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**\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\***

From: Luttrell Tadlock, County Administrator  
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County officials have been notified that there are two residents with confirmed COVID-19 cases in Northumberland County which are travel related. These individuals have been isolated and are being monitored. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) notified the County of these confirmed cases to ensure local public safety officials were aware and could continue the precautions necessary to mitigate further spread.

The confirmation of these cases coming from Northumberland County does not change any of the guidance issued from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or VDH. In fact, County officials highly encourage citizens, businesses, and visitors to continue social distancing efforts.

Furthermore, as a proactive approach, the County declared a local emergency as of 5:00 p.m. March 17, 2020. County offices have been closed to the public since March 18, 2020 to help limit person-to-person contact and reduce any potential exposure, however, the offices are still being staffed. If you need assistance, please contact the offices by phone and we will do everything that we can to assist your needs while keeping everyone as safe as possible. County Offices are closed to the public until further notice. Courts are under different operational guidelines and you should contact them directly. Northumberland County Public Schools have also been closed in accordance with an order by Governor Northam.

The County has been preparing for this public health emergency and urges everyone to follow the social distancing and other guidance/practices being issued by the CDC and VDH.

Northumberland County officials are continuing to monitor this situation and have been for some time. The County is analyzing credible information sources to help determine the probability of risk to the County and its citizens and visitors. Decisions made now to help mitigate the spread of the virus can greatly help in the future.

County officials will be reassessing the situation on a continual basis and will provide additional information as appropriate.