

Transylvania County United *Community Response*

COVID-19 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY UPDATE TO CITIZENS #8 – March 24, 2020

Please refer to prior updates at www.transylvaniacounty.org for additional information

Emergency Management and Public Health Continue to work with state and federal systems to keep information current and to confirm plans to respond to local needs. Please consider the guidance on social distancing and limit time in public to the extent possible to help slow down the rate of potential exposure.

Governor Cooper has revised the limit on mass gatherings to no more than 50 people and extended school closure to May 15. The latest executive order limits more business types and can be found at: <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO120.pdf>. Additional information, including changes to unemployment benefits can be found at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina>. State NCDHHS has also provided a text alert system for citizens to sign up for: State COVID-19 text information and updates are available. To sign up, text COVIDNC to 898211.

Locally, organizations are continuing to work collaboratively even while social distancing is requiring changes to public spaces. Here are updates:

*Due to COVID-19 changes food will only be available on designated Food Pantry days. Our next pantry is open April 4th 10a-11:30a. if you are sick or unable to come, please call during food pantry hours to have someone else pickup your food. 828-884-7793.

*There is an employer factsheet about unemployment linked on the COVID update under Employment Resources.

*Transylvania Library staff is compiling resources to help in financial management and emergency support. See: [link](#)

*This morning, March 23, Chip Brown delivered a \$10,000 check from Lake Toxaway Charities to the Transylvania County Schools to use for their student meal needs!

*The State Department of Insurance has made some change to requirements for building inspections due to COVID -19. Transylvania County Building Inspections is able to do some virtual inspections virtual inspections on some portions as long as its legible and live video. They have also started allowing payments to be received by credit card. Call or email the office with needs and the department will be doing as much as they can with these new tools to keep projects moving.

*Transylvania Register of Deeds is encouraging electronic recording of deeds and you will need an appointment for most services. Call before you go 884-3162 or go to www.transylvaniacounty.org

*Governor releases EO 120 keeping schools closed through May 15, changing mass gathering to a limit of 50 (with exclusions listed), closes more business types and ordering local government agencies to continue to operate and complete responsibilities.

*Tax office is still open and implementing procedures to allow distancing while making payments. You may also use the drop box next to the door to leave your payment even during operating hours to limit contact.

*Dupont State Forest has announced they will temporarily close to the public effective March 24 at 10 PM. For more information see: [link](#)

*NCDHHS has a call for health care worker volunteers <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/Volunteer-as-Health-Care-Worker.pdf>

*Heart of Brevard announces that in light of the news from Governor Cooper and after careful consideration for the health and safety of our community they have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 White Squirrel Festival and Brevard Old Time Street Dances. They do not have new dates at this time.

*See <http://www.transylvaniacounty.org/news/covid-19-information-and-latest-updates> for FAQs for individuals and businesses on unemployment.

