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#### COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 23,208 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 263 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click [here](#) for the latest data report.

#### Mecklenburg County Seeking Temporary COVID Ambassador Program

Mecklenburg County is hiring temporary Ambassadors to assist with providing COVID-19 prevention tips and guidance to residents and area businesses.

The County is currently recruiting for six Ambassadors for the new program, but we have the capacity to hire up to 16 Ambassadors if needed. The Ambassadors will be tasked with helping area businesses come into compliance with current state, local and federal COVID-19 guidelines. The Ambassadors will also provide community outreach and education on COVID-19.

The Ambassadors will be trained by Public Health staff, but applicants with experience in Health Education, Communication and Community Organizing are preferred.

Click [here](#) to apply or to view the full job description.

#### Census Response Options Set to Close Sept. 30

Mecklenburg County residents still have time to complete the Census before response options close next month.

Self-response and field data collection for the U.S. Census will end on Sept. 30, 2020 – one month earlier than scheduled in order to allow for data processing to begin. Reducing the timeline for achieving an accurate census count presents problems for our historically under-served communities in Mecklenburg County.

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. In North Carolina, we still need four million people to be counted -- that's **\$7.4 billion** of federal of funding that's at risk per year for our state.

So far, 62.8% of Mecklenburg County residents have completed the Census to date.

For more information on the Census or to complete the questionnaire online, visit <https://my2020census.gov> or call 844.330.2020.

#### Mecklenburg County receives funding from the North Carolina Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund

Mecklenburg County was awarded \$570,387 from the North Carolina VW Mitigation Trust Fund to replace three Solid Waste trucks. The Solid Waste Division has and continues to engage in opportunities to help improve air quality in the county. The award will cover the full cost of replacing each vehicle, therefore no local matching funds will be required.

The Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Trust Fund was established as part of VW's settlement to mitigate the excess vehicle emission resulting from emission control overrides installed on some VW vehicles. Funding is distributed by The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality.

Mecklenburg County Air Quality spearheaded the effort to identify air quality improvement projects and submit the application in partnership with other Land Use and Environmental Services Agency divisions and departments across the county. While not all projects on the application were funded, this project will reduce ozone-forming NOx in Mecklenburg County.

For information, contact Megan Green, Air Quality Program Manager, at 980-314-3368.

#### **Recycle Right Virtual Webinar**

Join Mecklenburg County's Solid Waste Division for an interactive presentation and dialogue on how to *Recycle Right*.

The webinar will be held on Friday, August 21 at 1 p.m. and presented by Meck County Residential Recycling Educators.

The presentation will include:

1. An overview of the residential curbside recycling process in Mecklenburg County
2. Challenges and costs of improper recycling
3. What is and is not recyclable
4. Interactive games to illustrate common recycling mistakes
5. Q&A session

The program is about 40 minutes, but typically requires an extra 15 minutes for questions. [Registration is required.](#)

#### **Event Details:**

- Recycle Right Meck County Webinar
- Friday, August 21
- 1:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit [wipeoutwaste.com](http://wipeoutwaste.com).

#### **News Releases:**

- [County Receives Hand Sanitizer Donation from Local ABC Board](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Receives Funding to Replace Three Solid Waste Trucks](#)
- [Town of Matthews Now Following State's Order Restricting Alcohol and Food Sales](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Announces COVID Ambassador Positions](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID Data for August 9](#)
- [Update on Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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 August 12. Click [here](#) to view the latest media availability.

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms:**

As the pandemic continues to have an 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 [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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