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## Legislative Updates
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# March 18, 2020

## Representative Nasif Majeed
## District 99 - Mecklenburg County

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

PEACE. As we continue to deal with this pandemic, I wanted to provide you with this one-page guide on how you can protect yourselves from scams related to the spread of the Coronavirus in the state and across the nation. A copy of the guide is also available here.

The one-page guide shares information on scams related to robocalls, miracle cure products, phishing attempts, and fraudulent charities.

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Attorney General **Josh Stein**

Report scams to the North Carolina Department of Justice at ncdoj.gov/complaint or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

#### DON'T BUY MIRACLE CURES

According to health officials, no product exists that will prevent you from getting the coronavirus or cure you if you already have the virus. The best way to protect yourself is by taking common-sense health precautions. Beware of people selling cure-all vaccines, drugs, or any other products. Consult with a doctor or health professional before you buy. Remember - if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

#### DON'T FALL FOR ROBOCALLS

We're seeing reports of robocallers ramping up their efforts to steal your money with coronavirus-related scam calls. Don't fall for calls pretending to be from your health insurance company, health experts, the government, or people offering cure-all products or solutions for the virus. Report robocalls to ncdoj.gov/norobo or 1-844-8-NO-ROBO.

#### BEWARE OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Be careful about where you get your information. Stick to trusted resources for updates, including NCDHHS and the CDC. Watch out for phishing emails and texts about the coronavirus that appear to be from health or government officials, and don't open or download anything or share information with others unless you've verified who you're communicating with.

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Make sure that any donations you give are going to real charities addressing the coronavirus, not scammers. Verify charities through the North Carolina Secretary of State, BBB Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Watch, or Charity Navigator. Ask how your donation will be used, and pay by credit card for security and tax record purposes.

## BE A SMART SHOPPER

Take a moment before you buy in-demand items like hand sanitizers, face masks, cleaning products, or groceries. Don't overstock on supplies you may not need. Before you make a purchase, check with your doctor to confirm whether you actually need it. Check company/product reviews before you buy, and avoid high-pressure or time-limited offers. North Carolina's price gouging law is in effect, which makes it illegal to charge too much during a crisis. Report potential price gouging at ncdoj.gov/gouging or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

Attorney General Josh Stein will hold a virtual town hall tomorrow, Thursday, March 19, at 2:00p.m. to answer questions from North Carolinians about the best ways to protect themselves from scams and fraud during the pandemic. North Carolinians can view and ask questions through the following Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram channels:

- Facebook: https://facebook.com/ncdoj
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/NCAGO
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/joshsteinnc/

The price-gouging law that protects people from scammers is also in effect in North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Justice will be reviewing price gouging complaints from consumers closely and are prepared to take action against any businesses engaging in price gouging activities.

Please report potential price gouging by calling 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or by filing a complaint at https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint/price-gouging/.

## How to Handle Schooling at Home

With schools being closed and your children needing to stay engaged, the UNC School of Education has provided resources you can assist you.

Here is the website: https://ed.unc.edu/2020/03/15/schooling-at-home-resources-for-parents-and-students/

There is even a sample daily schedule for students at different grade levels: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSZhOdEPAWjUQpqDkVAlJrFwxxZ9Sa6zGOq0CNRms6Z7DZNq-tQWS3OhuVCUbh_-P-WmksHAzbsrk9d/pub

## Current Situation as of 03.18.2020

Updated daily by 11 a.m. each day.   *Last updated 10:44 a.m., March 18, 2020.*

| NC Cases* | NC Deaths | NC Completed Tests** | US Cases | US Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 0 | 1,850 | 4,275 | 75 |

* This number reflects positive results from all tests, including the NC State Laboratory of Public Health and all hospital and commercial labs.

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\*\* This number reflects testing completed by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health and reporting hospital and commercial laboratories.

**We're now at 63 cases in North Carolina and 0 deaths. There are 18 counties with cases.**

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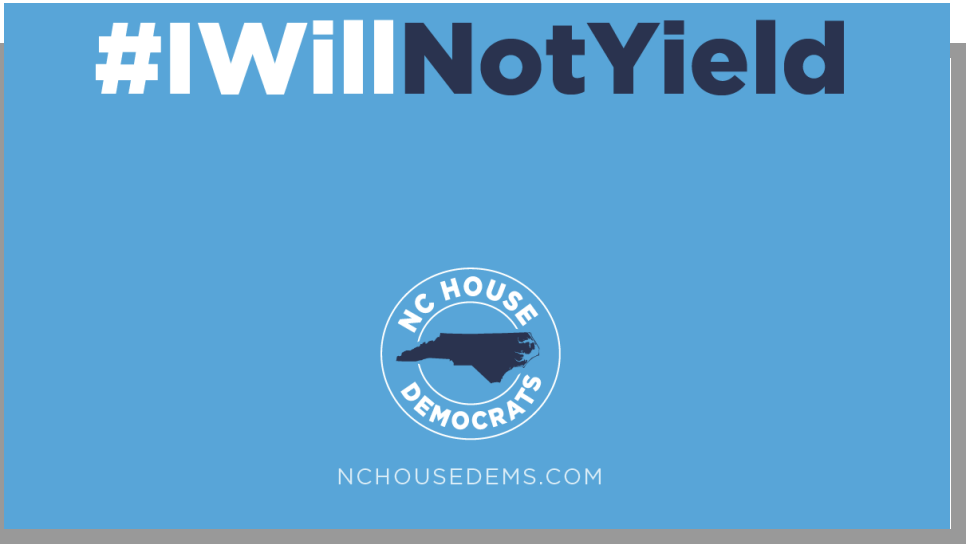Wayne

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