



# NEWS

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## ***Town Information related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)***

Altavista, Va. – Out of an abundance of caution of public health, the Town of Altavista is continuing to urge residents to educate themselves regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and follow best practices when it comes to preventing the illness and avoiding exposure.

- All rentals of Town of Altavista facilities (Booker Building, Train Station, AVOCA and pavilions/shelters) are cancelled beginning March 16 through March 31, at a minimum. No rental requests will be accepted during this time.
- Parks and trails will remain open, but we encourage residents to recreate at their own risk and to practice social distancing and good hygiene.

Please continue to follow these tips to keep yourself and your family members safe:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. In instances when soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider or the Health Department immediately. Do not go to the emergency room until you have been advised to do so.

### Additional Resources

CDC Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Virginia Department of Health link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

*The **Town of Altavista** is located in southern Campbell County and borders the Staunton River. It is home to almost 3,500 people. More information about the Town of Altavista is online at [www.Altavistava.gov](http://www.Altavistava.gov).*