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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Extends Limited Office Hours Due to COVID-19

~DMME Charlottesville Remains Closed to the Public~

BIG STONE GAP- The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) will extend current limited operations until further notice due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. Staff based in the Big Stone Gap, Lebanon, Charlottesville and Richmond office remain working from either home or in the field and are available via phone or email.

An [emergency contact list](#) is available on DMME's website. A complete staff directory is available [here](#).

Information regarding board meetings and certifications will be updated on the DMME website and those notifications will also be posted on DMME's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

DMME reduced staffing beginning March 13th and is taking further action to ensure the health and safety of our employees and customers as much as possible.

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April 2, 2020

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**Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's
Charlottesville Office Closed to the Public Due to COVID-19**

CHARLOTTESVILLE- DMME Charlottesville office is closed to the public effective April 2, 2020 due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. Staff is working from home and some remain in the field. They are available via phone and email.

Miners with expiring certifications will receive extensions. In order to be eligible, miners must complete a renewal certification form and submit it to the Division of Mineral Mining before the expiration date. Those may be submitted via the DMME [website](#). Mineral miners and companies needing proof of certification can do so by searching names [here](#).

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March 30, 2020

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**Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone
Gap and Lebanon Offices to Limit Office Hours Due to COVID-19**

BIG STONE GAP- The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's (DMME) Big Stone Gap and Lebanon offices will limit office hours beginning Tuesday, March 31st through April 30th. This is in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

The agency requests that customers first use online services for payments or call to make a credit card payment. For customers that do not have that option, we will receive and receipt those payments on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Certifications needing renewed will be extended through April 30th. Coal miners and companies needing proof of certifications can find those on our [website](#) by searching their name.

Coal and gas companies needing to make payments should do so through DMME's accompanying e-forms systems. If you do not have access to your e-forms, please request a username and passwords. Gas companies can request access on this DMME [website](#). Coal companies can do the same via our mined land reclamation team's [website](#).

The work of our agency will continue during this time. DMME employees will be working in the field and from home and available via phone and email. An [emergency contact list](#) is available on DMME's website. A complete staff directory is available [here](#).

DMME reduced staffing beginning March 13th and is taking further action to ensure the health and safety of our employees as much as possible. All changes will be evaluated on April 30th to see if these actions should be extended.

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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to Change Operations Due to COVID-19

Big Stone Gap, Va. - On Thursday, March 12th Governor Ralph Northam declared a [state of emergency](#) due to the COVID-19 virus. Beginning Monday, March 15th the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy will minimize the number of staff at our Big Stone Gap, Charlottesville, Lebanon and Richmond locations.

All scheduled meetings and trainings within the next 30 days will be cancelled. Those notifications will also be posted on DMME's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Due to public safety concerns, most of our staff will be working from home and still available via email. There will be a few employees at our office locations each day should you need to complete any transactions in-person. You can find a complete listing of our employees [here](#).

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and appreciate your understanding while we do our part to help lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus. **For resources and information on the corona virus in Virginia, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus**