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Extra Credit Grants for NC Families

PEACE. In September the General Assembly passed the Extra Credit Grant program which provides \$335 for an eligible individual if the individual has at least one or more qualifying children. The purpose of the money is to help families with virtual schooling and child care costs.

The state Department of Revenue will award a grant to eligible individuals who report at least one qualifying child (age 16 or younger) on their 2019 state individual income tax return. Spouses who file a joint state return count as one individual. If you filed a 2019 state tax return, you do not need to take any action to receive the grant.

What if you did not file a return because your income was not high enough? You have until October 15 to apply for a grant. [Here is the grant application.](#)

NC Launches Program to Help Small Businesses Disproportionately Harmed by COVID-19

North Carolina minority and women-owned businesses hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic will have access to guidance and \$12 million in grants to help them weather the crisis, Governor Roy Cooper announced recently. A new grant program, RETOOLNC, is available to help North Carolina Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms impacted by COVID-19.

Additional resources for small businesses impacted by the pandemic are available through the NC Department of Commerce. For example, businesses that experienced extraordinary disruption and were unable to open due to COVID-19 may be able to get assistance through the Mortgage, Utility and

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Rent Relief (MURR) Program at www.nccommerce.com/murr. Experienced business counselors at Business Link North Carolina are also available to offer guidance at (800) 228-8443.

RETOOLNC was created under Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 143 to address disparities in communities of color exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state's Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses will offer guidance on business development through the RETOOLNC program and administer \$12 million in funding to assist in the economic recovery of state-certified minority and women-owned businesses. Access to capital remains the number one challenge for small businesses. RETOOLNC will provide eligible HUB and DBE firms an opportunity to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding.

North Carolina certified HUBs and DBEs must meet the following criteria to receive funding from the RETOOLNC program:

- Have been operating for one year
- Be certified with NCHUB or NCDOT DBE
- Be an independent business located within North Carolina
- Be a business with up to 50 employees or less (including but not limited to, sole proprietorships, home based businesses, LLCs, and independent contractors)
- Not have annual revenues exceeding \$1,500,000
- Not be delinquent on North Carolina State income taxes
- Not have any active bankruptcies or tax liens

To learn more about the RETOOLNC initiative, visit the [NC HUB Office website](#) for details. HUB firms interested in receiving state certification can email hub.retoolnc@doa.nc.gov or call 984-236-0148 for assistance.

Get Your Flu Shot!

The first and most important step in protecting you and your family from the flu virus is to get a flu vaccine each year. Yet many North Carolinians don't get vaccinated.

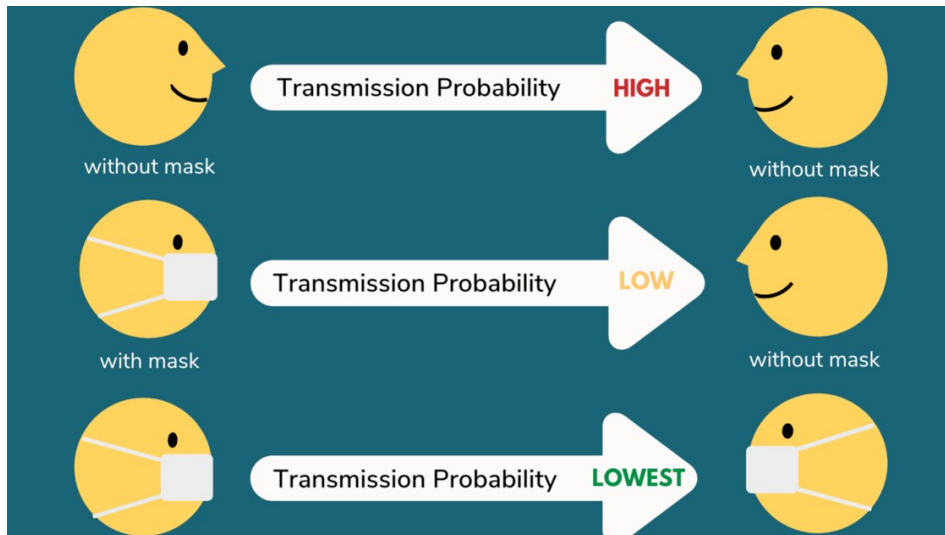
Contact your health care provider or visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/> to find a convenient location to get a flu vaccination near you.

We're All in This Together

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to persist and North Carolina's trends have continued to be worrisome. We need to keep in mind the health of all North Carolinians. We are all in this together.

The key to successfully containing this virus is building our citizen's participation in proven preventative measures and by increasing our testing and tracing capabilities.

The key to restoring our economy is containing the virus.



Wear A Mask:

A simple cloth face covering or bandana over nose and mouth will cut the likelihood of spreading the virus by a factor of 10. It is 10 times better than no mask. Medical grade masks are even better. Masks cost close to nothing and everyone can do it. With masks our health and economy will fare much better.

Social Distance:

Stay 6 feet apart with a mask and avoid crowds, especially indoors. Outdoor and open air gatherings are much safer.

Wash Your Hands Often:

Additionally, sanitize and disinfect as appropriate to prevent contagion.

If You're Feeling Any Symptoms, Check Them Out:

If you're sick, isolate and quarantine if appropriate. Then trace and inform your contacts to further protect others.

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