



# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## NCCBG Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 04.20.20

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Executive Director Update  
April 20, 2020

Good afternoon,

Discussions are continuing as to how to begin systematically opening the economy while maintaining the progress we've made in combating COVID-19. This past weekend, both Durham and Wake Counties amended their executive orders to include a pre-shift health assessment (symptoms screening & temperature checks by management) and requiring face coverings for both employees and customers, where social distancing may not be possible. The new orders are posted below, but I believe it is likely that these are the types of changes we will continue to see as we take steps toward re-opening the economy.

Coming out of the weekend, NC added just over 900 new confirmed cases, which brings our case count to 6764. The death toll rose to 179, however, hospitalizations have declined since Friday to 373, down 15 or 3%.

On to other news and updates...

- **Save Small Business Fund:** The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will offer a limited number of grants beginning today. In order to qualify you must employ between 3 and 20 people, be in an economically vulnerable area, and have been economically harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application process opens at 3:00PM EDT. The link to learn more is below: <https://savesmallbusiness.com>
- **Counties issuing new orders:** Both Durham and Wake Counties issued new executive orders this weekend, effective today. While most of you have implemented stringent

measures to keep your employees and customers safe, the new orders now require face coverings for both employees and customers, as well as temperature testing of employees before starting their shift. Taking temperatures may be problematic if you do not have a reliable no-touch thermometer. To that end, we recommend:

- Identify employees that may be forced to stand within six feet of another employee or customer for any period of time and require a face covering.
  - If you are unable to take an employees' temperature, send a company wide email and ask that they take their temperature before leaving home and when they arrive to work report to their supervisor that they did not have a temperature, feel OK and have no symptoms of COVID-19. Note: if an employee has any respiratory issues or a temperature of 100 or higher, they should not report to work. The text of the orders:
  - DURHAM COUNTY: <https://www.dconc.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=30844>
  - WAKE COUNTY: <https://covid19.wakegov.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/First-Amendment-to-Proclamation-of-Emergency-Restrictions.pdf>
- **Industry Survey (For ALL NC BREWERIES):** [Please complete this survey](#) regarding the current state of the NC Craft Beer industry. We would like to have these back by 5pm Wednesday (4/23). We need all NC breweries to complete the survey, as it will provide critical information to guide our lobbying efforts on your behalf, as we move into the next phase of this pandemic response.

It has been a unique month to say the least. On the whole, our industry has adapted well, especially given the level of uncertainty and the significant constraints that have been placed on your businesses. We are in the very early stages of exploring what a “new normal” will look like for the industry. [Complete the survey](#) and help us work on your behalf with the State and Federal governments.

Stay healthy my friends.

### **And, remember...**

- You are on the front lines to help keep your patrons and employees safe and healthy. *Follow the Guidance and Executive Orders!*
- Use common sense in planning and finding ways to market and sell your products.
- Keep perspective, as we are in the midst of a global crisis.
- The faster we stop the spread of the virus the faster we can get back to business.
- Stay focused on what you can control and be ready to adapt.

- And, as always, *take care of each other*, your employees, your customers, and yourselves, as this will be a long and challenging road

Please keep us posted on what is going on either by reaching out to me with your questions, [richard@ncbeer.org](mailto:richard@ncbeer.org), or posting consumer related information to [promotions@ncbeer.org](mailto:promotions@ncbeer.org)

## UPDATES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/es/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-responses-north-carolina/nc-updates>

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

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.brewersassociation.org/industry-updates/coronavirus-resource-center>

<https://ncbeer.org/covid-19.php>

