



## County of Halifax

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### **COUNTY CURFEW GOES INTO EFFECT TONIGHT**

**Halifax** – Halifax County is enacting a curfew that will apply to the unincorporated areas of Halifax County in further efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Beginning tonight (April 3, 2020) the curfew will be in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily until further notice. The declaration of the state of emergency has been amended to reflect the curfew and there are a few exceptions.

Exceptions include: health care providers, human services providers, essential infrastructure operations, essential governmental operations workers, essential business workers, and individuals experiencing homelessness. This also includes all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency telecommunicators, legislators, judges, court personnel, jurors and grand jurors, law enforcement and corrections personnel, hazardous materials responders, child protection and welfare personnel, housing and shelter personnel, military, and other governmental employees working for or to support COVID-19 essential businesses and operations.

As a reminder, the Governor's "Stay at Home" Executive Order Number 121 addresses mass gatherings (now defined as more than 10 persons) and social distancing. All public and private gatherings that bring together more than ten (10) persons in a single space at the same time, indoor or outdoor are prohibited, with some exceptions. This does not include normal operations of any Essential Business or Operation listed in the Executive Order.

Notwithstanding the above, and in an effort to promote human dignity and limit suffering, funerals are permitted to include no more than fifty (50) persons, while observing Social Distancing Requirements to the extent practicable.

The Executive Order can be found here:

<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO121-Stay-at-Home-Order-3.pdf>

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