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Peace. Governor Cooper announced this week a \$40 million relief program to help North Carolina small businesses that have experienced extraordinary disruption to their operations due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The program would help offset fixed costs like rent, mortgage interests and utility bills.

The N.C. Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief (MURR), administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, can provide up to \$20,000 in relief funds per qualifying business location. Business applicants from certain industry sectors that have not been able to operate during the COVID period may apply for up to two of their business locations.

Applicants can apply for up to four months of mortgage interest or rent expenses, and utility expenses. The help offers relief for some of the fixed costs a business cannot easily control on its own. Applications to the program should open next week and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must certify that they were closed during the period April 1 through July 31, 2020; they expect to be able to operate after the COVID crisis has passed; and they have not been reimbursed by any other federal source for the expenses for which they seek reimbursement through this program.

Eligible applicants include:

- Amusement parks
- Banquet Halls (with catering staff)
- Bars, taverns, night clubs, cocktail lounges
- Bingo parlors
- Bowling alleys/centers
- Dance halls
- Indoor fitness and recreation centers

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- Motion picture/movie theaters (except drive-ins)
- Museums

The Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications soon. Business leaders can learn about the MURR program by registering for one of the free educational webinars offered by the Department of Commerce over the next two weeks.

For the webinar schedule and additional information on the program, visit www.nccommerce.com/murr



Information on How to Vote by Mail from State Board of Elections Vote by Mail is underway in North Carolina!

Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive and vote a mail-in absentee ballot in most elections. No special circumstance or reason is needed to vote by mail in North Carolina.

Information on how to vote by mail can be found here:
<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail>

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week: Is your child in the right car seat?

A child's age, weight, and height can all play a factor when determining proper safety harnesses, so it's important to stay informed with all current regulations and suggestions.

According to Safe Kids North Carolina, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19. Of those children ages 12 and under who died in vehicle crashes in 2017, nearly 40% were not properly restrained.

Also, children ages 2 to 5 who use safety belts prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious injury if in an accident.

Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey and NCGHSP Director Mark Ezzell offer the following safety tips for car seat safety:

- Choose a car seat that fits your child and your vehicle.
- Install the seat rear-facing as long as possible, often until after age 2 and 30 pounds.
- Once installed, the seat should not move at the belt path more than 1 inch from side to side or back to front.
- When buckling your child, keep the chest clip at armpit level; the harness

straps should be tight enough that you cannot pinch the webbing together vertically.

- Use the car seat until your child reaches the top height or weight allowed by the manufacturer.

There are more than 230 permanent checking stations located at fire stations and other sites in North Carolina that can provide these services year-round. Stations can be found at www.buckleupnc.org.



CENSUS BUREAU TO END ALL COUNTING EFFORTS ON SEPTEMBER 30

That means there's still time to complete the 2020 Census. Completing the survey is quick and easy to do. You can complete your Census questionnaire online, by phone or on paper. By using your phone, tablet or computer, or simply grabbing a pencil or pen, you can complete the questionnaire, spending less than 10 minutes on what can impact your community in the next 10 years.

The process is safe, easy and important and you can respond in one of three ways:

- Online by visiting my2020census.gov.
- By phone by calling 1-800-923-8282. For information on language support, click [here](#) for a listing of telephone numbers.
- Via [mail](#)

Your information is kept **confidential**. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

Your responses are compiled with information from other homes to produce statistics, which never identify your home or any person in your home.

Please Help Make NC Count!

PEACE!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy".



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