

COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 16,687 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 180 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click here for the latest data report.

BOCC Special Meeting July 28

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 2:30 p.m. to receive an update on the COVID-19 response. Due to the pandemic, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center remains closed to the public, but residents may watch the meeting on the Government Channel or online.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Child & Youth Homelessness Data Report Available Now

On July 9, 2020, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services (CSS) released "The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Child & Youth Homelessness Integrated Data Report." The new, five-part report integrates data from multiple sources to describe child and youth homelessness and service utilization patterns in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The report was completed by the <u>UNC Charlotte Urban Institute</u>; and is part of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Series, which is funded by <u>Mecklenburg County Community Support Services</u>.

The report includes data from 2016 to 2017 provided by the following sources: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS); and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS).

In addition to the report, a three-part blog series has been released via the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing & Homelessness Dashboard to highlight information from the report and how it can be used.

For more information on the report or blog series, contact CSS Director Stacy M. Lowry.

Office of Equity and Inclusion Develops Resource Guide for Employees

The County's Office of Equity and Inclusion has launched a new resource guide for employees who are interested in broadening their knowledge of race and equity.

The Equity and Inclusion Resource Guide features a list of suggested books, articles, websites, movies, documentaries and podcasts that address a variety of issues as it pertains to race within society.

The guide also includes a link to a list of events, programs and learning opportunities taking place within the Charlotte area.

The Equity and Inclusion Resource Guide is one of several items within the County's Equity Action Plan. The Equity Action Plan is a two-year, goal specific plan developed by the Office of Equity and Inclusion designed to eliminate racial disparities that have historically plagued various areas including, health, workforce, economic opportunity and the criminal justice system.

Click <u>here</u> to view Equity and Inclusion Resource Guide. For more information, contact Office of Equity and Inclusion Manager Phin Xaypangna.

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County Employees Invited to Participate in Census "Day of Action"

On Wednesday, July 22, Mecklenburg County will launch its Census "Day of Action" event. The Census Day of Action is a fun way for employees to help spread the word about the Census while maintaining social distancing.

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

61% of Mecklenburg County residents have completed the Census to date, but we want all Mecklenburg County residents to participate. County employees can help spread the word about the Census to their family, friends and neighbors.

Employees can participate in the Census "Day of Action" by:

- hanging a poster in their apartment/condo complex
- emailing and/or texting their friends, challenging them to complete their census
- or they can place a poster in a local business
- share information with their clubs and social groups
- or any other way they want to encourage residents to participate while maintaining social distancing.

For more information on the Census or to complete the questionnaire online visit https://my2020census.gov.

News Releases:

- County Finalizing Alcohol Proclamation
- Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for July 15
- o County Considers Stopping Alcohol Sales After 10
- o Double Oaks Family Aquatic Center Offers Additional Swim Days
- <u>Update on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u>

Click here to view a full list of news releases.

Media Update:

Dr. Robert Redfield, Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) answered questions on the COVID-19 pandemic during a news conference July 13 with Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio.

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 believe 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 <u>here</u> 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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