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City of Burlington provides resources for businesses during COVID-19 Closures

BURLINGTON, NC— At 5pm on Wednesday, March 25, Executive Order NO. 120 goes into effect with a ban on gatherings of 50 or more people, restrictions on venues and long-term care facilities, an extension of school closure date to May 15, and closures of specific types of Businesses. Business closures include:

- Closed - gyms, health clubs, yoga studios, exercise facilities, etc.
- Closed - theaters, concert venues
- Closed - hair, beauty, nail salons & barber shop
- Closed - bowling alleys & skating rinks
- Closed - bingo, video game arcades, sweepstakes
- Closed - spas & massage parlors & tattoo parlors

The City of Burlington encourages our residents to take these orders seriously and use safety in their everyday activities. We need all residents to comply with these steps to ensure that we can “flatten the curve” so that there is adequate medical care and medical supplies for those in critical conditions.

The City of Burlington’s business owners and employees, like in all communities across the nation, are facing difficult times in the wake of COVID-19. The City of Burlington Economic Development Office is a resource for our business community in this time of uncertainty. They are prepared to connect business owners to resources, organizations, and programs that can help see them through our current crisis. Please contact them directly:

Peter Bishop, Director, 336-222-5147, pbishop@burlingtonnc.gov

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Here are a few of the most used resources in this crisis:

Burlington Economic Development Page

The most comprehensive City resource for business information is the Burlington Economic Development page, found at www.burlingtonnc.gov/ED. Here you can find resources to assist employers and employees who have lost work or business due to COVID-19

NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery loans

In response to the unique economic challenges of COVID-19, a consortium of public, private and nonprofit partners have come together and launched an innovative recovery-lending program to support entrepreneurs

like you and stabilize North Carolina's small business sector. Applicants are encouraged to [apply for the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loans online](#).

U.S. Small Business Administration

The SBA has approved N.C. Governor Roy Cooper's request for a disaster declaration. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in [modified and additional Small Business Administration resources](#) to help N.C. small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and/or most private nonprofit organizations. [Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loans online](#).

[SBA Disaster Loan Website](#)

[SBA Disaster Loan – Paper Forms](#)

[SBA Disaster Loan Website Index](#)

SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center:

1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339)

e-mail: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Unemployment Insurance for Employees

Under Governor Cooper's Executive Order #118, individuals who, as a direct result of COVID-19, are separated from employment, have had their hours of employment reduced, or are prevented from working due to a medical condition caused by COVID-19 or due to communicable disease control measures may apply for unemployment assistance immediately.

[COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance FAQ](#)

[Link to Apply for NC Unemployment Benefits](#)

For more information about all City of Burlington news related to COVID-19 go to www.BurlingtonNC.gov/coronavirus

Additional information about COVID-19 is posted at CDC.gov or 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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