



Cape Charles Gazette Special Edition

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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published from time to time by the Town Manager on behalf of the municipal government of the Town of Cape Charles. The Gazette provides a variety of information that we believe will be useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those who plan to travel to Cape Charles or have any interest in our Town or the Town's government. The Gazette provides information on actions being undertaken or being considered by the Town government, upcoming activities in the Town, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

We welcome your responses which may be sent to gazette@capecharles.org, by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

We also encourage you to visit the Town's website at www.capecharles.org where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.

As announced over the last several months, the April edition of the Cape Charles Gazette will be the last issue that is emailed to subscribers. Please go to www.capecharles.org to sign up for e-Notifications to continue receiving the Gazette. You can also sign up to get regular updates on Agendas & Minutes, Alerts, Bids, Calendar Items, Job Postings and other News & Information. You control the information you receive and can cancel the notifications at any time.



JEFFERSON AVENUE BEACH ACCESS



The Public Works crew will be closing the Jefferson Avenue beach access today using erosion fence and burlap. This is the worst area where sand blows onto Bay Avenue. There is very little beach to sidewalk ratio in this area and no grass to help hold the sand. The new fence will help build up the sand in this area. A temporary wooden post will also be installed with safety rope fencing along the edge of the sidewalk due to the drop-off in this area.

While this entrance is closed, the Public Works crew will be constructing wooden steps with a railing to be installed from the sidewalk to the beach.

The maintenance entrance is close by and all other beach access points will remain open.

The Town of Cape Charles will permit Trick-or-Treating on Friday, October 31, 2014 until 8:00 p.m.

Masks **will not** be permitted for youth over 12 years of age.

Town curfew will be strictly enforced for anyone under 18 years of age.



MESSAGE FROM STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER MARISSA LEVINE

I would like to take this opportunity to update you concerning activities under way within the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in order to respond should suspected cases of Ebola be identified in the commonwealth. We understand that many Virginians are anxious as they read daily news stories about Ebola. We would like to reiterate that no cases of Ebola have been identified in the commonwealth.

In order to ensure coordination of resources and personnel, Governor Terry McAuliffe has mobilized a statewide unified command structure to manage the commonwealth's response to the threat of Ebola. VDH is leading the state's ongoing health preparedness efforts, supported by the other state agencies under the unified command.

VDH and its network of partners are enhancing training to implement necessary public health services to address Ebola or any other communicable condition that could potentially affect the state. These crucial preparations did not begin in recent days, rather, these preparations are a core function of VDH and its local health departments. We take these responsibilities very seriously.

Appropriate plans and protocols are already in place to implement surveillance, reporting, investigation of potential cases, testing and public education. VDH is working closely with Virginia's clinicians, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, six health care coalitions, Emergency Medical Services agencies, the state laboratory, public schools, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, fire services, first responders, local officials, and 300 medical facilities to make sure plans, policies and oversight procedures are up-to-date and ready for implementation.

Health care providers throughout the commonwealth are collecting travel histories for any patients with fever and other symptoms and following guidance and up-to-date protocols provided to them by the State Health Commissioner. VDH has distributed updates to health care providers sharing information as it is available on the Ebola virus and offering advice on detection and safety measures. VDH also has provided information resources specific to hospitals, including patient safety management, infection prevention recommendations, environmental controls and a facility preparedness checklist. Other specialized resources have been directed to Emergency Medical Services agencies and law enforcement. VDH also has a stockpile of personal protective equipment to help ensure the safety of health care workers.

If an individual were to test positive for Ebola in Virginia, VDH personnel would immediately initiate an investigation, including a comprehensive program for tracing all contacts with other people. This scenario is not new to VDH. Its staff epidemiologists regularly conduct such investigations in response to other infectious diseases that arise in the commonwealth. All those who have had contact with an individual testing positive would be fully evaluated, and the appropriate public health action would be taken to protect the individual and the public.

The State Health Commissioner is authorized by law to issue quarantine orders for individuals who fail to comply with monitoring or other restrictions or if she determines that such action is necessary to control a communicable disease.

Entry screening began at Dulles International Airport last week. We receive daily information on all individuals screened for Ebola at Dulles International Airport.

Providing the public with accurate and timely information is critical. Virginians can obtain answers to questions concerning Ebola by calling the VDH Ebola Hotline at 1-877-ASK-VDH3 (1-877-275-8343.)

There is no question that this is a serious public health matter and that we have a responsibility to Virginians to take every precautionary step we can to keep our families healthy. We will keep you up to date on its continuing efforts to enhance our readiness to deal with this threat.

For more information concerning Ebola, please visit VDH's website at www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/ebola. You may also wish to refer to the [Fact Sheet on Ebola Preparedness](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 10/31/14: Trick-or-Treating in Cape Charles.
- 11/29/14: [Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast](#), 5:00 PM
- 12/5/14: [19th Annual Holiday Tasting Tour](#)
- 12/6/14: [Santa Train](#), 9:00 AM
- 12/6/14: Lighted Boat Parade, Golf Cart Parade and Grand Illumination – More details to come!
- 12/13/14: Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company's ToolMania, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

For more information regarding events, please visit our website and take a look at the [Calendar!](#)

You can also visit www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com for other events in the Town!

We welcome your feedback. Please send your comments to gazette@capecharles.org.

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