



Pender County Situation Report #5
March 2020 Event
March 16, 2020

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1. Incident Name March 2020 Event	2. Operational Period (Date / Time) 03/11/2020 – Ongoing. Monitoring Status	3. Date Prepared: 03/16/2020	4. Report No: 05
5. Type of Incident: Pandemic and Fire			
6. Declaration Information:			
Date Issued	Declaration	Remarks	
03/10/2020	State of Emergency	Governor Roy Cooper issued a state of emergency. North Carolina Emergency Operations Center has been activated.	
03/11/2020	Pandemic	The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.	
03/13/2020	National Emergency	President Trump declared a national emergency to open access to up to \$50 billion for states and territories to respond to COVID-19.	
7. Current Situation: Pender County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire.			
<p>Pandemic: Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 117 on March 14, 2020, which instituted the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mass gatherings have been prohibited. Mass gatherings are events or convenings that bring together more than 100 people in a single space or room. The EO does not cover normal operations at airports, medical facilities, or other similar-type establishments. It also does not include office environments, restaurants, factories, grocery stores, or other retail establishments. 2. All public schools have been directed to close for students effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until March 30, 2020, unless extended beyond that date. The EO also directed NC Department of Public Instruction and NC State Board of Education to begin work to implement measures to provide for the health, nutrition, safety, educational needs, and well-being of children during the school closure period. <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend cancellation or postponement of events of 50 or more people throughout the United States for the next eight weeks.</p> <p>North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services made statewide recommendations to minimize the spread of COVID-19: high risk people (those over 65, with underlying health conditions, or with compromised immune systems) should avoid large congregations, sick people should not attend mass gathering events, and travelers returning from COVID-19 impacted areas should follow these DHHS steps: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/coronavirus.. The NC DHHS has set up a help line for COVID-19 related inquires. The number is 866-462-3821.</p>			
Tram Road/Grassy Road Fire: NC Forest Service Crews, Pender EMS & Fire, and Pender County Emergency Management are actively working the fire. The fire is currently under control but still burning within the containment lines. The threat of the fire expanding outside the containment lines is minimal.			
8a. Fatalities in Pender County: 0			
8b. Hospitalizations in Pender County: 0			
8c. Reported COVID-19 Cases in NC: 32			
9. Quarantine Status: NA			
10. Threats to Human Life: Minimal			
11. Threats to Structures: Structures along the US 17 corridor from Shepards Road to Pinnacle Parkway are being monitored to ensure the risk of the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire spreading to these areas is minimized.			
12. Threats or Disruptions to Infrastructure: Minimal threat to urban rural interface.			
13. Incident Area: Confirmed cases in southeastern NC: Brunswick and Onslow County. No confirmed cases in Pender County.			
14. Critical Resource Needs: Masks and Tyvek suits have been requested through WebEOC. The county is awaiting response from the state.			

15. External Affairs:

Pandemic: Pender County remains in monitoring mode. The Public Information Officer and the communications team are monitoring the County's social media platforms and updating the County's website with accurate information.

Fire: Press release disseminated in the evening of Friday, March 13. NC Forestry Service, Pender EMS & Fire, and Pender County Emergency Management are all working the fire.

16. County Action: Pender County Emergency Management and Health Departments are in a monitoring status regarding COVID-19. Pender EMS & Fire and Pender County Emergency Management are actively responding to the Grassy Road/Tram Road fire.

3/11: EM has conducted a conference call with municipal representatives. EM has posted an RFP for an update to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and the Continuity of Government (COG) Plan, and is continuously cleaning county facilities.

3/12: EM has requested resources from the state. The county created a conference call line. County staff participated in the Governor's conference call at 5pm. County distributed a JotForm to update employee information. Initiated incident command structure in response to Tram Road/Grassy Road fire.

3/13: Staff is developing a protective action plan for the Tram Road/Grassy Road fire. Staff participated in an 11:00am call with department heads regarding the pandemic. Staff is developing an Incident Action Plan for the pandemic. Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting at 1pm via telephone to discuss the fire and the pandemic. County Health Department staff met with Pender County Board of Education regarding COVID-19.

3/14: Department heads conducting conference call at 11:00am.

3/16: Department heads conference call at 11:00am. Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:00pm. Pender County Health Department continues to field calls from the public regarding COVID-19. The Health Department is distributing flyers and posters with information about COVID-19 and best sanitation practices to restaurants, businesses, and government buildings in the county.

17. Other Notes, Issues or Additional Remarks: Pursuant to EO 117 issued March 14, 2020, all persons are urged to maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible and to continue to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette (including coughing into elbow).

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