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COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 12,452 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 155 deaths to date COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents. Click [here](#) for the latest data report.

Free Masks Available Thanks to the County's Partnership with Atrium Health and CELC

Free masks are now available for Mecklenburg County residents thanks to the County's public-private partnership with Atrium Health, the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council (CELC) and other contributing organizations.

Distribution of two million masks began on Friday, July 3. One million of the masks were donated by Mecklenburg County from the federal government. An additional one million masks were provided by Atrium Health and the businesses affiliated with the CELC.

The Board of County Commissioners have also appropriated \$1 million from the County's CARES funds to purchase additional face coverings.

North Carolina residents are required to wear face coverings in public places (both indoor and outdoor) as part of Governor Roy Cooper's [Executive Order No. 147](#), when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet is not possible.

Click [here](#) for mask distribution locations.

Criminal Justice Services Creates Implicit Bias Training for Justice Professionals

Mecklenburg County's Criminal Justice Services has designed a new online training program to help justice professionals understand implicit bias and the ways those biases can potentially impact their work with the community.

The online training, "Addressing and Acknowledging Unconscious Bias: Creating a Better Tomorrow" launched June 23. The online training is designed to help users understand and identify implicit bias, the root of implicit biases – and the ways implicit bias could impact decision making in the criminal justice system.

The training was created in partnership with Criminal Justice Services, the County Manager's Office and the Criminal Justice Advisory Group (CJAG), with funding from and in collaboration with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The program is available to judges, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Adult Probation/Parole, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department as well as the municipal police departments in Mecklenburg County.

According to recent data compiled by the W. Haywood Burns Institute on racial and ethnic disparities in Mecklenburg County as it relates to arrests, bookings and convictions in 2017, African Americans ages 16 and older made up 32% of the County's total population, but account for 68% of adults who are arrested and 67% of adults booked into jail. That is compared to whites who made up 51% of the population but represented only 23% of arrests and 25% of jail bookings.

Click [here](#) to view the report or to view the training. For more information, contact Criminal Justice Services Director, Sonya Harper.

Air Quality Staff Promoting "Clean Air Tips at Home" Through Social Media

People across the county are doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting travel and staying home. In support of Safer at Home efforts, Mecklenburg County Air Quality (Charlotte Air Awareness) launched a **Clean Air Tips at Home** campaign on social media in lieu of the 2020 Clean Commute Challenge. The campaign is designed to show there are plenty of ways to reduce air pollution while you're staying safe at home.

This is a great chance to show how you are improving our air quality at home! Please check out the post on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and reply with your tips. You can promote this contest to the community by sharing it on your social media platforms. We will be re-tweeting or re-posting the top tips throughout the summer!

If you have questions about this campaign and how you can promote it, or need ideas for your clean air at home tip to share, please email Victoria Jercich.

County Assessor's Office and LUESA, Win NACo Achievement Awards

The County Assessor's Office and three LUESA divisions won four Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The NACo Achievement Awards recognize innovative county government programs that increase services to residents.

To be eligible, programs must offer new services to county residents, fill gaps in service availability, or create new revenue sources.

Qualified entries should also provide information that facilitates effective public policy making or improve the administration of an existing program.

The County Assessor's Office received an award for its [Assessment Appeals at the Speed of Light!](#) Program.

LUESA's Livable Meck Division won an award for its [Voice of the Community](#) program. The department's Code Enforcement Division also won awards for its [Code Academy](#) and [Code Enforcement Inspections](#).

The achievement awards will be presented at NACo's Virtual Annual Business Meeting on July 19.

For more information, contact Public Information Director, [Danny Diehl](#).

News Releases:

- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for June 30](#)
- [Centene Selects Mecklenburg County for East Coast Headquarters](#)
- [Update on Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Distribution of Two Million Masks Begin Prior to July 4 Holiday](#)
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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, June 19. 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.

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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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