



County of Middlesex
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Bush Park Camping Resort
Attn: Mel Newcomb, Manager
PO Box 589
Deltaville, VA 23043

Dear Mr. Newcomb,

First, I want to emphasize that the County of Middlesex, VA is extremely glad to have Bush Park Camping Resort as a community member and contributor to the future of our county.

We are reaching out to you today because the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County is extremely concerned at the prospect of your facility opening to nonresidents in the near future and we respectfully request that you delay all opening activities for at least two weeks. Indeed, we are extending a similar request to all seasonal destinations within the county immediately. Here's why:

- One-third of Middlesex County is 65 years of age or older. They are highly vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus and will experience a high mortality rate if infected. Thus far there are no instances of testing positive in Middlesex County.
- The absence of healthcare services within the county and the minimal EMT resources available, much of which is comprised of volunteers, would immediately be overwhelmed if the Covid-19 virus infects our population.
- Although you have courteously offered to close your facility's common areas, your guests will, of course, frequent the Dollar General, Hardware, Grocery, Pharmacy, Gas Stations, and other necessary retail providers for their needs. It is inevitable that they will come into contact by air or by surface contacts with local residents in doing so.

The tourism industry is vitally important to Middlesex County. It pains us to request curtailment of this indispensable resource. Yet, when we understand the catastrophic outcome that would result from unleashing this terrible virus among this aged and at-risk population, we find we have no choice.

We feel certain that, given the insight we have tried to convey above, Bush Park Camping Resort will agree that doing all we can to protect the population of this county is the highest priority for its ethical integrity and its brand.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

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