

# Durham County State of Emergency Declaration in response to COVID-19



Public Health

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## PUBLIC GATHERINGS

It is recommended that events which would gather 100 or more persons be cancelled or delayed until this declaration has been rescinded.

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## SOCIAL DISTANCING

It is recommended that all residents, visitors, and employees maintain the CDC recommended social distance of 6 feet for all personal & business interactions.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASES

Durham County Public Health Officials must have cooperation from the public & unobstructed access to persons, records, & residences and facilities to perform their statutory duties to investigate actual & potential COVID-19 cases. A failure to cooperate not only increases the risk of further infection and possibly death but is also a criminal violation of state law.

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## QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

It is essential that individuals comply with quarantine and isolation orders issued and posted by the Durham County Public Health Department. These orders restrict activities by both specific persons and the general public. Failure to comply presents not only a health risk but is a violation of state law.

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## SANITATION

It is essential that utilities not be disrupted in order to provide for the safe sanitation of all persons, the City and County utility services will not disconnect any resident for failure to pay their bills during the duration of this declaration. It is hoped that private utilities will also provide their customers this relief during the duration of this declaration.

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## EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

All persons within the County of Durham are required to adhere to and follow the instructions of all Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, 911 Communications, and Law Enforcement personnel.

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