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Support Our Local Restaurants During COVID-19!

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting small businesses across the county, including local restaurants which are either experiencing full shutdowns or are trying to survive by providing carry-out or curb-side pick-up. To encourage community support by residents for these important businesses, the Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce and the Northumberland County Economic Development Commission have joined forces to sponsor a campaign to ***Come and Get It!*** from restaurants providing these services.

On March 23, Governor Ralph Northam ordered Virginia restaurants to close their dining rooms and restrict their service to takeout or delivery to ensure social distancing and slow the spread of the coronavirus. “As a consequence, many of our local restaurants are offering take out or pick up services which only brings in a fraction of the revenue and employs only a fraction of the staff,” stated Doug Lemke, president of the county’s Chamber of Commerce. “It is incumbent on all of us to ensure that our patronage is directed to help our local businesses get through this crisis.

While the state is under a stay-at-home executive order, residents are still allowed to leave their homes for essential activities like food but need to continue social distancing. “Ordering pick up meals from local restaurants adheres to those guidelines and will help ensure that, after the COVID-19 threat has passed, we still have viable restaurants for our families to enjoy in the future, said Theresa Lambert, Chair, the county’s Economic Development Commission. “***Come and Get It!*** is part of a larger shop local campaign *Support Our Businesses during COVID-19* that the two organizations are sponsoring,” stated Lambert.

A list of local restaurants in the Northumberland County that are offering takeout or pick-up service may be found at the Chamber’s website at: <https://www.northumberlandcoc.org/> or the Northumberland County government website at: <http://www.co.northumberland.va.us/>.

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