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## **HEAVY RAIN CLOSES SEVERAL ROADS**

*Flooding exists on several primary roads, secondary roads in the Fredericksburg area, Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula*

**FREDERICKSBURG**—For motorist safety, several portions of primary and secondary roads in the Fredericksburg area, Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula are closed Friday morning for flooded conditions.

Route 17 southbound is closed in Essex County in the vicinity of Occupacia Road. A temporary traffic pattern is in place, with northbound and southbound Route 17 traffic both traveling in the northbound lanes of Route 17.

Route 205 is closed at the King George and Westmoreland county lines.

In Westmoreland, Route 3 eastbound is closed from Flat Iron Road (Route 624) to Claymont Road (Route 634) for flooding. Route 3 westbound is closed from Flat Iron Road to Trigger Lane (Route 683), and the King George county line.

All lanes of Route 205 in Westmoreland are closed between Buena Vista Drive (Route 758) and Colonial Avenue. Route 205 is also closed from Stoney Knoll (Route 628) to Route 3.

For travelers that typically use Route 3 and Route 205 to access Route 301, a detour route of Route 360 to Route 17 to Route 301 is recommended.

All lanes of I-95 are open in the Fredericksburg area, which includes the counties of Caroline, Spotsylvania and Stafford.

Several secondary roads are closed for flooding Friday morning in Caroline, King William, Spotsylvania and Westmoreland counties.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) crews worked overnight to respond to reports of flooding, and will continue to assess road conditions this morning.

Motorists can find real-time information about road closures, road conditions and traffic incidents on VDOT's 24-hour travel information website, [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org). 511Virginia is also available by calling 511 from any telephone in Virginia.

A complete list of road closures, categorized by locality, is available through 511Virginia.

In heavy rain, motorists should avoid flood-prone areas, especially along creeks and other low-lying areas. Water in those areas can rise quickly and without warning during heavy rain.

Motorists are encouraged to monitor weather reports and road conditions before traveling and take additional precautions:

- Never drive through water flowing across a road. It takes only six to 12 inches of water to float a small vehicle.
- Never drive around barricades. Remember, the road has been closed for your safety.
- Slow down when driving through standing water. Driving too fast through water could cause loss of control due to hydroplaning.
- If a flash flood warning is broadcast, seek high ground immediately.
- Watch for debris on the roadway. If you encounter a downed power line, do not try to move the line.

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