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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

PEACE. All North Carolinians can prepare for COVID-19 by getting the latest information directly from reliable sources. The COVID-19 outbreak has been accompanied by a flood of misinformation from unreliable sources. Be thoughtful about what you read or hear about the virus and make sure you are separating rumor from fact before you act.

Turn to these sources for reliable information:

- NC Department of Health and Human Services
  - NCDHHS Facebook, NCDHHS Twitter, NCDHHS Instagram, NCDHHS YouTube
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - CDC Facebook, CDC Twitter
- NC Emergency Management
  - NC Emergency Management Facebook, NC Emergency Twitter
- Your local health department

If you have specific questions or concerns related to coronavirus, dial 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162 for more information. In the event of an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Get the latest information from reliable sources to stay informed and help your family stay healthy. Check back often as information is changing.

Travel.State.Gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE — BUREAU of CONSULAR AFFAIRS

The State Department has created a 24-hour public hotline for Americans abroad who are impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. For callers in the U.S. and Canada, the number is 888-407-4747. For those dialing from overseas, the number is 202-501-4444.

Governor Roy Cooper said the state is **NOT** planning a shelter-in-place order at this time. That being said, many of you have been sending requests from

businesses who believe they qualify to be exempt. In order to streamline the process for requests, businesses should email [beoc@ncdps.gov](mailto:beoc@ncdps.gov). In the email, they should provide the following:

1. Business name
2. Point of Contact including:
  - name
  - email
  - phone number
  - address
3. Nature of their business and why they are critical to continue operations.
4. Business website



## Hotel & Motel Tenants Facing Eviction to Receive Money to Stay in Place

In cooperation with the United Way, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Mecklenburg County and The Foundation For The Carolinas, at least one-week of costs will be paid to keep some of the community's most fragile residents from possibly becoming homeless.

Crisis Assistance Ministry will pay for a week's worth of hotel and motel costs to forestall immediate evictions, then work with the hotels and motels to come up with a longer-term solution.

"This is a very tough time for everyone," says Carol Hardison, CEO of Crisis Assistance Ministry. "We have to pull together and keeping these families from being evicted will help."

Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio announced earlier this week that two hotels have been rented to isolate and distance those already in homeless shelters should they contract Coronavirus (COVID-19) or come into contact with those who have.

Those needing help with a hotel or motel eviction can call 704-371-3001 ext. 123.

## Updates for the Agricultural Sector

This link provides information on food safety, essential businesses/critical infrastructure, FAQ's and facility information (like educational state forests).

<http://www.ncagr.gov/disaster/documents/COVID-19.htm>

## Other Key Resources

- [CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance](#)
- [Contact Your Local Health Department](#)
- [Get the Facts: FAQs](#)
- [COVID-19 News Releases](#)
- [Sign Up for COVID-19 NC Updates](#)

Current Situation as of 03.23.2020

Updated daily by 11 a.m. each day. Last updated 8:35 a.m., March 23, 2020.

NC Cases*	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests**	US Cases	US Deaths
297	0	8,438	15,219	201

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

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

We’re now at 297 cases in North Carolina and 0 deaths. There are 45 counties with cases. New counties are Buncombe, Nash, Randolph, Richmond, and Vance:

- Alamance
- Brunswick
- Buncombe
- Cabarrus
- Carteret
- Catawba
- Chatham
- Cherokee
- Cleveland
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Davidson
- Davie
- Durham
- Forsyth
- Gaston
- Guilford
- Granville

Harnett  
Henderson  
Hoke  
Iredell  
Johnston  
Lee  
Lincoln  
Mecklenburg - 79  
Moore  
Nash  
New Hanover  
Onslow  
Orange  
Pasquotank  
Pitt  
Randolph  
Richmond  
Robeson  
Rowan  
Sampson  
Scotland  
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