



Pender County Situation Report #9
March 2020 Event
March 20, 2020

1. Incident Name March 2020 Event	2. Operational Period (Date / Time) 03/11/2020 – Ongoing. Monitoring Status	3. Date Prepared: 03/20/2020	4. Report No: 09
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5. Type of Incident: Pandemic

6. Declaration Information:

Date Issued	Declaration	Remarks
03/10/2020	State of Emergency	Governor Roy Cooper declared 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.
03/17/2020	State of Emergency	Surf City and Topsail Beach declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020.

7. Current Situation: Pender County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Operations Center is staffed during standard business hours.

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

- 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.
- 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.

Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 118 on March 17, 2020, which instituted the following:

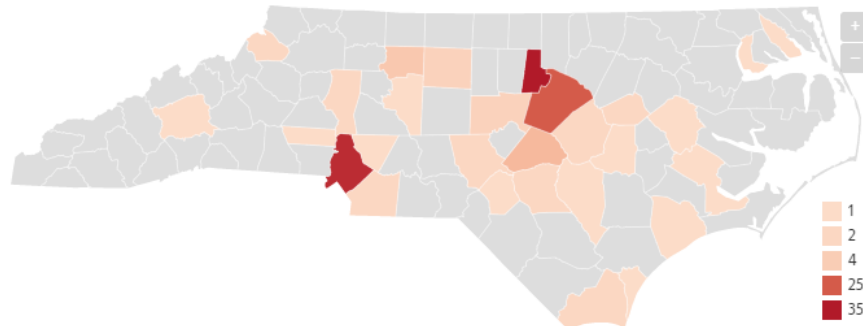
- Limiting the sale of food and beverages to carry-out, drive-through, and delivery only. All restaurants closed for dine-in business at 6pm on March 17, 2020.

NC DHHS 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 impacted areas should follow [these DHHS steps](#).
- NC DHHS has set up a help line for COVID-19 related inquires; 866-462-3821.

NORTH CAROLINA CORONAVIRUS CASES BY COUNTY

138 cases have now been reported either by the NC Department of Health and Human services or by local county health departments in NC.



8a. Fatalities in Pender County: 0	
8b. Hospitalizations in Pender County: 0	
8c. Reported COVID-19 Cases in NC: 138	
9. Quarantine Status: NA	
10. Threats to Human Life: Minimal	
11. Threats to Structures: NA	
12. Threats or Disruptions to Infrastructure: NA	
13. Incident Area: Confirmed cases in southeastern NC: Brunswick, New Hanover, Sampson and Onslow County. No presumptive or confirmed cases in Pender County.	
14. Critical Resource Needs: Masks and Tyvek suits have been requested through WebEOC. The county has received a portion of the requested materials.	
15. External Affairs: 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.	
16. County Action:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pender County Emergency Management and Health Departments are maintaining a monitoring status. • Department heads will be conducting a conference call at 11:00am daily. • Pender County Sheriff's Office has suspended jail visitation hours. Non-criminal fingerprinting services will be suspended at 4pm on 3/18/2020. • 911 Dispatch Center did not receive any COVID-19 related calls in the last 24-hour operating period. • A COVID-19 Public Assistance Hotline has been set up by the state. PA applicants are encouraged to call this number if they have any questions; 919-825-2548. • Pender County School System is feeding students and anyone 18 or younger at six sites until March 24. More sites are expected to be added by Tuesday, March 24. • ReBuild NC disaster recovery centers will be temporarily closed through April 1, 2020. The recovery center in Pender County is Shiloh Columbia Volunteer Fire Department in Willard. • NC 2-1-1 is an information and referral service that families and individuals can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services resources within their community. 	
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).	
On March 16, President Trump advised that groups of 10 or more people should be avoided.	
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