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Legislative Updates from the Office of Rep. Nasif Majeed




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COVID-19 UPDATES

Governor Cooper Directs Funding to Schools to Teach and Feed Students During COVID-19

Governor Cooper directed \$50 million in school funding flexibility to help public schools and support the greatest needs to serve students during the COVID-19 crisis. Governor Cooper has ordered North Carolina public schools to remain closed to in-class instruction through May 15.

The State Board of Education (SBE) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will establish a new \$50 million flexible allotment for public school units to address COVID-19-related expenses. This allotment is comprised of unused funds from the current and previous school years as well as the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund.

“We are working together to provide programs and resources to ensure the continued health, safety, and education of North Carolina students,” Governor Cooper said. “By allowing fund flexibility our school systems can use funds where it benefits students and families most by continuing to provide meals, improving distance learning, childcare, and much more.”

Governor Cooper worked with Superintendent Mark Johnson and the State Board of Education to create financial flexibility for school systems because of the wide range of needs across the state. The Governor's Education and Nutrition Working Group collaborated with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Independent Public Schools to develop plans to directly help students and their families.

LEAs will also be permitted the flexibility to use currently unspent funds for immediate needs including implementing remote learning strategies, school nutrition programs, cleaning and sanitizing schools and buses, acquiring protective equipment, and providing child care.

» [Read the School Budget Flexibility Memo](#)

Department of Revenue: Frequently Asked Questions for Relief Offered in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

1. Am I required to file my income tax return by April 15, 2020?

No. The Secretary has automatically extended the time for filing income and franchise tax returns due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, for individuals, corporations, and estates and trusts to mirror the announced deadline change from the Internal Revenue Service. The automatic extension also applies to partnerships.

2. What tax schedules qualify for the extension of time to file?

The extension of time to file through July 15, 2020, applies to individual income tax returns, corporate income and franchise tax returns, partnership tax returns, and estate and trust tax returns due April 15, 2020. It does not apply to trust taxes such as sales and use taxes or withholding taxes.

3. What do I need to do to request the extension of time to file my income tax return?

Nothing. The extension of time to file your income tax return will be granted automatically. No action is required in order to receive an extension through July 15, 2020.

4. Can I receive an additional extension of time to file an income tax return if I cannot file by July 15, 2020?

Yes. Taxpayers that need additional time to file beyond the July 15th deadline can submit a request for an additional extension with the IRS or with the Department on or before July 15, 2020.

5. Will I receive a failure to pay penalty if I pay my income tax liability after April 15, 2020?

No. The Department's Important Notice issued March 19, 2020, provided that the Secretary will not assess the failure to pay penalty as long as the amount of income tax due is paid on or before July 15, 2020.

6. Will I receive a failure to file penalty if I file my income tax return after April 15, 2020?

No. The Department's Important Notice issued March 23, 2020, provided that the Secretary will not assess the failure to file penalty as long as the income tax return is filed, or an extension is granted, on or before July 15, 2020.

7. Will I be responsible for paying interest if I pay my income tax liability after April 15, 2020?

Yes. You will be responsible for paying interest at the statutory rate from April 15, 2020, until you pay your income tax liability. The rate of interest is currently 5% per year, the minimum rate allowed by statute. Currently, State law prevents the Department from waiving accrued interest, including interest assessed for the underpayment of estimated tax, except in limited cases.

8. Will I be required to pay all tax and interest due by April 15, 2020, to receive an extension to file through July 15, 2020?

No. The extension to file an income tax return through July 15, 2020, will be granted even if additional tax and interest are due on April 15, 2020.

9. What can I do if I cannot pay my income tax liability by July 15, 2020?

If you have filed your tax return and cannot pay the tax due in full, you can use our website to make payments until you receive a Notice of Collection from the Department. Upon receipt of a Notice of Collection, you may request an Installment Payment Agreement.

10. How do I request a penalty waiver for penalties not covered in this notice?

You should complete Form NC-5500, Request to Waive Penalties, and mail to N.C. Department of Revenue, Customer Service, P.O. Box 1168, Raleigh, NC 27602-1168

CURRENT SITUATION 03.26.2020

Updated daily by 11 a.m. each day. Last updated 12:36 p.m., March 26, 2020.

NC Cases*	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests**
636	2	12,910

* 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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We're now at 636 cases in North Carolina. There are 57 counties with cases. There are 50 people hospitalized with COVID-19, with two confirmed

deaths for North Carolina.

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[Per national reporting standards, cases and deaths are officially counted in the state and county of residency. This prevents double counting or missed counts.]

The dashboard in this link shows cases per county and is being updated daily.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc>

How You Can Help

Donate blood. There is a critical need for blood donation. Find a place to donate in our community:

[American Red Cross](#)

Support our local food bank. An unprecedented surge of people out of work means an unprecedented surge in demand for food donations.

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.

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