

March 19, 2020

On March 17, 2020 North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order #118 that all restaurants and bars be closed to sit-down service and limited to take-out or delivery orders. Grocery stores, gas stations, and convenience stores are exempt from this order and will remain open, though they may not serve sit-down food.

All libraries in the Northwest Regional Library System will be closed to the public through April 1 and all library programs have been cancelled until further notice. Curb side service will be available at the King Public Library to pick up holds Monday-Friday from 9am-5:30pm. Patrons are being asked to please call ahead (336-983-3868) if they wish to use this service.

On March 18, 2020, Stokes County Health Director Tammy Martin issued an Emergency Order prohibiting the gathering of ten or more people within Stokes County. This does not include office environments, factories, grocery stores, drug stores, or the Stokes County District and Superior Courts or the Stokes County Jail. (link at bottom of page)

Citizens should continue to monitor reputable sources for information regarding COVID-19. North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services posts updates on their website daily, including case count, CDC recommendations, and Executive Orders. The daily updates are generally posted by 11am. (link at bottom of page)

211 has been set up as a hotline for North Carolinians to get information regarding COVID-19. Citizens can also call 888-892-1162 or get text updates by texting COVIDNC to 898211. The Forsyth County Department of Public Health has also established a helpline – 336-582-0800.

The positive case count for COVID-19 has reached 97 cases in North Carolina. As this situation continues to evolve, so will the City's response. Please continue to stay calm and support one another while following the CDC guidelines for disease prevention, including staying home when possible - especially when sick, washing hands, maintaining a 6-foot distance from others, and avoiding contact with people who are sick.

City Public Information Officers will be regularly refreshing our website and social media sites with updates as they become available. Those with questions should utilize these resources as well as the links provided at the bottom of this page and the hotline numbers included above.

[http://www.co.stokes.nc.us/health/?fbclid=IwAR2H8DVwmodG50KgUnyXT8fWNEu5YC4TF7HhGgP\\_njegYuWIX9t78S4jt9c](http://www.co.stokes.nc.us/health/?fbclid=IwAR2H8DVwmodG50KgUnyXT8fWNEu5YC4TF7HhGgP_njegYuWIX9t78S4jt9c)