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# November 16, 2020

## Representative Nasif Majeed District 99 - Mecklenburg County



### Extra Credit Grant Deadline Extended to December 7th

PEACE. A second application period for qualified North Carolina residents to apply for the \$335 Extra Credit grants has been opened with a new deadline of December 7.

This application period is the result of a lawsuit brought on behalf of people who did not apply by the original October 15 deadline. Under a court order, the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy (CCLA) will handle the application process, marketing, and outreach. The Department of Revenue is working with CCLA on the details of the application process, including information technology needs.

Applicants should contact CCLA by December 7, at 1-888-301-1555 or by email at [ncecg@charlottelegaladvocacy.org](mailto:ncecg@charlottelegaladvocacy.org). A recorded message will ask you to provide contact information for a follow up contact.

The Extra Credit Grant program was authorized by the N.C. legislature. Under the program, North Carolinians who have children younger than 17 as of January 1, 2020, will receive one-time payments of \$335 to help pay for daycare or other expenses associated with virtual schooling. If you filed a tax return in 2019, you DO NOT need to apply for the grant. You only need to apply for the grant if you did not file a 2019 tax return.

[Here is the grant application.](#)

### North Carolina Lowers Indoor Gathering Limit to 10 to Slow Spread of COVID-19

Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina's indoor mass gathering limit will be lowered to 10 people in an effort to drive down North Carolina's key COVID-19 metrics. Executive Order 176 went into effect on Friday, November 13 and will be in place through Friday, December 4.

As the weather gets colder, more people will be gathering indoors. Science has shown that indoor gatherings increase risk of transmission of COVID-19, and this Executive Order seeks to limit indoor gatherings that could rapidly and dangerously spread the virus. The Order does not change the reduced capacity limits for certain businesses that have already been laid out.

Governor Cooper and NC DHHS Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen also underscored the need for people to wear a mask anytime they gather with people outside of their immediate household. As the holiday season approaches, NCDHHS released health guidance to help people celebrate as safely as possible without spreading the virus.

Read [Executive Order 176](#).

Read a [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) about the Order.

## **North Carolina students have until November 30 to register for the Ready, Set, App! mobile app development contest**

High school students across North Carolina have until November 30 to sign up for the Ready, Set, App! Competition. Teams of three to five students each will work together through the contest to develop a functional and original Android mobile app to solve a real-world problem in their school or community.

Ready, Set, App! is a continued collaborative effort between Lenovo and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE), a business-led, education non-profit within the Governor's Office.

With more than 27,000 Information Technology jobs currently unfilled in North Carolina, Ready, Set, App! provides an opportunity for students to explore potential careers in computer science. The contest helps students develop and use three key skills: mobile application coding, teamwork and problem-solving.

All ninth through twelfth grade public and charter school students in North Carolina are eligible and there is no cost to participate. To sign up for Ready, Set, App! or get more information, visit <https://readyssetapp.devpost.com/>.

## **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.

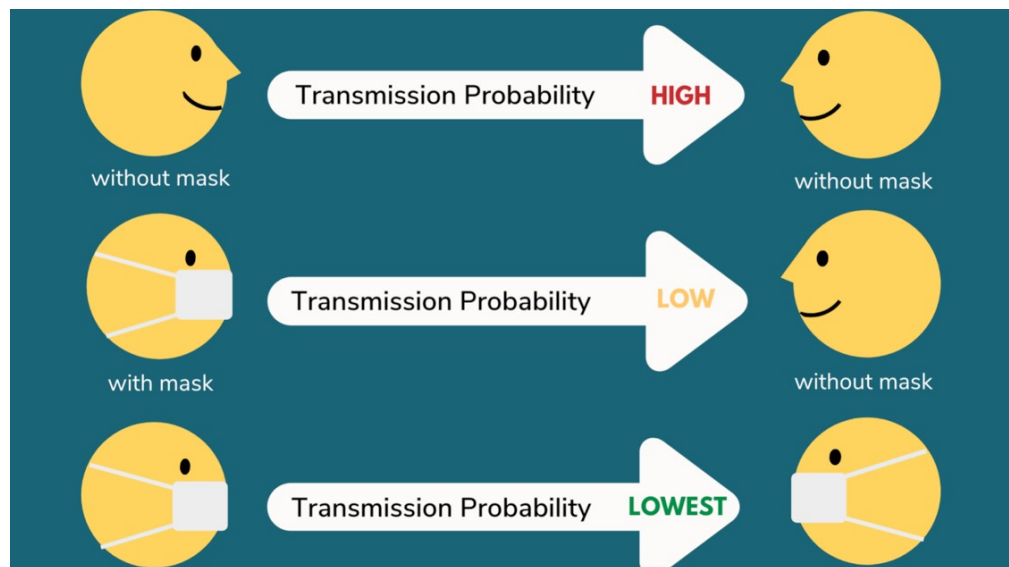
Contact your health care provider or visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/> to find a convenient location to get a flu vaccination near you.

## 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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