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COVID-19 Update – Message from the County Manager

Mecklenburg County's latest data report on new COVID-19 cases reiterates the importance of continuing our efforts to Stay at Home and flatten the curve of new infections in our area.

As of **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21**, Mecklenburg County Public Health reports that 1,255 county residents have COVID-19, and 32 have died.

The data report released Monday is based on the cases 1,231 cases reported on April 20. Click [here](#) to view a copy of the latest data report.

Special thanks to Atrium and Novant healthcare systems for providing additional testing locations in the west and east sections of the County. In less than a week, more than 300 tests have been conducted in those areas!

Meanwhile, the County is continuing its efforts to provide information and resources to specific groups impacted by COVID-19.

Public Health has created a communications toolkit comprised of marketing materials that can be shared to help educate the community on COVID-19, prevention, and the importance of the Stay at Home Order.

I would like to encourage our community partners, towns and places of worship to review the toolkit and share the material. Click [here](#) to view the toolkit.

On Monday, the County also hosted a webinar to go over the items in the toolkit. Click here to view the [webinar](#).

I am also pleased to announce two new options for residents receiving—or who may be eligible to receive—food and nutrition benefits. North Carolina has received approval for a Pandemic EBT Program that allows Food and Nutrition clients to be reimbursed for the costs of school lunch meals while classes are not in session.

Additionally, the state has also received approval to allow Food and Nutrition clients to use their EBT cards to purchase groceries online from Amazon and Walmart! Click [here](#) to learn more about the options for Food and Nutrition clients.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Dena. R. Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager

News Releases:

- *****NEW** [NEW DSS Programs Benefit Families During COVID-19](#)
- *****NEW** [COVID-19 Target Populations Toolkit Webinar](#)
- *****NEW** [COVID-19 Projection Models FAQs](#)
- *****NEW** [COVID-19 Data for April 19](#)
- *****NEW** [Update on Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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

Media Update:

Public Health Director Gibbie Harris gave an update Monday on COVID-19 cases in Mecklenburg County. Visit <https://mecklenburg.ravnur.com/media/607> to view yesterday'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 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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