

## Updates



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## Representative Nasif Majeed District 99 - Mecklenburg County



PEACE. Recently, I visited Queen's Grant High School in the Mint Hill Matthews area, to present the "Spectrum High School Scholars" Scholarship Award to Miss Lacy Brooks. Lacy is an exceptional high school student at Queen's Grant. She is Co-Editor in Chief of the Queens Grant High School Yearbook, athlete on the school's Women Varsity tennis team and a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations Lacy on your well earned \$1000

dollar award and a big thanks to Charter Communications and Ms. Mia Bailey, NC Director of State Government Affairs for the many outstanding contributions you make to improve the quality of life in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

## **Triad Lands Major Airplane Manufacturer**

On Wednesday, January 26th, Governor Cooper joined local leaders in the Triad to announce a new manufacturing plant. Boom Supersonic, an airplane manufacturer that is reviving supersonic flight, landed on the Piedmont Triad International Airport as the destination for their new facility. The \$500 million factory will be used to develop their airplanes, which travel about twice as fast as normal commercial flights.

Project Thunderbird, as it was called, has been in the works since early last year. The project will employ up to 1,700 workers in good-paying manufacturing jobs, continuing the positive development in the manufacturing sector that was also boosted by December's Toyota announcement nearby.

Private and public leaders have been pushing to revitalize the Triad as a center for manufacturing for decades. These continued announcements will ensure that the local economies are boosted and that North Carolina remains a competitive economic center for years to come.

## **Federal Government Providing Tests, Mask for Free**

The Biden Administration recently announced their intention to deliver at-home COVID-19 tests for free via the USPS. North Carolinians have begun to receive their shipments, providing a valuable tool in our efforts to slow the spread of the virus and ensure that students can stay in classrooms and employees can make it to work.

Households can order their four rapid antigen COVID-19 tests for free by visiting this website: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

The White House also began making shipments of high-quality N95 masks to pharmacies across the nation. Pharmacies that have received their shipments will have signs on their doors to indicate whether they are in stock. Anyone can go in and request up to three masks.

N95 masks are more effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19. They offer more protection to the wearer of the mask and to those around them.

## We're All in This Together

### Continue to Wear A Mask:

- Masking is a critical public health tool for preventing spread of COVID-19, and it is important to remember that any mask is better than no mask.
- To protect yourself and others from COVID-19, CDC continues to recommend that you wear the most protective mask you can that fits well and that you will wear consistently.
- Masks and respirators are effective at reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, when worn consistently and correctly.
- Some masks and respirators offer higher levels of protection than others, and some may be harder to tolerate or wear consistently than others. It is most important to wear a well-fitting mask or respirator correctly that is comfortable for you and that provides good protection.
- While all masks and respirators provide some level of protection, properly fitting respirators provide the highest level of protection. Wearing a highly protective mask or respirator may be most important for certain higher risk situations, or by some people at increased risk for severe disease.
- CDC's mask recommendations provide information that people can use to improve how well their masks protect them.

For information about how to use your N95 correctly, see [How to Use Your N95 Respirator](#).

### Keep Social Distancing:

Stay 6 feet apart with a mask and avoid crowds, especially indoors. Outdoor and open air gatherings are much safer.

### Keep Washing 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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