When COVID-19 entered our community, Albemarle County Local Government moved swiftly to align our resources to our emergency response. Our goals focused on reducing transmission among staff and the public, protecting higher-risk people, and maintaining our essential services so that we could continue to serve the needs of our community.

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Local government operating smoothly means our local economy can continue moving forward. During the response phase of the pandemic, we closed our doors to visitors, but we remained open for business.
Keeping our community safe was the top priority during the response phase of the pandemic. Our public safety and human services teams worked around the clock to meet our community’s needs.

- **804** enhanced Personal Protective Equipment calls by Albemarle County Fire Rescue
- **24,000** free cloth face coverings distributed
- **1,500** fit tests for healthcare professionals in the community in partnership with the regional emergency operations center
- **76** calls for violations of an executive order
- **550** Child Protective Services cases
- **118** Adult Protective Services cases
- **6,993** SNAP applications processed
- **411K** park visitors
- **$150K** available for emergency funding of rent, utilities, mortgage, car, and/or insurance payments for individuals impacted by COVID-19
- **$173K** towards homeless program support in partnership with Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless
- **672** hours of parks ambassadors at park entrances
- **196** hours of bike patrols in County parks

Supporting emerging needs during the pandemic meant working differently and providing resources where they were most needed.