

Proactively Preparing for Coronavirus in our Community

The Town of La Plata is taking the necessary steps to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and do all that we can to ensure the safety of all. The health and safety of our residents, staff and visitors is our top priority. In alignment with expert public health guidance related to the spread of COVID-19, we are implementing the following steps to minimize health and safety risks to our community. At this time, there are no known positive cases of COVID-19 within La Plata.

All Town Hall services will remain open and operational. However, beginning **Monday, March 16, 2020**, we are taking the following proactive steps to protect the health of the entire community:

Town Hall will **be closed for walk-ins** by the public. All contact with Town Hall should take place through phone at 301-934-8421 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, or by email. To contact a specific department, please visit our website at www.townoflaplata.org

Water/Sewer Payments: Water/Sewer payments may be dropped off at Town Hall in the secure drop box located in the front lobby on the left wall. Residents may also pay by credit card by calling the Town Hall or via online bill pay available at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/laplatamd>. Should you have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Finance Department at (301) 934-8421.

Permits: The Town will continue to receive and process building permit applications. Please call for further instructions. Code enforcement staff will continue to monitor the Town but will not conduct any interior inspections. Any possible life safety or public health situations that require interior inspections will be addressed by the Building Inspector with the proper precautions taken.

Police Department: The Police Department will be operating under normal business hours until further notice.

Public Works Department: Services from our Public Works Department will not be interrupted. Water meter upgrades and interior leak checks will be delayed until further notice. Trash and recycling pickups will remain on schedule.

Public Meetings: The Town has cancelled all non-essential public meetings until further notice. We will continue to monitor the situation. Meetings of the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Parks and Recreation and Historic District Commission will be held only if necessary.

Town Events: In an effort to take precautions and protect the health and safety of people from the coronavirus events may either be postponed, cancelled or rescheduled. Please check our website and Facebook page for the latest information.

The Town of La Plata plans to evaluate its operational capacity and telework options for non-essential employees and plans to announce any further operational changes as needed. The town will be posting future updates at: <https://townoflaplata.org/> and on Facebook.

For additional health resources regarding COVID-19, including case counts and clinician guidance, please visit the following websites: the Center for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, the Charles County Health Department - <http://www.charlescountyhealth.org/> or Maryland Department of Health (MDH) - <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>