

## COVID 19 Disaster Assistance Programs

Thanks to the **Greater Charlotte Hospitality & Tourism Alliance** for compiling a list of disaster assistance programs. Be aware of the following initiatives:

Starting from Mecklenburg County's deadline of March 20<sup>th</sup> for occupancy taxes, food and beverage taxes and car rental taxes, the county has granted a **60 day grace period**. Check with Mecklenburg County Tax Collections office for additional details.

State of North Carolina has extended the same deadlines for **Sales Tax Payments** as long as you file by April 15, 2020 See <u>https://www.ncdor.gov/home/ncdor-actions-covid-19</u>

North Carolina **ABC Commission** has extended deadlines for alcohol permit registrations/renewals until **June 30, 2020**. See <u>www.abc.nc.gov.</u>

Utility companies including **Charlotte Water Department**, **Duke Energy**, **Piedmont Natural Gas**, **AT&T** and others have announced that services will **not** be discontinued for **late-payment** during this crisis. Contact your specific providers for details. **This program applies to businesses and also individuals**.

Most **lenders** and **landlords** are providing grace periods to businesses for **mortgage** and **rent payments**. Contact them for the deferral.

Charlotte Area Transit System (**CATS**) is offering free rides on bus and light rail until further notice. Please make sure your employees are aware of this.

Even with **Stay At Home Order** in Mecklenburg County, all essential businesses are able to and are operating. They include hotels, restaurants (only curbside, drive thru

and delivery), grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores, etc. All **UPS Stores** are open.

Please help these businesses by using their services as they are providing essential services and your business helps them keep their staff employed, hiring new ones, and actually rehiring laid off employees. Companies such as Publix have plenty of job opportunities for a variety of positions.

Distilleries are producing **hand sanitizers**. Contact Del Ratcliffe with Seven Jar Distillery <u>del@sevenjars.com</u> for information and availability.

Most of these deadlines and programs are extremely fluid and are subject to changes. Please do your part to search for updates and verifications.

## Thank you for keeping our community safe!

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