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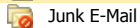
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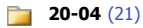
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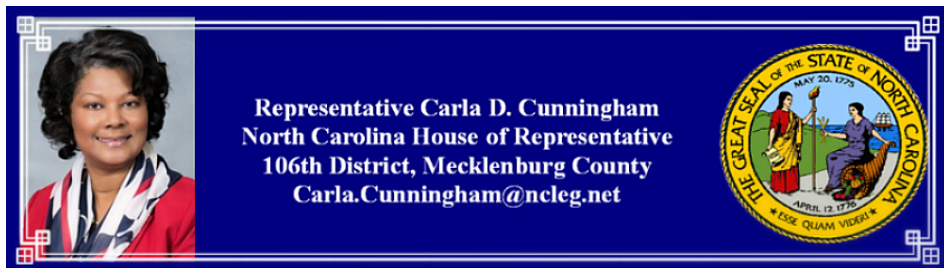
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Rep. Carla Cunningham: House Committee Assignments 2019-2020 Session

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Minority Health Advisory Council
 North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

North Carolina Institute of Medicine Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program

April 22, 2020

Dear Community,

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the first responders, health care workers, transit workers, essential grocery, pharmacy, and delivery workers, as well as to all those North Carolinians volunteering in our communities.

I would like to remind and encourage you and your families to please continue practicing social distancing, especially in grocery stores and all stores that are open. These protocols will ensure that our communities are safe and help stop the spread of COVID-19. You can

learn more about the protocols outlined by the NC Department of Health and Human Services [here](#) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [here](#).

I know that these have been challenging times and that we are all adjusting to our lives during the coronavirus pandemic. If we've learned anything from the past, we know that North Carolinians are strong. We've stood together, supported one another, and helped our neighborhoods during such trying times. I know that we will get through this together. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their strength and courage during this time.

I hope the valuable information, I am sharing from my office is helpful to all. Please know that keeping you, your families and communities through the crisis informed is my top priority.

My office remain committed to serving you during these challenging times. We are working remotely, my Legislative Assistant Sherrie remain able to assist and send out updates, handle constituents matters of residents via email and phone. The best way to get in touch with the office is to email cunninghamla@ncleg.net and carla.cunningham@ncleg.net or call 919-733-5807. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions or requests for assistance.

I know this is a difficult time and each day seems to present new challenges. I urge each of you to take time for yourself-be sure to eat healthy foods, drink lots of water, go outside for a few minutes, and stay connected to your friends and family. We will get through this together.

Stay strong.

With Gratitude,

Rep. Carla Cunningham

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We will strive to keep this page updated and share the latest available information as we receive it.

North Carolina

[House Select Committee on COVID-19](#)

- COVID-19 Bill [Draft](#)
- COVID-19 Bill Draft [Summary](#)

State Coronavirus [Hotline](#)

[Confirmed Infections](#) (updated daily; includes county map)

[Guidance](#) for

- Businesses

- Restaurants
- Child care facilities
- Schools
- Homeless shelters
- Long-term care facilities

[Governor's Executive Orders](#)

- Order [134](#)
- Order [133](#)
- Order [131](#)
- Order [130](#)
- Order [129](#)
- Order [125](#)
- Order [124](#) (For more discussion, click [here](#))
- Order [122](#)
- Order [121](#) (for more discussion, including how this affects city/county orders, click [here](#))
- Order [120](#)
- Order [119](#)
- Order [118](#)
- Order [117 \(FAQ\)](#)
- Order [116](#)

City/County Orders

- [City of Durham](#) (stay at home)
- [City of Fayetteville](#) (emergency declaration)
- [City of High Point](#) (stay at home)
- [Franklin County](#) (stay at home)
- [Guilford County](#) (stay at home)
- [Madison County](#) (shelter-in-place)
- [Mecklenburg County](#) (shelter-in-place)
- [Orange County](#) (stay at home)
- [Pitt County](#) (shelter-in-place)
- [Town of Beaufort](#) (shelter-in-place)
- [Wake County](#) (stay at home)

Other North Carolina Agencies

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Attorney General](#)
 - Price gouging complaint [form](#)
- [Board of Funeral Service](#)
- [Community Colleges](#)
- [Courts](#)
- [Elections](#)
- [Health and Human Services](#)
 - [Application](#) for emergency child care financial assistance
- [Housing Finance Agency](#)

- [Human Resources](#)
- [North Carolina Association of County Commissioners](#)
- [Parks](#)
- Public Assistance [Grants](#) (Dept. of Public Safety)
- [Public Instruction](#)
 - Remote learning [resources](#)
- [Revenue](#)
 - [Application](#) to be considered an “essential business”
 - Taxpayer penalty [relief](#)
- [Small Business Resource Portal](#) (NC Chamber)
- [Transportation](#)
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 - Local government [issues](#)
- UNC [System](#)
- Unemployment [Insurance](#)
- [Utilities Commission](#)
- [Wildlife Resources Commission](#)

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Rent/Housing Concerns

- HUD Coronavirus [Information](#)
- Judicial [Order](#) on Foreclosures
- Governor’s Executive Order [124](#)
- NC [Legal Aid](#)
- NC [Housing Coalition](#)
- [Triangle Family Services](#) (housing and rental assistance)
- [Oak City Cares](#) (homelessness services)
- News & Observer [Report](#)
- Investopedia [Report](#)

Federal and International

U.S. Congress

- Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act ([H.R. 6074](#))
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act ([H.R. 6201](#))
- Paid Sick Days for Public Health Emergencies and Personal and Family Care Act ([S. 3415](#))
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act ([S. 3548](#))
- Congressional Research Service [Studies](#)
- U.S. House live [video](#) (plus archive)
- U.S. Senate live [video](#) (plus archive)

White House

- [Coronavirus Guidelines](#)
- [Opening Up American Again](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- COVID-19 [Symptoms](#)
- Confirmed U.S. [Cases](#)
- Mental Health [Resources](#)

Legislative and Regulatory [Updates](#) (U.S. + all 50 states)

IRS [Coronavirus Tax Relief](#)

- Stimulus check [assistance](#) for those who don't file a tax return
- Track your stimulus payment [here](#)

FEMA [Coronavirus Rumor Control](#)

Department of [Housing and Urban Development](#)

Law Library of Congress [Coronavirus Resource Guide](#)

U.S. Postal Service ([residential](#) and [business](#) FAQs)

[Council of State Governments](#)

Other Federal [Resources](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

Worldwide COVID-19 Testing [Data](#)

News Sources

Daily [Updates](#) from Raleigh News & Observer (free of charge)

NC DHHS [Press Releases](#) (sign up for email updates [here](#))

UNC-TV [Video Briefings](#)

[WRAL](#)

[ABC11](#)

[CBS17](#)

[WBTX](#)

Daily [Updates](#) from Washington Post (free of charge)

[New York Times](#)

[BBC](#)

Updates by phone/text

- Dial 211
- Text COVIDNC to 898211

Medical and Academic

Infectious Diseases [Dashboard](#) (Johns Hopkins University)

New England [Journal](#) of Medicine

[LitCovid](#) (articles from PubMed)

Other Academic [Resources](#)

COVID-19: Unemployment Insurance Information

The North Carolina Division of Employment Security is providing the following guidance to help people understand the impacts of the COVID-19 coronavirus on unemployment insurance benefits. This page will be updated as more information becomes available.

Federal Unemployment Assistance: Updates on the expanded benefits through the CARES Act

Information for Individuals: Information for people filing for unemployment

Online Account Help for Individuals: Information about creating and accessing your online account

Information for Employers: Unemployment information for employers related to COVID-19

Online Account Help for Employers: Information about creating and accessing your online account

Filing for Unemployment Benefits

The fastest and most efficient way to file a new claim is to create an online account and file online at des.nc.gov.

If you're temporarily out of work or your working hours have been reduced due to COVID-19, choose 'coronavirus' as your reason for separation when filing your claim.

Remember, you must complete a Weekly Certification each week to receive benefits for that week. Sign into your online account to complete your Weekly Certification.

Eligibility, the exact amount of benefits and the duration period of those benefits cannot be determined until after you file your claim.

After you file your claim, your last employer is given, by law, 10 days to respond to DES about your claim. No payment will be released until after this 10-day period.

If there are no issues with a claim, individuals typically receive payment within about 14 days of filing their initial claim.

Unemployment Insurance Changes

On March 17, 2020, Governor Cooper issued [Executive Order 118](#) announcing changes to unemployment insurance benefits for individuals who are out of work as a result of COVID-19. The order pertains to individuals who are separated from employment, who have had their work hours reduced, or who are prevented from working due to medical condition caused by COVID-19 or due to communicable disease control measures.

The following changes are in effect for individuals eligible for benefits due to COVID-19:

Waiting Period. Normally, individuals do not receive payment for the first week of their claim for unemployment—this is the one-week waiting period. The one-week waiting period is waived for people filing as a direct result of COVID-19.

Note: After you file your claim, your last employer is given, by law, 10 days to respond to DES about your claim. No payment will be released until after this 10-day period. If there are no issues with a claim, individuals typically receive payment within about 14 days of filing their initial claim.

Work Search Requirements. [N.C. Executive Order 118](#) waives the work search requirement for people filing for unemployment during the State of Emergency. You may answer ‘yes’ to the question ‘Did you look for work?’ on the Weekly Certification. However, answering ‘no’ to this question will not delay your weekly benefits.

No charges will be assessed to an employer’s account for any benefits paid as a direct result of COVID-19.



While you are at home, don't forget to fill out the Census! It is critical that all North Carolina residents are counted in the Census in order to get the federal funding we deserve for our schools public transportation, affordable housing, roads, and more! For more information, and to complete the census, you can click [here](#).

How To Respond

The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1, 2020.

For the first time, you can choose to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. Find out more about each of these methods below:

- [Online Response Guide](#)
- [Phone Response Guide](#)

- [Paper \(Mail\) Response Guide](#)

Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. See [the questions the census asks here](#).

If you do not receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau, you may respond online or visit our [Contact Us](#) page to call our phone line. **The 2020 Census final deadline extended to October 31, 2020.**

Why Your Answers Matter

Impact in Our Community:

Census results affect our community. The results will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into our community every year for the next decade.

The funding shapes the following aspects of every community by providing planning and funding for the following: healthcare-including programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, State Children's Health Insurance, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse. Results also affect the programs such as Head Start, Pell Grants, school lunches, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education, highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing, federal transit, community development, and rural water and waste disposal systems, hospitals, fire-departments, programs for vocational rehabilitation state grants, dislocated workers, and American Indian and Alaska Native employment and training, and other critical programs and services.

Importance of the Data:

The Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. The 2020 Census will provide data of our nation-who we are, where we live, and so much more. The results will inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

IRS Economic Impact Payments

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

The IRS is committed to helping you get your Economic Impact Payment as soon as possible. The payments, also referred to by some as stimulus payments, are automatic for most taxpayers. No further action is needed by taxpayers who filed tax returns in 2018 and 2019 and most seniors and retirees.

[See if you are eligible for an Economic Impact Payment.](#)

If you are eligible, [use our guide to figure out which IRS tool you should use to get your payment.](#)



Filers: Get Your Payment

Use the "Get My Payment" application to:

- Check your payment status
- Confirm your payment type: direct deposit or check
- Enter your bank account information for direct deposit if we don't have your direct deposit information and we haven't sent your payment yet

[Get My Payment](#)

Update your bank account or mailing address

- If we don't have your direct deposit information from your 2018 or 2019 return – and we haven't yet sent your payment – use the Get My Payment application to let us know where to send your direct deposit.
- **2019 Filers:** We will send your payment using the information you provided with your 2019 tax return. You will not be able to change it.
- **2018 Filers:** If you need to change your account information or mailing address, file your 2019 taxes electronically as soon as possible. That is the only way to let us know your new information.

Note: We are not currently able to process individual paper tax returns due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here

If you don't file taxes, use the "Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here" application to provide simple information so you can get your payment.

You should use this application if:

- You **did not file** a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return because your gross income was under \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples). This includes people who had no income. Or
- You **weren't required** to file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return for other reasons.

Do not use this application if you receive the benefits below. If you receive these benefits, we already have your information and you will receive \$1,200.

- Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), survivor benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Recipients of Veterans Affairs benefits
- Railroad Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Special note: People in these groups who have qualifying children under age 17 can use this application to claim the \$500 payment per child.

[Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)

Get more information about Economic Impact Payments

Visit our [Economic Impact Payments Information Center](#) to answer your questions about eligibility, payment amounts, what to expect, when to expect it and more.

Also, visit the [FDIC website](#) for information on where to find a bank that can open an account online and how to choose the right account for you.

IRS Page Last Reviewed or Updated: 21-Apr-2020

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Thursday, April 23, 2020

9:30 AM -House: [Select Committee on COVID-19, Health Care- 1228/1327 LB](#)



2:00 PM -House: [Select Committee on COVID-19, Education- 1228/1327 LB](#)

3:00 PM -House: [Select Committee on COVID-19, Continuity of State Operations- 1124/1224 LB](#)

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

12:00 PM -House: [Session Convenes- House](#)


12:00 PM Senate: [Session Convenes- Senate](#)

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