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#### COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 34,654 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 396 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

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

#### Free COVID-19 Testing

Starting today, Mecklenburg County's Public Health Department and StarMed Health are offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing. The tests are available at the NW Public Health Department on Beatties Ford Road.

Mecklenburg County is committed to continuing to expand COVID-19 testing in our most vulnerable communities, especially as we've entered into cold and flu season.

The testing is free and recommended for anyone who has symptoms or may have come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Rapid Antigen Tests, which provide results in about 15 minutes, are available to symptomatic patients. All other results are available within roughly 48 hours.

Testing is available Monday thru Friday from 10am until 2 pm. Additional hours may be added depending on demand and availability. For more information about testing, visit [MeckNC.gov](#).

#### Public Health Hosts Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics

Mecklenburg County's Public Health Department is hosting a series of drive-through flu shot clinics to help residents prepare for the flu season.

"Flu Fighter Fridays" will be held on Nov. 20, Dec. 4, and Dec. 18 at the Southeast Health Department on Billingsley Road.

The vaccinations are free. Insurance is not required, but if residents have insurance, they should bring their insurance ID cards.

Flu shots are recommended for anyone ages 6 months or older.

Saturday clinics will also be available in the coming weeks.

#### Flu Fighter Fridays

- Southeast Health Department, 249 Billingsley Rd, Charlotte
- November 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- December 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- December 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information contact, Public Health Director [Gibbie Harris](#).

### **HOMES Program Application Deadline Extended**

The application deadline for Mecklenburg County's HOMES Program has been extended to Friday, Nov. 13.

The HOMES Program, which stands for Helping Out Mecklenburg's Homeowners with Economic Support is a public assistance program designed to assist low to moderate income qualified Mecklenburg County homeowners keep their homes by providing financial assistance.

The grant program will provide \$250,000 in total to help reduce the financial burden resulting from rising values.

The County Assessor's Office, the Office of the Tax Collector and the Department of Social Services are working together to implement the program.

Ninety-eight homeowners have received grants through the program to date. To be eligible, homeowners must:

- Live in Mecklenburg County.
- Own a residential property or occupy a property with a qualifying life estate.
- Have lived in this primary residence for the past three consecutive years.
- Not have more than one delinquent property tax bill in the last three years.
- Have total household income that does not exceed 50% of the area median income set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For example, a family of four's household income limit is \$41,750.

The HOMES program application can be found on the Mecklenburg County's taxes website: <https://mecknc.gov/taxes>. Applicants can also request a paper application by phone, 980-314-4226 or by visiting the County Assessor's Office lobby at 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 3500, Charlotte.

### **Mecklenburg County to Celebrate National Adoption Day**

On Saturday, Nov. 21 the County will hold its 17th Annual Mecklenburg County Adoption Day Event. This special event will take place at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse (832 East 4th Street, Charlotte) from 10 a.m. – noon. Due to the pandemic, this year's Adoption Day celebration will be a drive-through event. The court will recognize the 68 children and their newly adoptive families, who received decrees between November 2019 – October 2020. More than half of the children being recognized have been in the Mecklenburg County foster care system. District Court Judge Aretha Blake will preside over the drive-through parade and pre-recorded program. Participating agencies include Mecklenburg County Juvenile Court, Mecklenburg County Clerk of Superior Court's Office, Trial Court Administrator's Office, Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, Mecklenburg Guardian ad Litem Advocacy Foundation, and the Mecklenburg County Guardian Ad Litem Program. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event is open only to the media and not the general public. The pre-recorded program, including footage of the parade, will be made available on County website and social media pages.

For more information on the event, contact Child Welfare Specialist-Adoption Recruitment, [Candyce Davis](#).

### **News Releases:**

- [Free COVID Testing at Public Health Dept.](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID Data for October 28](#)
- [No Swimming Advisory Issued](#)
- [Mecklenburg Minute](#)
- [COVID-19 Update on United House of Prayer for All People Convocation Events](#)

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

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

As the pandemic continues to have an impact on 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. Testing locations can be found [here](#).

**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.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 - BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting – Virtual, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting - CMGC Room 267, 5:00 p.m.

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