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City works to support VDH as COVID-19 cases increase

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg continues to work closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Sentara RMH to address the spread of COVID-19 in our community, including efforts related to the dozens of positive cases which have been recorded as of today at the long-term care facility Accordius Health in Harrisonburg.

City officials are coordinating closely with VDH, which has sent numerous resources to our community to combat the Accordius Health outbreak. Those resources include assistance from the Northwest Regional Healthcare Coalition in supplying personal protective equipment, medical supplies and extra equipment; Medical Reserve Corps Staff to supplement staffing needs at the facility; and other guidance in the local response. Accordius Health has also provided extra personnel from the company’s corporate headquarters to help manage the situation. The City, working with the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, are staffing two ambulances dedicated solely to calls at Accordius Health. Rockingham County has assisted with providing decontamination abilities for ambulances and back ambulance support.

“The City is ready to support the Virginia Department of Health and Sentara RMH in any way that we can during this very difficult time for our community,” Harrisonburg City Manager Eric D. Campbell said. “Our thoughts are with the residents and staff of Accordius Health as they work to combat this outbreak. As we observe what is happening here in our community, it is vital that all Harrisonburg residents and businesses take this virus seriously and adhere to all the recommendations from the Virginia Department of Health.”

The City has established a virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) to support VDH’s efforts on informing Harrisonburg residents about the Accordius Health outbreak and other COVID-19 information that may impact our community. Residents are urged to follow the City’s social media pages and visit the City’s website, www.harrisonburgva.gov, for continuing information and updates on this effort.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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