



**Pender County Situation Report #6**  
**March 2020 Event**  
**March 17, 2020**

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<b>1. Incident Name</b> March 2020 Event	<b>2. Operational Period (Date / Time)</b> 03/11/2020 – Ongoing. Monitoring Status	<b>3. Date Prepared:</b> 03/17/2020	<b>4. Report No:</b> 06
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**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.

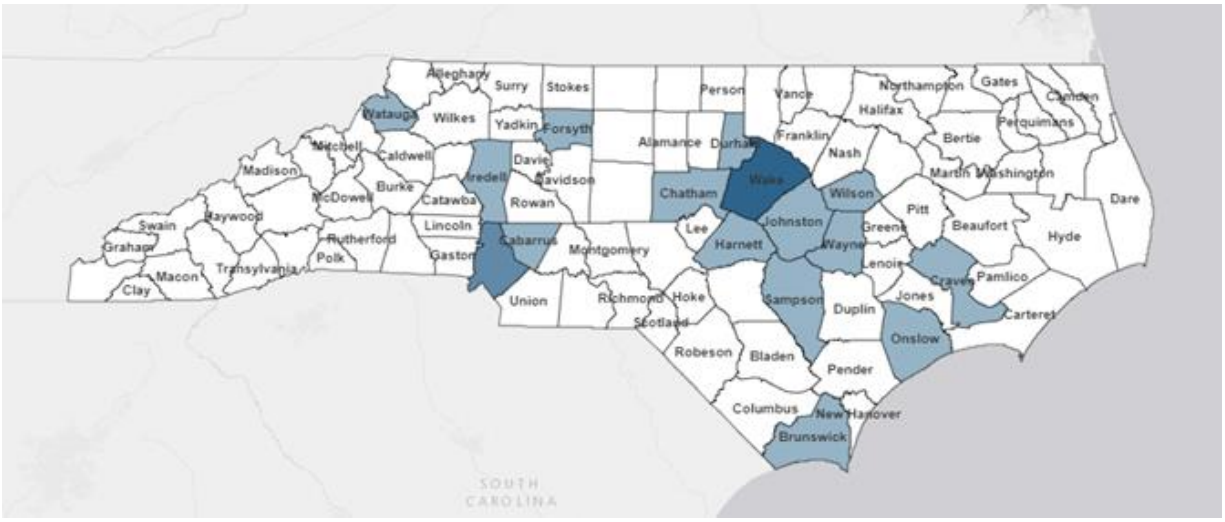
**7. Current Situation:** Pender County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. *The Tram Road/Grassy Road fire is fully contained. This will be the last update on the fire.*

**Pandemic:** Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 117 on March 14, 2020, which instituted the following:

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.

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. On March 16, President Trump advised that groups of 10 or more people should be avoided.

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 inquiries. The number is 866-462-3821.



<b>8a. Fatalities in Pender County: 0</b>	
<b>8b. Hospitalizations in Pender County: 0</b>	
<b>8c. Reported COVID-19 Cases in NC: 40</b>	
<b>9. Quarantine Status: NA</b>	
<b>10. Threats to Human Life: Minimal</b>	
<b>11. Threats to Structures: NA</b>	
<b>12. Threats or Disruptions to Infrastructure: NA</b>	
<b>13. Incident Area:</b> Confirmed cases in southeastern NC: Brunswick, Sampson and Onslow County. No confirmed cases in Pender County.	
<b>14. Critical Resource Needs:</b> Masks and Tyvek suits have been requested through WebEOC. The county is awaiting response from the state.	
<b>15. External Affairs:</b> Pender County remains in monitoring mode regarding COVID-19. 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.	
<b>16. County Action:</b> <b>March 17:</b> Pender County Emergency Management and Health Departments are in a monitoring mode regarding COVID-19. Department heads will be conducting a conference call at 11:00am. Staff is refining the Continuity of Government Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan. Pender County Parks are open to the public for individual activities. All organized games, practices and workouts are suspended until further notice.	
<b>17. Other Notes, Issues or Additional Remarks:</b> 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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