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Martin County, NC Coronavirus COVID-19 Response – Advisory #5 Martin County Facilities to be Open to the Public from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri., Starting Mon., March 23, 2020

WILLIAMSTON, NC – Martin County's top priority is and always will be the health, safety and security of the community and its employees. In response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 situation, starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, Martin County government facilities will be open to public from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. County employees will still be available by phone and email from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Citizens are strongly encouraged to conduct county business online, by phone, by mail and through drop boxes as much as possible.

- 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>.
- 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.

A new drop box has been installed for the Department of Social Services (DSS). Completed applications for programs may be placed in the new drop box located near the entry door (near the "Social Services" sign) at 305 E. Main Street, at the back of the governmental center / courthouse. DSS services are also available online and by phone. Citizens with questions are encouraged to call the DSS office at (252) 789-4400.

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. If they must come to the governmental center to conduct business,

citizens are asked to wash their hands before entering the buildings. Temporary hand washing stations have been installed outside county-owned buildings.

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.

Information for businesses about COVID-19 is available on the Martin County Economic Development Corporation website, <https://martincountyedc.com/covid-19-business-resources/>. This website is being updated regularly.

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