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COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 27,106 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 339 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

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

COVID-19 Ambassadors Begin Work This Week

The first six COVID-19 Ambassadors hired by Mecklenburg County are officially working in the community! The COVID-19 Ambassadors were hired last month by Public Health to provide businesses and the community with education and support to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Ambassadors are tasked with helping area businesses come into compliance with current state, local and federal COVID-19 guidelines and assisting with community outreach.

The Ambassadors spent last week in orientation. They also participated in trainings led by Public Health staff.

Mecklenburg has the capacity to hire additional Ambassadors as needed.

COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force Meeting Wednesday

Mecklenburg County's COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force will hold its next meeting virtually on **Wednesday, Sept. 16**.

The goal of the task force is to examine how Mecklenburg County can address some of the many disparities highlighted during the pandemic.

The Board of County Commissioners appointed 23 people and two non-voting alternates to serve on the task force in July. Click [here](#) to view the full list of task force members.

Some of the issues the task force will focus on include disparities in healthcare, mental health, housing issues, human services, childcare and more.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to listen to a live broadcast of the meeting.

Applications Now Open for MeckCounty CARES Small Business Relief Grant

Applications are now being accepted for the new MeckCounty CARES Small Business Relief Grant. Applications opened today, Sept. 14. The grant is an additional financial resource for small business owners located in the six towns or unincorporated areas of Mecklenburg County whose business has been negatively impacted by COVID-9.

The grant was made possible thanks to CARES Act funding. The County has allocated \$1.25 million to provide financial relief for small business owners. Businesses may be eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in financial support depending on business size and availability of funds.

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 27, 2020 or until funds have been dispersed.

Visit [MeckNC.gov](#) to learn more about the grant, required documentation, or to complete an application.

For additional information, contact Fred Atiemo.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Available Sept. 24

On Thursday, Sept. 24, [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) will release the **2020 Charlotte-Mecklenburg State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report**. The State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report is an annual report that provides a single, "go-to" document for all housing and homelessness-related data and information pertaining to Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The report combines local, regional and national data on the full housing continuum, and features data from the Point-in-Time Count; housing inventory; rental gaps; and system performance metrics. New additions to the 2020 report include addressing the impact of COVID-19 on the capacity and demand for housing related services.

The 2020 Charlotte-Mecklenburg State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report is part of the Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Series, which is funded by Mecklenburg County Community Support Services and completed by [UNC Charlotte Urban Institute](#). The report will be available via this [link](#) on Thursday, Sept. 24.

For more information, contact Community Support Services Director Stacy M. Lowry.

Livable Meck Engagement Café Sept. 30

The fall edition of [Livable Meck's Engagement Café](#) will be held virtually due to COVID-19.

The Engagement Café is scheduled for Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. and will be livestreamed on Livable Meck's Facebook page. County Manager Dena R. Diorio will kick off the event.

Mecklenburg County is the convener of [Livable Meck](#). Since its inception in 2012, Livable Meck has been an engagement infrastructure bringing private businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies together to protect and enrich the quality of life in our community.

During the event, Livable Meck Partners will explore the topic of skilled trades. Skilled trades are essential for quality of life, provide expertise and services necessary for innovation and sustainability, and are an excellent path to a rewarding career.

The Engagement Café will also feature panelists from Lowe's, Goodwill, The ROC, She Built This City, and the Town of Huntersville. Panelists will offer insight into the skilled trades labor shortage, promoting opportunities for young people, and paths to careers.

For more information on the event, contact Community Engagement & Strategy Manager Rebecca Herbert.

Census Response Options Set to Close in Two Weeks

There are only two weeks left for Mecklenburg County residents to complete the 2020 Census.

Self-response and field data collection for the U.S. Census will end on **Sept. 30, 2020**. This is one month earlier than previously scheduled in order to allow for data processing to begin.

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.

As of Sept. 11, 65.6% of Mecklenburg County residents have completed the Census.

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

News Releases:

- [Applications Accepted Now for the MeckCounty CARES Small Business Relief Grant](#)
- [Office of the Tax Collector Seeking Bidders for Delinquent Properties](#)
- [Back to School Immunization Clinic This Saturday Sept. 12](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Launches HOMES](#)
- [Update on Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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

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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