

Community Engagement and Public Information Department



**IMPORTANT EMERGENCY
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**County Announces Opportunities for
Residents to Access Free Broadband**

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Last week, Gloucester County announced that staff has been working to increase opportunities for residents in underserved area of the County to access Wi-fi. Several partners have joined the County in offering free, limited Wi-fi access. The locations are listed below. People are asked to observe social distancing or stay in their cars. County WiFi hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All County sites are named GCFree and do not require a password. In addition to the public sites, Gloucester County Public Schools is offering its Wi-fi for students and staff from the parking areas of each of the schools.

Public WiFi Locations:

- **Gloucester County Library** 6920 Main Street, Gloucester
- **Gloucester County Library Point Branch** 2354 York Crossing Drive, Hayes
- **Gloucester County Building One**, 6467 Main Street, Gloucester, parking lot in the rear of the building
- **Gloucester Courthouse Circle**, parking on Main Street
- **BridgePoint Church**, located at 10487 Harcum Road in Gloucester. Connectivity is available in the back parking lot.
- **Dutton's Grocery**, 9900 Davenport Road, Woods Cross Roads. Connectivity is available from the front of the store.
- **Franktronics**, 3618 George Washington Mem Hwy, Hayes. The Wi-fi network is "FranktronicsGuests" and the password will be posted on the side of the building. Connectivity is available in the Franktronics parking lot, and reaches across the street in the Salvation Army parking lot. Please leave ample spots by doors for retail customers.
- **Gloucester County Public Schools**: Each school, along with the TC Walker Education Center, have enabled public Wi-fi access from their parking lots. The wireless network is GCPSPublic and the password is covid2019. This access is filtered the same as internet for students (student content filtering

enabled). The speed on this wireless is restricted to about the same as most home cable Internet connections.

- **Gloucester Housing Partnership**, 6661 Hickory Fork Road, Suite C, Hayes. Connectivity is available 24/7 and its parking lot can accommodate between one and ten cars. The Wi-fi network is “GHPI” and the password is “ghpi7335.”
- **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 6470 Main Street, Gloucester. Connectivity is available for access 24/7 to anyone close enough to the church to receive the signal. The connection is available on two-hour limits and 500 users can access the network simultaneously without a password.
- **Hodges & Bryant, LLC**, 6834 Ware House Road, Gloucester. Connectivity is available from the parking lot in front of the business beginning April 14. The password to connect is “password.”
- **Lighthouse Church and Little Lights Childcare**, 4299 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. Connectivity is available from the parking lots of the neighboring facilities.
- **Newington Baptist Church**, 6169 Main Street, Gloucester. Wi-fi is available 24/7 from the handicap parking spots closest to the building with the columns and steeple. There are spots for ten people at a time. The Wi-fi connection is “newingtonhotspot” and the password is “17andmain.”
- **Rappahannock Community College**, 12745 College Drive. Connectivity is available in the parking lot area, closest to the nature trail entrance. No password is required.
- **Ware Academy**, 7936 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester. No password is required.

To be added to the list of public sites please send your business or organization’s name and address to Gloucester’s Community Engagement and Public Information department by e-mailing Quinton Sheppard, Public Information and Marketing Coordinator at qsheppard@gloucesterva.info or by calling 804-693-5730.

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