

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 71,823 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 640 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Last week, Public Health relocated the County's vaccination clinic to Bojangles' Coliseum to better accommodate clients. On January 6, in addition to vaccinating individuals in Phase 1 a, Public Health began vaccinating individuals 75 years of age and older as outlined in Phase 1b of the [vaccination plan](#).

At this time, COVID-19 vaccine appointments through January 30 for those ages 75+ have been filled. As vaccine supply increases, we will add additional appointments and notify residents when they become available. The appointment scheduling process will be available [online here](#) and by calling 980-314- 9400.

In the meantime, those ages 75+ are encouraged to reach out to their primary care providers (if they have one) to discuss options for receiving the vaccine.

Both Atrium Health and Novant Health will be offering vaccines to patients in this phase.

Community Development Block Grant FY21-22 Notice of Funding Availability

Mecklenburg County is accepting applications for projects seeking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding for FY 2021-2022.

Community Development Block Grant funds are intended to create sustainable and viable communities. Funds are targeted to low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Project funding is available to area nonprofits and local governments whose projects meet the criteria listed here in the CDBG FY21-22 Notice of Funding Availability. A

project must meet one of the federal requirements listed in this notice to be eligible for CDBG funds.

Please review this notice which provides details including the application/evaluation process, the County's 2020-2024 goals and contact information for municipalities.

Funding is available in a limited target area. Eligible neighborhoods and/or beneficiaries must be located in Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Pineville, or the unincorporated portions of Mecklenburg County.

Click [here](#) for the application or contact Victoria Avramović at (704) 688-6502. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2021 at noon.

For more information contact Senior Assistant to the County Manager Timmothy Tibbs at Timmothy.Tibbs@MeckNC.gov or 980-314-2915.

Criminal Justice Services Seeks Applicants for New Task Group

Criminal Justice Services will begin accepting applications for its Criminal Justice Community Engagement Task Group on Jan. 25, 2021.

The task group is one of the latest initiatives created by the department through a grant from the MacArthur Foundation's [Safety and Justice Challenge](#).

The goal of the task group is to foster trust and transparency by serving as a liaison between the community and the criminal justice system.

The task group will be comprised of 10 members from the community of diverse backgrounds. Members of the faith community and individuals with lived experience with the criminal justice system are encouraged to apply.

Task group meetings will be held twice a month during the first three months and will transition to monthly meetings after the 90-day period.

Meeting times will range from 90 minutes to four hours. Task Group members will receive a modest stipend for each meeting attended. Stipends will be paid until grant funds are exhausted.

Applications may be found on MeckNC.gov beginning on Jan. 25, 2021. The final day to apply for the task group is Feb. 28, 2021.

For more information on the Criminal Justice Community Engagement Task Group contact Criminal Justice Services Director, Sonya Harper.

Housing Instability and Homelessness Town Hall – Listen, Ask and Take Action

Join us for this interactive, community event on homelessness. We will discuss challenges and solutions to addressing homelessness; answer your questions; and provide information on ways you can help make a

difference.

Mecklenburg County will hold the virtual town hall on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 6 - 8 p.m. The community is invited to participate. To participate in the town hall on WebEx go to <http://meck.co/Townhall>. Prior to the event, participants can send questions to TownHall@MeckNC.gov. During the town hall residents will hear from panelists:

- Stacy M. Lowry, Mecklenburg County Director of Community Support Services
- Liz Clasen-Kelly, CEO at Roof Above
- Deronda Metz, Director of Social Services at Salvation Army Center of Hope
- Dr. Peggy S. Terhune, CEO at Monarch
- Deborah Woolard, Founder, Block Love Charlotte
- Dr. Jessica Salzman, Atrium Health

Our experienced panelists will answer questions and provide information that can be helpful to preventing and ending homelessness. At the end, there will be ways for residents to take action and volunteer.

Commissioners with questions about the town hall should contact Assistant County Manager [Anthony Trotman](#) at (980) 314-2911.

LIEAP Applications Now Open to All

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is now accepting LIEAP applications from all County residents in need of assistance with their heating costs.

LIEAP, also known as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, is a federally-funded program that provides for one-time payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

Individuals can submit applications via email, mail, or drop-off. Completed applications can be:

- Emailed to LIEAP@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.
- Mailed to 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
- Dropped off at either one of our DSS locations at 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte NC, 28211 or The Community Resource Center at 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 1000, Building A, Charlotte, NC 28208.

Homebound residents or individuals who are unable to mail or drop off applications can contact J1C (Just 1 Call) at 704-432-1111 or the DSS Customer Connection Call Center at 704-336-3000 and complete the application by phone. Additional details are [available here](#).

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021.

For more information, contact Social Services Manager, Famatta Galloway with DSS at 980-314-7062.

News Releases:

- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for Jan. 6](#)
- [Commissioner Leake and Other Receive COVID Vaccine](#)

- [County's First African-American Public Health Nurse Dies](#)

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

- Tuesday, Jan. 12 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Policy Meeting - CMGC Room 267, 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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