



## **Statement from the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen Area CVB (Updated: March 30, 2020)**

The impacts of Coronavirus are having significant impacts on the entire travel industry globally from lodging to events, including inside Moore County. As of March 30th, there were seven (7) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Moore County. On March 17th, Gov. Cooper closed all restaurants and bars for dine-in customers across North Carolina in an effort to stem the spread of the virus. However, there are restaurants that are offering take-out and delivery. Here is a current list of those restaurants offering those services:

[Moore County Restaurants Offering Take-Out & Delivery](#)

Golf Courses are Open! [See Our Updated List](#)

A Message for These Uncertain Times from the CVB: [Watch the Video](#)

### **Statewide Stay At Home Order**

Governor Roy Cooper today (Friday) announced a [statewide stay at home order](#). The order takes effect on Monday, March 30, at 5 p.m. Restaurants and facilities that prepare and serve food but only for consumption off-premises are considered essential businesses and are exempt from the executive order.

### **NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery for Small Businesses**

Golden Leaf Foundation and the NC Rural Center have just introduced a new loan program called [NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loans](#). The new product is a rapid recovery loan that is designed to provide businesses with the capital they need before federal loans and insurance payouts are approved. The SBA process is an 8-21-day process. The process for this program is expected to be completed in four days (if all the info is provided). There is a very easy online application process that starts [here](#).

The EDPNC is a partner in this effort, and is offering additional [NC Business Relief Resources](#). BLNC (Business Link North Carolina) is taking general questions at (800) 228-8443, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Rapid Recovery Loans**

Golden Leaf and the N.C. Rural Center this week introduced a new loan program, [NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loans](#). By Wednesday, they had received applications in excess of their current funding. However, they are actively seeking additional funding to expand the program. Applications already submitted are being processed in the order they were received. They are still encouraging companies to apply and they will be reviewed as more funds become available. The product is a rapid recovery loan that is designed to provide businesses with the capital they need before federal loans and insurance payouts are approved. The SBA process is an 8-21-day process. The process for this program is expected to be completed in four days (if all the info is provided).

## **Federal Stimulus Package**

The President today signed a COVID-19 relief package called the CARES Act. The U.S. Travel Association has a [breakdown of the stimulus package](#).

## **Tourism Jobs**

The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina is posting and [updating a list of current companies that have job opening across the state](#). Some industries are ramping up production during the crisis and have immediate openings.

## **Tourism Assistance**

The N.C. Restaurant & Lodging Association Foundation has created the [NC Restaurant Relief Fund](#). The goal is to provide qualified applicants with \$500 within five days of their application to help with the immediate expenses faced by many who have suddenly found themselves without work. Please donate if possible and apply if needed.

Given the current situation with the Coronavirus globally, it is more important than ever to take basic precautions to keep yourself healthy. We also recommend that travelers and businesses follow the ongoing guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control.

Residents and visitors can also find information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

Here are some of those precautions for travelers:

NCDHHS recommends everyone continue taking precautions to protect themselves and others from the spread of respiratory illnesses, which includes COVID-19.

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, and for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.

Here is the latest information from the [North Carolina Division of Public Health](#)

## [What is COVID-19?](#)

The CDC also has guidelines for best business practices:

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fguidance-business-response.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fguidance-business-response.html)

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). North Carolina resources can be found on the Division of Public Health website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus).