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GOVERNMENT

- ***New Executive Order:*** Governor McMaster issued [Executive Order 2020-25](#), which reopens public boating ramps and landings to “facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities.” He stressed that citizens must continue to follow the requirements laid out for social distancing and crowd-size limitations.
- ***Accelerate SC Task Force:*** In a press conference, Governor McMaster announced his intent to roll out an economic revitalization task force called “Accelerate South Carolina.” This task force will help guide the state toward reopening the economy after COVID-19 reaches its peak (expected in early May), and cases begin to decrease. Membership will include representatives from various business and industry sectors. **The task force will develop a plan to move South Carolina toward a phased-in reopening of some businesses and activity as healthcare data indicates it is safe and appropriate to do so.**
- ***Furloughed Employee Unemployment Benefits:*** The Governor issued [Executive Order 2020-22](#), allowing furloughed employees to receive unemployment benefits while simultaneously receiving “COVID-19 Support Payments” from their employer.

The order requires SC. Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW) to consider “a voluntary payment, or series of payments made by an employer to an employee in response to furloughing the employee” as a form of severance pay, which will not disqualify an employee from receiving unemployment. This order will allow employers to continue to support their employees while allowing them to receive unemployment benefits.
- **[IRS provides guidance under the CARES Act to taxpayers with net operating losses](#)**

IR-2020-67, April 9, 2020 — The Internal Revenue Service today issued guidance providing tax relief under the CARES Act for taxpayers with net operating losses. Recently the IRS issued tax relief for partnerships filing amended returns.
- U.S. Department of Treasury issued an [FAQ](#) and guidance on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



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- The U.S. Department of Labor Publishes Guidance on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) providing guidance for states on implementation of the PUA program.
- On April 6th, Governor Henry McMaster issued a Work or Home Order (Executive Order 2020-21) effective April 7th at 5pm.
- **CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES:** Gov. Henry McMaster has directed the closure of “Non-Essential Businesses” by way of Executive Order No. 2020-17. Effective 5:00pm on April 1, 2020, venues, facilities, services and activities for public use will close temporarily. To understand how your business is classified click HERE for a listing of Non-Essential Businesses.
 - Business owners who need clarification should complete the Essential Business Clarification form HERE or contact the S.C. Department of Commerce @ covid19sc@sccommerce.com or call 803.734.2873.
- On March 30th, the City Council for the City of North Myrtle Beach held an emergency meeting to revise the March 26 emergency ordinance as it relates to short term rentals. For the full emergency ordinance, please review HERE.
- Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-16, which orders the closure of all public access points to the state’s beaches, as well as closure of all public boat ramps, landings and other access points on the state’s lakes, rivers and waterways.
- To continue to reduce the spread of the virus SC State Parks to close through the end of April – Read more HERE
- On March 26, 2020, the City Council for the City of North Myrtle Beach passed and approved an emergency ordinance regarding accommodations. For the full emergency ordinance, please review HERE.
 - City of North Myrtle Beach Announces all City Building will be closed to the Public starting March 23. Read more HERE. Please use the City’s online services to transact business. (Click on links below)
 - Renew Business Licenses and Pay Hospitality Taxes
 - Pay Utility Bills
 - Complete all planning and development permits (including payments) and plan review processes
 - Applications for resident and non-resident property owner parking decals
- Gov. McMaster Allows Curbside Sale of Beer and Wine by Restaurants - Restaurants can sell sealed containers of beer and wine for curbside pickup or “to-go” orders only. No open containers or delivery services. Read more HERE



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- Gov. McMaster Urges Donations, Extends Income Tax Deadline, Allows Curbside Sale of Beer and Wine by Restaurants – Read the press release [HERE](#).
- The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) will stop service between both Marion and Lack City to Myrtle Beach indefinitely due to coronavirus. The last day of service will be Monday, March 23. <https://wpde.com/news/coronavirus/pdrta-shuts-down-bus-services-to-horry-county>
- Tax Relief to Assist Taxpayers: The SCDOR is offering more time to file returns and pay taxes due April 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020 to assist taxpayers during the COVID-19 outbreak. Tax returns and payments due April 1 - June 1 will now be due June 1, 2020. For details click [HERE](#)
- Treasury, IRS and Labor announce plan to implement Coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses to swiftly recover the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/treasury-irs-and-labor-announce-plan-to-implement-coronavirus-related-paid-leave-for-workers-and-tax-credits-for-small-and-midsize-businesses-to-swiftly-recover-the-cost-of-providing-coronavirus>
- The Federal Reserve offers regulatory reporting relief to small financial institutions affected by the coronavirus. The Federal Reserve recognizes that small financial institutions may need additional time to submit certain regulatory reports in light of staffing priorities and disruptions caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). For details click [HERE](#).
- Federal agencies encourage banks, savings associations and credit unions to offer responsible small-dollar loans to consumers and small businesses affected by COVID-19. Read the announcement from the Federal Reserve Board [HERE](#)
- Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: The US Department of Homeland Security- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: A detailed explanation of CISA’s guidance can be found [HERE](#), along with frequently asked questions, and full details are also on their [WEBSITE](#).
- [Department of Energy Coronavirus Resources](#) – DOE is coordinating closely with the White House and our interagency partners in the unified response to the Coronavirus. SLED Guidance on the Executive Order 2020-10
 - [Executive Order 2020-10](#)
- [DHEC Message to Retail Foodservice Establishment – Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Foodservice Restrictions](#)



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- March 17th, 2020 Governor McMaster orders all restaurants to close all in-dining options
- City of North Myrtle Beach – Click HERE to find all recent press releases.
- Governor McMaster Executive Orders – Click HERE for a complete list.