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COVID-19 Updates

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Executive Order Prohibits Utility Disconnections in the Wake of COVID-19

Governor Roy Cooper announced another step to help families by prohibiting utilities from disconnecting people who are unable to pay during this pandemic. Yesterday's Executive Order 124 applies to electric, gas, water and wastewater services for the next 60 days.

The Order directs utilities to give residential customers at least six months to pay outstanding bills and prohibits them from collecting fees, penalties or interest for late payment.

Telecommunication companies that provide phone, cable and internet services are strongly urged to follow these same rules.

Additionally, the Order encourages banks not to charge customers for overdraft fees, late fees and other penalties. Landlords are strongly encouraged in the Order to follow the spirit of Chief Justice Cheri Beasley's Order and delay any evictions that are already entered in the court system.

Governor Cooper was joined by Attorney General Josh Stein to announce the order and he thanked companies that have already voluntarily announced policies to prevent shutoffs, including Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, AT&T, and local electric co-ops, among many others. Yesterday's Order follows the Governor's Stay At Home order, which is in effect until April 29.

Executive Order 124 FAQs

Department of Revenue is Expanding Penalty Relief for Taxpayers

Secretary of Revenue Ronald G. Penny announced that the North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) is expanding tax relief as part of Governor Roy Cooper's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The NCDOR will not impose penalties for late filing or payments of many tax types, including sales and use and withholding taxes, through July 15. The NCDOR previously announced tax relief for individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, and estates.

In the notice, the NCDOR announced that it will not impose penalties for failure to obtain a license, failure to file a return, or failure to pay a tax that is due on March 15, 2020 through July 15, 2020, if the corresponding license is obtained, return is filed, or tax is paid on or before July 15, 2020.

The NCDOR cannot waive interest from the due date under current state law—currently 5% per year, the minimum rate allowed by statute. Additionally, sales and use and withholding taxes are trust taxes and the money collected must be remitted to the state and cannot be used for other purposes.

The relief from Late Action Penalties applies to the following tax types:

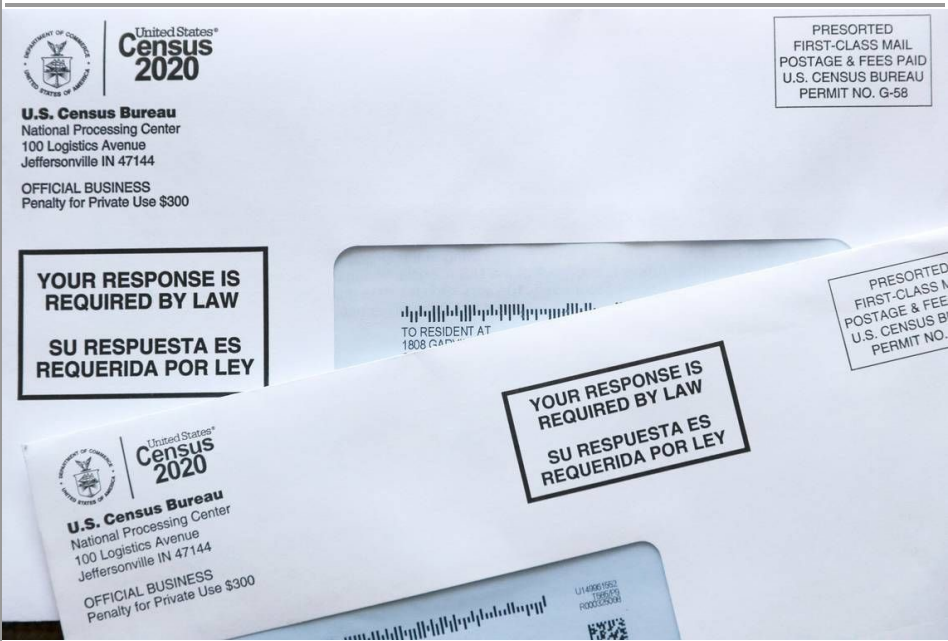
- Withholding Tax
- Sales and Use Tax
- Scrap Tire Disposal Tax
- White Goods Disposal Tax;
- Motor Vehicle Lease and Subscription Tax
- Solid Waste Disposal Tax
- 911 Service Charge for Prepaid Telecommunications Service
- Dry-Cleaning Solvent Tax
- Primary Forest Products Tax
- Freight Car Line Companies
- Various Taxes Administered by the Excise Tax Division

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UNC System Commits to Prorated Reimbursements for Unused Housing and Dining Services

During a special meeting of the UNC Board of Governors, held on March 30, 2020, Interim President Bill Roper announced that the UNC System is committed to prorated reimbursements of payments for unused housing and dining services as a result of the UNC System's rapid response to COVID-19. The chief financial officers at each of the system's 17 campuses are working

together with the UNC System Office to ensure uniformity of processes and calculations for determining refund amounts.



The 24th national census of the United States was yesterday, April 1, 2020.

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Yesterday, April 1 was Census Day, meaning you tell the Census Bureau where you're living as of April 1 in the population survey.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Census Bureau made adjustments to its normal schedule. People can respond by mail, phone, or online by August 14 instead of the originally planned July 31 date.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

[FAQs Related to COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance for Individuals](#)

Resources for N.C. Businesses | COVID-19

Your small business could receive up to a \$2 million loan, to provide vital economic support to overcome the temporary loss of revenue you may be experiencing. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)

Resources for People with Disabilities



What People with Disabilities Need to Know about COVID-19

Symptoms, Risks,
Obstacles and more . .



NCCDD has provided a central place to share valuable information about COVID-19 to help people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families stay safe and healthy. [Please visit the COVID-19 resource page on the NCCDD website](#) and feel free to share with your community.

Please note that information about COVID-19 is constantly changing as updates occur, and it is important to get accurate information from reliable sources.

For the most up-to-date and reliable COVID-19 information for North Carolina, please refer to the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources \(DHHS\) COVID-19 website](#).

Current Situation as of 04.02.2020

Updated daily by 11 a.m. each day. *Last updated 10:55 a.m., April 2, 2020.*

| NC Cases* | NC Deaths | NC Completed Tests** | Number of Counties with Cases |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1,857 | 16 | 28,679 | 83 |

* 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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MECKLENBURG COUNTY HAS 495 CASES and 1 DEATH

Reliable Sources for Information

- [NC Department of Health and Human Services \(NCDHHS\)](#)
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 - [NCDHHS YouTube](#)
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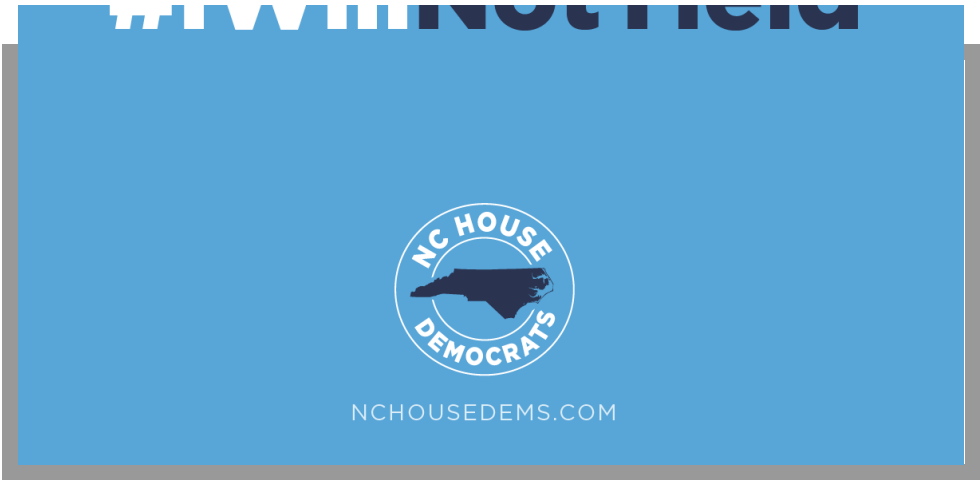


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