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Martin County, NC Coronavirus COVID-19 Response – Advisory #4 State of Emergency Declared in Martin County

WILLIAMSTON, NC – Martin County has declared a State of Emergency, effective at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. This action was taken to coordinate response and protection action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The State of Emergency is attached and includes all areas within Martin County, including the municipalities of Robersonville, Parmele, Oak City, Jamesville, Hassell, Hamilton, Everetts and Bear Grass.

Martin County citizens are encouraged to follow Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 117, which prohibits the congregation of more than 100 people in a single room or a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control recommended on March 15, 2020 that event organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States for the next eight (8) weeks. Further, through Executive Order No. 118, NC Governor Roy Cooper has limited restaurants and bars to selling food and beverage by carry-out, drive-through and delivery only, effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020 and through March 21, 2020.

The primary reason for this State of Emergency Declaration is to allow access to state and federal resources to promote the health and safety of Martin County citizens. This declaration is a necessary measure taken for preparedness and prevention in Martin County.

No further restrictions or prohibitions are imposed at this time, other than those instituted by Executive Orders of the Governor of North Carolina. However, all citizens of Martin County and visitors of the same are highly encouraged to adhere to laws of the State of North Carolina and ordinances within the County, as well as to respect the duties of Public Safety and Public Health Personnel throughout the County.

Martin County's top priority is and always will be the health, safety and security of the community. If citizens have questions, concerns or if they are showing signs of symptoms of the virus, they are strongly encouraged to call MTW District Health at 252-793-3023 for information and/or further instructions.

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