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### City of Burlington Issues State of Emergency

BURLINGTON, NC—On Thursday, March 26, 2020, the City of Burlington declared a local State of Emergency. This Declaration will take effect at 8:00am on Friday, March 27, 2020. The City seeks to coordinate, provide, and request additional supplies and mutual aid and other financial assistance from the state and federal government through declaration of this State of Emergency. Additionally, the State of Emergency imposes restrictions and prohibitions deemed necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare.

The State of Emergency is applicable within the jurisdiction of the City of Burlington and is subject to enforcement by the Burlington Police Department. The City encourages cooperation and aims to achieve voluntary compliance for the health and wellbeing of our community. The State of Emergency will remain in place until 5:00pm Thursday, April 30. Restrictions beginning at 8:00am on Friday, March 27 include:

- All public and private gatherings of ten or more people are prohibited. A social gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than ten persons in a single room or single space at the same time. Single spaces include both confined indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Specific guidance regarding gatherings for funerals and burials
- All events held on public grounds or hosted by the City of Burlington have been postponed.
- All indoor recreation centers are closed, and all recreation programs are canceled.
- All rentals of Burlington Recreation & Parks facilities/properties are canceled.
- Outdoor public parks will remain open (including Golf Course and Marinas).
- No organized play is to be permitted at City sports fields or courts.
- Public and private communal playgrounds are closed.
- City Council's April 6, 2020 Strategic Planning Workshop and Work Session, April 7, 2020 City Council Meeting, and April 21 City Council Meeting have been canceled.

View the full text of the City of Burlington State of Emergency online here:

<https://www.burlingtonnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18152/City-of-Burlington-State-of-Emergency>

For all current City of Burlington cancelation and operational modifications go to

[www.BurlingtonNC.gov/coronavirus](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/coronavirus).

Call the Alamance County COVID-19 Call Center 336-290-0361 for general Coronavirus (COVID-19) questions or information regarding the County's response.

Additional information about COVID-19 is posted at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [www.NCDHHS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus)

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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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