



County of Halifax

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APRIL 16, 2020 COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Halifax – Halifax County's State of Emergency Declaration has been in effect for one month and will remain in effect until further notice. This includes a nightly curfew of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for the unincorporated areas of the county, with some exceptions. The number of positive cases of COVID-19 stands at 31 as of today, with 11 deemed recovered, and one COVID-19 related death.

County buildings remain largely closed to the public, with some exceptions. Services remain in place at current levels, and some staff are being allowed to work from home.

The county commissioners continue to meet to conduct business, but in a modified physical setting to practice social distancing. Next Monday's (4/20/2020) regular meeting will focus on budget planning for fiscal year 2020-2021. Other than commissioners and essential management staff, groups of no more than three individuals at one time will be allowed in the meeting room for planned presentations. Live audio feed of this meeting will be available via the county's website, www.halifaxnc.com. There will also be onsite live audio available in the Old Commissioners Building at 2 North King Street, Halifax, NC. This will be available to the first 10 people, in order to practice social distancing.

Citizens are urged to remain vigilant, to stay home, practice social distancing, good hand washing, and to regularly sanitize commonly used surfaces. For those who have to go out and may not be able to practice social distancing, masks are encouraged.

Essential businesses still operating are encouraged to have staff wear masks when working in close proximity to each other or to customers.

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