chat will be made available per week to each inmate.
- Court ordered weekender sentence commitments remain suspended through at least Friday, April 3, 2020.
- All volunteer programs remain suspended through at least Friday, April 3, 2020.

“VPRJ will continue to act in accordance with the Governor’s declarations. We take seriously the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Virginia Department of Health, and our local Peninsula Health District representatives,” said Superintendent Colonel Roy Witham. “Our staff began the process last week of ensuring all parts of the jail, especially highly trafficked sections such as our Intake/Release department, our housing units, and our public lobby, are continuously cleaned and sanitized.”

“We will continue to update the public on any changes based on the Governor’s declarations and guidance from local and state health officials. In the meantime, members of the public may continue to access any updates via our website at www.vprj.net, or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VAPRJ.”