

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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### COVID-19 Update

As of 5:30 p.m., there were 126,922 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 1,016 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click [here](#) for the latest data report. To learn about vaccination sites please click [here](#).

### Mecklenburg County's COVID-19 Task Force to Host Virtual Town Halls Seeking Community Feedback on Recovery & Renewal Plan

The Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Renewal and Recovery Task Force will be hosting a series of virtual town halls to engage residents on its proposed comprehensive [Recovery and Renewal Plan of Action](#) that will be presented to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners on Sept. 7, 2021. The plan will feature recommendations for mitigating the effects that COVID-19 has had on the following local issues:

- Access to health care and eliminating health disparities

- Mental and emotional health
- Economic recovery, including help for small business
- Non-profit recovery and human services
- Education and childcare
- Working families and vulnerable populations
- Housing and homelessness
- Jobs and workforce development
- Food security
- Arts and culture

Attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the recommendations, as well as learn about the process that led to the draft proposals. Please feel free to join the discussions using the following links below:

- Tuesday, August 17; 6:00 - 7:30 pm - <https://meck.co/3jUNsJt>
- Thursday, August 19; 6:00 - 7:30 pm - <https://meck.co/3s1GKV/s>
- Tuesday, August 24; 6:00 - 7:30 pm - <https://meck.co/3ArhJWF>
- Thursday, August 26; 6:00 - 7:30 pm - <https://meck.co/3s5PIX2>

## **Proposals Needed for County's COVID-19 Community Outreach Mini-Grant**

Mecklenburg County Public Health is soliciting mini-grant proposals (not to exceed \$9,999) for innovative COVID-19 outreach that specifically targets vulnerable populations within Mecklenburg County. Vulnerable populations include: low-income, racial-ethnic minority, immigrant, refugee, homeless, and other vulnerable populations or targeted geographical locations within Mecklenburg County priority zip codes for low vaccination uptake as [defined by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services](#). The evaluation of proposals will be on a rolling basis, but the latest date for submission is **September 30, 2021**. Funds must be expended by May 15, 2022.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants must be an organized entity - business or non-profit.
- Organization must be based in Mecklenburg County, NC.
- Organization must be registered, active, and in good standing with the NC Secretary of State.
- Organization cannot be debarred from either state or federal contracting.
- Upon award, organization must complete the Mecklenburg County vendor application process

For more information on application guidelines please visit: <https://meck.co/3iBvNXz>.

## **New COVID-19 Unit Leads Mecklenburg County Public Health's Ongoing Response to Virus**

While COVID-19 has receded relative to the peaks last winter, its recent resurgence fueled by the delta variant indicates that COVID-19 will be a major public health issue for the foreseeable future.

Beginning in July, Mecklenburg County Public Health has begun staffing its *COVID-19 Unit*, dedicated to coordinating the County's response to the virus. Under the leadership of Health Director Gibbie Harris and new Division Director David Sweat, the unit is focused on community outreach, education, vaccinations, and testing.

The unit's Community Outreach and Engagement program comprises health educators who will canvas neighborhoods and provide education for community members, businesses, and organizations. It will also coordinate with community partners to fill gaps in service and reach underserved communities. The Vaccine and Testing program will coordinate vaccination and testing efforts throughout the County, working with the hospital systems and other external vaccine and testing providers.

More information is available at [MeckNC.gov/COVID-19](https://www.mecknc.gov/COVID-19) on testing and vaccination opportunities in Mecklenburg County, and resources to help spread the word about the importance of vaccinations.

## **County's Public Health Department Announces Back-to-School Immunization Clinics**

Ensure your school-age child is up to date on required and recommended immunizations before school begins. Mecklenburg County Public Health offers shots in a safe and caring environment.

For more information about Immunization Clinics and scheduling an appointment visit: <https://www.mecknc.gov/HealthDepartment/ClinicServices/Pages/Immunizations.aspx>

COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered to eligible **children and adults** who come to the immunization clinic. More information about the COVID-19 vaccine is available at [MeckNC.gov/COVID-19](https://www.mecknc.gov/COVID-19) or by calling the Public Health COVID-19 hotline at 980-314-9400.

### **News Releases:**

- [Mecklenburg Policy Group Recommends Masks for All Indoor Venues](#)
- [Blue-Green Algae \(Cyanobacteria\) Bloom Found in a Cove on Lake Wylie](#)
- [COVID-19 Business Leaders Roundtable](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force Town Halls](#)

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, 2020, 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, August 17 – BOCC Health and Human Services Committee, 2-3:30pm

(virtual)

- Tuesday, August 17 - COVID-19 Task Force Town Hall, 6-7:30 pm (Virtual)
- Wednesday, August 18 – BOCC Special Meeting, 3-5:00 pm (Gov. Center)
- Thursday, August 19 -COVID-19 Task Force Town Hall, 6-7:30 pm (Virtual)
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