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City of Burlington Cancels St. Paddy's Day Bash in response to COVID-19

BURLINGTON, NC— In light of the expanding Coronavirus Pandemic, we have made the difficult but responsible decision to cancel the Downtown Burlington St. Paddy's Day Bash. The City of Burlington is supporting the request made on Thursday March 12 by Governor Roy Cooper and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to cancel events that draw more than 100 people ([view briefing here](#)). The St. Paddy's day Bash certainly exceeds that limit. The event was scheduled for March 14th from 5:00pm-9:00pm in downtown Burlington.

However, that doesn't mean the fun as to stop for everyone on Saturday. If you are not sick and are don't meet the classification of high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (see below*), some fantastic Downtown businesses involved with the St. Paddy's Bash are charging ahead.

- Burlington Beer Works St. Paddy's Day Bash – Saturday - Kegs and Eggs! From 10am – 1pm and drink and food specials until closing. Sunday – Hangover Brunch 9am-3pm - \$5 Bloody Marys and Mimosas, Bangers n Mash and Corned Beef Hash.
- Front Street Bottle Shop has live music and specials in their tasting room from 6pm-8pm.
- Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream

*The NCDHSS says people at high risk include anyone:

- Over 65 years of age
- With underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes
- With weakened immune systems

Gather responsibly, drink semi-responsibly (with a designated driver!), wash your hands a lot, elbow bump instead of handshake, and support our local businesses.

The Irish toast sláinte means “health” and this year we really mean it.

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“The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees.”

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