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HOT TOPICS

USA TODAY: [When are stimulus checks coming? Money could roll out](#)
The first wave of \$1,200 stimulus payments is on track to be paid the week of April 13, according to Lisa Greene-Lewis, a certified public accountant at TurboTax. The government is prioritizing the first few waves of payments in the coming weeks toward low-income Americans and Social Security beneficiaries, Greene-Lewis says.

Federal Action:

- The White House [“Slow the Spread”](#) guidelines are in place until **April 30**. These are part of a nationwide effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the implementation of social distancing at all levels of society.
- CDC is recommending the use of a [cloth face covering](#) to keep people who are infected but do not have symptoms from spreading COVID-19 to others.
 - The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
 - The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators.
 - The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- [\\$30B from the CARES Act](#) now set to flow to health care systems, hospitals and providers for COVID-19 response.
- The CDC has provided [interim guidance](#) for how asymptomatic critical

- infrastructure workers can return to work after exposure to COVID-19
- U.S. Department of Education is awarding \$378.3 million to 142 North Carolina colleges, universities and post-secondary institutions
- PAYMENTS:
 - [Expect \\$1,200 individual stimulus payments next week](#)
 - **Paycheck Protection Program:** Over 30,000 licenses for community banks and credit unions have been reactivated for the SBA paycheck protection program. [Application here.](#)
 - The first Americans to get [relief payments from the government](#) under the coronavirus legislation signed into law last month won't see the money until **at least the week of April 13.**
- CMS is allowing Medicare-enrolled ambulatory surgical centers to [temporarily enroll](#) as hospitals to help address the need for increased hospital capacity. **Other CMS** [Regulations and details here.](#)
- Mandatory **stay-at-home orders have been issued in at least 41 states.**
- TAXES: **Federal taxes** are now due July 15 instead of April 15. More details [here.](#)

State Action:

- [DHHS Resource: Dashboard on NC Cases.](#) We are now at 3, 908 cases in North Carolina:
 - 91 counties with cases;
 - 423 people hospitalized;
 - 74 confirmed deaths;
 - 906 cases in Mecklenburg County;
 - 10 deaths in Mecklenburg County.
- [EO 131](#): requires retail stores that are still operating to implement new social distancing policies to make shopping safer for customers and employees; makes earlier COVID-19 guidelines mandatory for nursing facilities, and recommends other long-term care facilities to do the same; speeds up the process to get benefits to people out of work.
- [EO 130](#): provides more access to health care beds, expands the pool of health care workers and orders essential childcare services for workers responding to the crisis.
- View all other COVID-19 related [Executive Orders](#) from Governor Cooper.
- FEMA [approved](#) over 16,500 units of individual housing, emergency non-congregate sheltering for COVID-19 relief.
- North Carolina COVID-19 [Modeling](#). Shows Social Distancing Necessary to Slow the Spread and Preserve Hospital Capacity to Save Lives
- [April 9: Unemployment Picture in North Carolina](#)

- The state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has

activated a hotline to answer farmers' questions about the coronavirus outbreak. **The toll-free number is 1-866-747-9823.**

- To help families access food during the COVID-19 pandemic, NCDHHS is temporarily [increasing](#) benefits for March 2020 and April 2020 to current Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients in North Carolina.
- **Unemployment Filing:** the [form for unemployment](#) needs to have “coronavirus” as your reason for separation in order to receive the unemployment benefit for jobs lost due to the coronavirus. [A GREAT resource to send to folks for “before you apply”](#)
- **March 27:** Governor Roy Cooper announced that parents who need food assistance for their children can text FOODNC to 877-877 to locate nearby free meal sites. The texting service is also available in Spanish by texting COMIDA to 877-877. [Read more.](#)
- **March 26:** The White House granted the state’s request for a **federal disaster declaration.**
- **Tax Relief:** The NC Department of Revenue won’t impose late penalties for income tax due April 15th if the tax is paid by July 15th

[Unemployment Insurance FAQs](#)

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