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Message from the County Manager

Yesterday in Minneapolis, the first in a series of memorial services was held in honor of George Floyd. Mr. Floyd's tragic and untimely death by Minneapolis Police has captured the attention of the nation by becoming the latest in a long line of tragedies involving African Americans to be woven into our nation's history. On behalf of Mecklenburg County, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to George Floyd's family.

For months, people around the world have focused on protecting themselves from an invisible enemy – the coronavirus or COVID-19. But the tragic death of George Floyd reminds us of the need to continue to fight against the systems and practices that allow racism, a longstanding *visible* foe, to thrive.

The tragedy has become the epicenter of a nationwide movement – as people from all walks of life rally for a permanent dismantling of the chains of racism and racial disparities.

Mecklenburg County leaders have heard their cries. On June 10, the County will launch its Racial Equity Learning Webinar Series for County employees. The 90-minute webinars are an expansion of Mecklenburg County's **Advancing Racial Equity** course. The course is among one of many action items in the County's Equity Action Plan – developed by [Mecklenburg County's Office of Equity and Inclusion](#). The office was created following the civil unrest following the 2016 shooting death of Keith Lamont Scott by a Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Officer. Click [here](#) to learn more about the course.

The Racial Equity Learning Webinar Series will focus on racial and social disparities as it relates to a variety of areas – from disparities in the criminal justice system, to disparities in healthcare, education and employment. The goal of the series is to bring an awareness of these disparities and the ways it impacts our community, resulting in more equitable outcomes for the residents we serve.

In addition – on Tuesday, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a \$1.9 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2021. The budget includes a new investment of \$8.6 million for the Board priority, Reducing Racial Disparities. The funding covers a variety of investments including \$2 million to reduce racial disparities in healthcare, over \$3 million to address food deserts in the community and funding for grassroot nonprofits and community service grants.

Now is the time to create *lasting and permanent* change as it relates to race within our society.

Sincerely,

Dena. R. Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager

COVID-19 Update

As of 5 p.m. today, there were 4,840 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 106 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents. Click [here](#) for the latest data report.

COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization Loans Still Available

Mecklenburg County's Office of Economic Development has announced that funds are still available through the COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization Loan Fund. Currently, 171 small businesses in Mecklenburg County have been approved for loans totaling more than \$3.8 million. The Fund still has approximately \$900,000 available for qualified small businesses affected by COVID-19. The County and its lending partner, Carolina Small Business Development Fund, will continue to accept applications from small businesses (up to 50 employees) located in Mecklenburg County for loans of \$5,000 - \$35,000 with up to 10-year terms at an interest rate of 3%. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. Funds may be used to cover the day-to-day operating expenses of the business, such as payroll costs, rent, routine real estate and equipment financing payments, utilities or losses due to destabilizing events. Applicants must provide:

- One-page simplified loan application (online)
- Statement describing how the COVID-19 has adversely impacted the business
- Copy of driver license
- Copy of lease agreement or mortgage statement
- Tax returns (business) 2018 & Profit and Loss statement for 2019
- Tax returns (personal) 2018
- Year-to-date Profit and Loss statement including balance sheet
- One year of income and expense projection including cash flow

More information on this program and others from Mecklenburg County contact Peter Zeiler or visit <https://MeckNC.gov/EDO>.

News Releases:

- [COVID-19 Data for June 3](#)
- [MeckCounts 2020 Encourages Residents to "Wave On" Census Caravan](#)
- [Mecklenburg County's COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization Loans Still Available](#)
- [Mecklenburg Minute](#)
- [Update on Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [BOCC Adopts \\$1.9 Billion Operating Budget for FY2021](#)

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

Media Update:

Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio and Public Health Director Gibbie Harris gave an update on COVID-19 cases in Mecklenburg County, on Friday, May 22. Click [here](#) to view the latest media availability.

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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