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## Carteret County COVID-19 Press Release #1

Morehead City, NC – The Carteret County Health Department encourages the public to follow the recommendations from Governor Cooper about mass gatherings. Governor Cooper’s press conference on 3-12-2020 stated that all mass gatherings; to include but not limited to: conferences, religious services, sporting events, concerts, meetings, and festivals; of 100 persons or more should be cancelled. Any event with less than 100 persons should take extreme precautions.  
(<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/community-events>)

Carteret County developed a COVID-19 Task Force of personnel to manage the incident by providing their expertise in decision making and communicating with the public. The Task Force will meet via conference call twice daily to make sure all efforts to keep the public safe and informed.

Carteret County has restricted all work-related travel for staff. This travel restriction includes travel outside of Carteret County and outside of North Carolina. The travel restriction will remain in effect until further notice.

Carteret County has instructed the cleaning crews for county offices to increase sanitizing and disinfecting efforts in all common areas.

Effective Monday March 16, 2020 there will be no courts for 30 days. The courthouse will remain open for essential business. Carteret County Clerk of Courts will be consulting with the District Attorney’s Office to set a schedule for mandatory first appearances. Please be patient during this time as we continue to serve the citizens of Carteret County.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>) or the North Carolina Division of Public Health (<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus>) websites or call the North Carolina Coronavirus Hotline at 866-462-3821.



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