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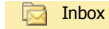
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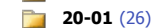
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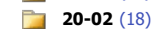
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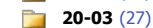

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COVID-19 Update – Message from the County Manager

Mecklenburg County's effort to flatten the curve of new COVID-19 cases is working thanks to our residents' willingness to practice social distancing, but we must continue to be vigilant in the days and weeks ahead in order to reduce the number of new cases **even further!**

To that end, the County is taking additional steps to help promote social distancing by eliminating opportunities that may encourage large crowds.

On Tuesday, all Mecklenburg County parks and greenways – including those connected to County boat ramps – were closed to vehicular traffic. The closure only applies to parking lots at County parks and greenways and does not include parking at Town parks. Click [here](#) to learn more about the closures.

The County is working with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office to enforce the new restrictions. Towns should continue to monitor the activity within their parks to ensure patrons are following social distancing guidelines.

Also, as I mentioned at Tuesday's Board meeting, the County is in the process of extending its Stay at Home Order. The extension will allow more time for residents to practice social distancing.

We also continue working with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management, state Emergency Management, the federal government and the hospitals to finalize plans for a 600-bed mass care field hospital.

I am asking healthcare workers (doctors, nurses, EMTs and paramedics) who are willing to help with the crisis to register with North Carolina Emergency Management at terms@ennc.org.

And finally – the County is also providing support for families and small businesses in the area who may need help.

As part of the Federal COVID-19 Stimulus Response, 24,417 families in Mecklenburg County received supplements to their Food and Nutrition Services Benefits, also known as SNAP. The supplement ensures that those families will receive their maximum allotted benefit for April and May. A total of \$4.4 million dollars in supplements were distributed for the month of April!

And for small businesses who need financial assistance during the pandemic – the County in partnership with Carolina Small Business Development Fund and Centralina Council of Governments, has established a COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund and a Micro Business Stabilization Fund.

Small businesses and Micro businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for assistance. Click [here](#) to learn more about the loans and the eligibility requirements.

I cannot thank you enough for your support during this unprecedented event!

Please continue to visit our COVID-19 webpage posted at MeckNC.gov/COVID-19 to stay up to date with the latest information.

You may also click [here](#) to view the latest data regarding COVID-19 cases and deaths within the County. The number of cases is updated daily as close to 4:30 p.m. as possible. Data including the County ZIP code map of cases and a demographic breakdown of patients is updated twice a week.

Sincerely,

Dena. R. Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager

News Releases 4/7/2020-4/9/2020:

- ****NEW** [Stay at Home Orders Clarification and Guidance](#)
- ****NEW** [County Provides COVID-19 Stabilization Funds for Small Businesses](#)
- ****NEW** [Mecklenburg County Extends Conditional Deadline to file Business Personal Property Listing](#)
- [COVID-19 Data as of April 4](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
- [Data for Mecklenburg County COVID-19 cases reported as of April 1](#)

Click [here](#) to view a full list of news releases.

Media Update:

Wednesday, Public Health Director Gibbie Harris gave an update on COVID-19 cases in Mecklenburg County during a Virtual Media Availability. Harris shared information on COVID cases, COVID modeling projections and marketing efforts to specific demographics including African Americans and individuals between the ages of 20-59, the age group that represents over 70% of cases in Mecklenburg County.

Visit <https://mecklenburg.ravnur.com/media/596> to view Wednesday's virtual update.

Future updates will be announced via a media advisory at least two hours prior to the event. Visit <https://mecklenburg.ravnur.com/live/media-feed> to watch a livestream of the media update.

Community Resources:**Mecklenburg County's Stay at Home Order:**

Click [here](#) to learn more about the County's Stay at Home Order.

Residents with questions about the County's Stay at Home Order can call 704-353-1926 Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

As the pandemic continues to impact the community, click [here](#) to view a list of COVID-19 symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing and Medical Advice:

Residents who feel they may have been exposed to the virus can contact the County's Public Health Hotline at 980-314-9400 to speak with a medical professional or for guidance on testing.

What to Do If You're Feeling Sick:

Click [here](#) for more information on what to do if you think you may have been exposed to the virus.

Frequently Asked Questions - Residents:

Click [here](#) to view a list of the most frequently asked questions related to COVID-19.

Resources for Businesses:

Mecklenburg County is providing COVID-19 Stabilization Funds for Small Businesses. Click [here](#) to learn more about the loans and the eligibility requirements.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued guidelines for businesses and employers during the pandemic. Click [here](#) to view the guidelines.

Resources for County Employees:**Employee Rights Under Families First Coronavirus Act**

On April 1, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was signed to help provide additional paid leave for government employees affected by COVID-19.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the act.

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