

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 97,754 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 891 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

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

Additional First Dose Vaccine Appointments Now Available

The Public Health Department has additional first dose COVID-19 vaccine appointments available for individuals in groups 1, 2 and 3.

MCPH is expanding its partnership with StarMed Healthcare to provide the appointments at Bojangles' Coliseum.

Appointments dates are available beginning on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 through Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Individuals in Group 1 and Group 3 working in Mecklenburg County and Group 2 County residents 65 years and older may make a first dose appointment now at [StarMed.Care](#) or by calling MCPH COVID-19 Hotline at 980-314-9400 (Option 3 for English and Option 8 for Spanish).

If no appointments are available, eligible individuals may join the waitlist at [MeckNC.gov/COVID-19](#).

For additional information, call the MCPH COVID-19 Hotline at 980-314-9400. Select option 3 for English and option 8 for Spanish.

If you need transportation to your vaccination appointment, contact the Mecklenburg County Transportation System at 980-314-7600.

Energy Bill Assistance Applications Accepted Through March 31

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is still accepting LIEAP applications from County residents who need help with their heating costs.

LIEAP (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 the DSS Customer Connection Call Center at 704-336-3000 and complete the application by phone. Additional details are available [here](#). You can also download the flyer in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021.

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

COVID-19 & Mental Health Virtual Town Hall

Mecklenburg County's COVID-19 Renewal and Recovery Task Force is hosting a virtual town hall to discuss the ways COVID-19 has impacted mental health.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and will be moderated by Sam Smith Jr., Director of External Engagement at the United Way of Central Carolinas, and a member of the COVID-19 Task Force. The event is free and open to the public.

Attendees will hear from experts about the ways the pandemic has affected mental health. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and learn about available resources for those in need.

Panelists include:

- Janet Singerman - President of Child Care Resources Inc.
- Trinisha Dean - Executive Director of Meck Pre-K
- Devonya Govan-Hunt - President of National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)
- Aalece Pugh-Lilly - Director of Mecklenburg County's Clinical & Contractual Services (CCS)

For more information contact, Community Relations Specialist Kay Tembo. To register for this event, please visit <https://meck.co/3cfGI4H>.

Criminal Justice Agencies, Town Police Departments Participate in Implicit Bias Training

A total of ten Mecklenburg County criminal justice agencies have participated in Criminal Justice Services' new online Implicit Bias training!

The training "Addressing and Acknowledging Unconscious Bias: Creating a Better Tomorrow," is designed to help justice professionals understand implicit bias and the ways those biases can potentially impact their work with the community.

The training was created in partnership with Criminal Justice Services, the County Manager's Office and the Criminal Justice Advisory Group (CJAG), with funding from and in collaboration with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The program is available to judges, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Adult Probation/Parole, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department as well as the municipal police departments in Mecklenburg County.

The following agencies have participated in the online training to date with others in the process of launching the training amongst their organizations. Percentages reflect staff completion totals for each agency.

- Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office – 47%
- Cornelius Police Department – 95%
- Huntersville Police Department – 93%
- Matthews Police Department – 88%

- Pineville Police Department – 28%
- Davidson Police Department – 96%
- Mint Hill Police Department – 88%
- Adult Probation – 16%
- Criminal Justice Services – 98%
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office – 21%

Criminal Justice Services will study data markers following completion of the training to measure its effectiveness and impact on disproportionalities within the local criminal justice system.

For more information on the training, contact Criminal Justice Services Director, Sonya L Harper.

News Releases:

- [More Vaccine Appointments Available Now for Groups 1, 2, 3](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for March 3](#)
- [State of the County Address](#)

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, Mar. 16 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Virtual, 5:00 p.m.

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