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Martin County, NC Coronavirus COVID-19 Response – Advisory #2

WILLIAMSTON, NC – Martin County continues to respond to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. As per the CDC advice, citizens are advised to stay at home if they are sick, or if they have a sick family member in their home. Citizens are also strongly encouraged to conduct county business online / by phone / through drop boxes as much as possible. Examples include:

- Taxes may be paid online at www.martincountyncgov.com or by mail.
- Water payments can be paid via mail or through a drop box located in the parking lot of the Martin County Governmental Center near the flagpoles.
- Many common NCDMV services, such as driver license renewal and vehicle registration renewal can be performed any time and any place on a computer or mobile device. Please go to <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv>.

In the interest of public health, the following strategies have been put into place since the last Advisory:

- **TEMPORARY HAND WASHING STATIONS** – Temporary hand washing stations are being installed outside all county-owned buildings. Citizens are asked to wash hands before entering the buildings.
- **CANCELLATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL MEETINGS** – Non-essential meetings are being cancelled, including:
 - Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting on March 18th;
 - Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting on March 25th;
 - Martin County Water Districts Advisory Board Meeting on March 30th.

- MORATOC PARK RENTALS – Renters of the Moratoc Park Building are advised to limit their attendance of events to less than 100, as per the March 14, 2020 Executive Order of Gov. Roy Cooper (<https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-issues-executive-order-closing-k-12-public-schools-and-banning-gatherings-more>).
- SENIOR CENTER EXERCISE CLASSES CANCELLED – Exercise classes in the Martin County Adult & Aging Services Department / Senior Center are cancelled until further notice.
- FINGERPRINTING SERVICES LIMITED – The Martin County Sheriff’s Office is restricting fingerprinting services to individuals who need it for employment purposes.

The following are reminders from the Martin County Coronavirus COVID-19 Response – Advisory #1:

- ADJUSTMENT TO DISTRICT AND SUPERIOR COURT SCHEDULES – Most NC District and Superior Court cases are to be postponed at least 30 days in COVID-19 response. For specific questions about individual cases, visit www.nccourts.gov or call the Martin County Clerk of Superior Court at 252-809-5100.
- ADJUSTMENT TO BERTIE-MARTIN REGIONAL JAIL VISITATION POLICY – Family / ministerial visitation of inmates has been suspended until further notice. Inmate visitation is limited to non-contact visits for attorneys, law enforcement officers, etc. All professional visits will be conducted in the visitation room.
- EMPLOYEE TRAVEL – Non-essential out-of-county travel for professional conferences and training is restricted until further notice.
- SENIOR CENTER MEALS – Congregate meal services have been suspended at all senior centers in the county until April 6, 2020. Congregate clients will be provided 15 days of food during this time. Meals on Wheels food delivery will continue on its regular schedule.
- SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL – Senior Center trips have been cancelled until further notice.

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