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## COVID-19 STATEMENT - MARCH 16, 2020

The Town of Unicoi is participating in the county-wide initiative to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Town leaders are in regular contact with health officials and are monitoring the situation. The utmost concern is the safety and well-being of all citizens, but leaders also want to make sure people remain calm and react appropriately.

It has been determined through discussions with local and state-level health department officials that our area is experiencing minimal community-spread at this time, which means the rare cases of COVID-19 that have popped up within the region have a known point of contact for the virus and are **not** being transmitted person-to-person within the community.

For now, the town is being advised to take simple, precautionary cleaning and distancing measures only. The town and its services will remain open and all meetings or events will occur on schedule.

Anyone within the "at-risk" community (elderly, immuno-compromised, etc.) is encouraged to refer to the CDC guidelines regarding special populations.

Hand sanitizer is available in the main lobby of Town Hall and the Tourist Information Center and all guests are asked to use it upon arrival and departure. Common waiting and meeting areas are being disinfected on a more frequent basis to minimize risk of exposure.

Informational fliers regarding the COVID-19 virus are available at Town Hall, the Tourist Information Center and the town's website, UnicoiTN.net, as well as the town's Facebook page.

The Town of Unicoi will continue to monitor the pandemic and react according to advice received from health officials. Anyone with questions specific to the virus, symptoms or quarantine procedures should contact their local health provider or health department.