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**Legislative Updates from the Office of Rep. Nasif Majeed**

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Representative Nasif Majeed

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Mecklenburg County

PEACE. Today, Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina restaurants and bars will be closed to sit-down service and limited to take-out or delivery orders starting TODAY at 5 pm. Grocery stores, gas stations, and convenience stores, are exempt from this order and will remain open, though they may not serve sit-down food.

Additionally, the order lifts some restrictions on unemployment benefits to help workers unemployed due to COVID-19 and those who are employed but will not receive a paycheck. It also adds benefit eligibility for those out of work because they have the virus or must care for someone who is sick.

“We did not come to this decision easily. But North Carolina must keep fighting this pandemic with the right weapons,” said Governor Cooper. “During this time of uncertainty, I will keep working to protect the health and safety of North Carolinians and keep our state’s economy afloat.”

This Order will directly aid workers who may have lost wages in restaurants and meeting places due to mass gathering restrictions. For example, workers who lose income due to tips or scheduled work hours, but are still employed, would be eligible for benefits because of this Executive Order. Among other changes:

- It removes the one-week waiting period to apply for unemployment

- payment for those workers who lose their jobs;
- It removes the requirement that a person must be actively looking for another job during this time when many potential employers are closed and social distancing guidelines are in effect.
  - It allows employees who lose their jobs or, in certain cases have their hours reduced due to COVID-19 to apply for unemployment benefits.
  - It directs that employers will not be held responsible for benefits paid as a direct result of these COVID-19 claims.
  - It waives the requirement that people must apply for benefits in person; workers can apply for benefits online or by phone.

The full executive order is available [HERE](#).

**Further Closures: Libraries, Museums, YMCA**

Libraries, museums, and aquariums will also close after TODAY, March 17th statewide. The YMCA of Greater Charlotte has also closed all branches

**We’re now at 46 cases in North Carolina and 0 deaths. There are 16 counties with cases.**

- Brunswick**
- Cabarrus**
- Chatham**
- Craven**
- Durham**
- Forsyth**
- Harnett**
- Iredell**
- Johnston**
- Mecklenburg - 11**
- Onslow**
- Sampson**
- Wake**
- Watauga**
- Wilson**
- Wayne**

**New CDC Guidelines**

The federal government announced new guidelines on Monday, March 16th to contain the spread of COVID-19. New recommendations include:

- avoid gathering in groups larger than 10 people
- work from home whenever possible
- avoid discretionary, non-essential travel within your community; limit yourself to groceries, pharmacies, and other essential items

### **CM Libraries Closing Indefinitely**

All branches of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system will close indefinitely from 5PM on Tuesday. No fines will accrue for borrowed books, return dates will be extended, and e-books will be available. In addition, the branches will extend Wi-Fi signals to reach the perimeter, and not just the interior, of each branch.

Find out more here:

[https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article241248691.html#storylink=bignews\\_latest](https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article241248691.html#storylink=bignews_latest)

### **CMS School Meal Locations**

Starting TODAY, March 17th, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) will dispense meals at the locations listed below. There will be Grab 'n Go lunches and next-day breakfast provided Monday through Friday (M-F), from 10:30AM-12:30PM.

These meals are free for anyone 18 and younger. Children must be present to receive meals.

Questions? Please call 980-343-6041 or [email\\_lunch@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:email_lunch@cms.k12.nc.us).

### **School Meal Locations:**

- Albemarle Road Elementary
- Allenbrook Elementary
- Ashley Park & Pre-K-8 School
- Barringer Elementary
- Berryhill School
- Billingsville Elementary
- Briarwood Academy
- Bruns Academy
- Charlotte East Language Academy
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Academy
- Clear Creek Elementary
- Coulwood STEM Academy
- Crown Point Academy
- David Cox Road Elementary
- Devonshire Elementary
- Druid Hills Academy
- Eastway Middle

- First Ward Elementary
- Governor's Village STEM Academy
- Greenway Park Elementary
- Hickory Grove Elementary
- Hidden Valley Elementary
- Highland Renaissance Academy
- Hopewell High
- Hornet's Nest Elementary
- Huntingtowne Farms Elementary
- Idlewild Elementary
- JH Gunn Elementary
- JW Grier Elementary
- Lake Wylie Elementary
- Lawrence Orr Elementary
- Lebanon Road Elementary
- Marie G Davis IB K-8
- McClintock Middle
- Merry Oaks Elementary
- Metro School
- Montclair Elementary
- Mountain Island Lake Academy
- Nations Ford Elementary
- Newell Elementary School
- North Mecklenburg High
- Northridge Middle
- Oakdale Elementary
- Oakhurst STEAM Academy
- Oaklawn Elementary
- Paw Creek Elementary
- Pineville Elementary
- Pinewood Elementary
- Piney Grove Elementary
- Quail Hollow Middle
- Ranson Middle
- Reedy Creek Elementary
- Renaissance West STEAM Academy
- River Oaks Academy
- Sedgefield Middle
- Shamrock Gardens Elementary
- Starmount Academy
- Steele Creek Academy
- Sterling Elementary
- Stoney Creek Elementary
- Thomasboro Academy
- Tuckasegee Academy
- University Meadows Elementary
- Walter G Byers Elementary

- Westerly Hills Academy
- Whitewater Academy
- Winding Springs Elementary
- Windsor Park Elementary
- Winterfield Elementary

You can find this information in PDF form here:  
[https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/News/SiteAssets/Pages/CMS-announces-meal-distribution-plan-for-kids-/English\\_Food%20Distribution\\_03.16.20.pdf](https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/News/SiteAssets/Pages/CMS-announces-meal-distribution-plan-for-kids-/English_Food%20Distribution_03.16.20.pdf).

## To Apply for Unemployment Benefits

People who want to apply for unemployment benefits can call 888-737-0259 or go online to [www.des.nc.gov/](https://www.des.nc.gov/)(<https://www.des.nc.gov/>

The online application site is always available, but the phone line is only open from 8:00AM to 4:30PM on weekdays.

I will be sending updates as often as I can, but please make sure any information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming directly from reliable sources like the CDC and NCDHHS.

PEACE,



# #IWillNotYield



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