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## Press Release

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Town of Cape Carteret: COVID-19 Safety Measures

Cape Carteret, N.C. – the Town of Cape Carteret is committed to keeping our citizens, visitors, and employees safe during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 the Town will implement several precautionary measures to protect the safety and well-being of our citizens and staff and to proactively limit the spread of COVID-19. The following measures will take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice:

- Non-essential public access to Town Hall and the Police Department will be restricted.
  - **For emergencies please call 911**
  - For non-emergencies please call 252-393-2183 to speak with a police officer
  - Please call 252-393-8483 or 252-503-6294 to speak with a staff member at Town Hall
  
- Town Hall Staff will respond to requests for passes, permits, inquiries, and other matters via phone, webcam, and email. Staff will also utilize a combination of telecommuting and social distancing measures to ensure the continuity of services for the duration of the outbreak.
  - For boat ramp passes, golf cart tags, and other general inquiries please contact: Heather Leffingwell, [hleffingwell@capecarteret.org](mailto:hleffingwell@capecarteret.org)
  - For zoning permits and code enforcement matters please contact: Mike Bishop, [codeenforcement@capecarteret.org](mailto:codeenforcement@capecarteret.org)
  - For upcoming meeting information and other general information please contact Sherrie Hancock, [shancock@capecarteret.org](mailto:shancock@capecarteret.org)
  
- The Public Works Department will modify work practices to promote social distancing and to minimize exposure to COVID-19. The Public Works facility and grounds will continue to be restricted access; access is limited to authorized

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employees only. Please contact Alex Morton, Public Works Supervisor for any Public Works questions, requests, or concerns [publicworks@capecarteret.org](mailto:publicworks@capecarteret.org).

- The Police Department will take steps to limit officer exposure, law enforcement coverage and services will not be interrupted. **For emergencies please call 911.** For non-emergency, general police department matters please contact Chief McKinney at [policedepartment@capecarteret.org](mailto:policedepartment@capecarteret.org).
- Town Staff will be limiting all non-essential travel i.e. conferences, meetings, events, etc. to help minimize exposure to COVID-19.
- The budget workshop, which was planned for Monday, March 23, 2020, will be rescheduled to a later date. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation when rescheduling or postponing upcoming Town meetings and events.
- The Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020 was cancelled on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Town of Cape Carteret will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and we will provide updates via social media, email, and the Town website ([www.townofcapecarteret.org](http://www.townofcapecarteret.org)) as the situation evolves. For COVID-19 information and guidance please refer to official sources: CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>), NCDHHS ([www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus)), and the Carteret County Health Department (<https://www.carteretcountync.gov/738/Health-Department>). We appreciate your support and cooperation as we work to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our community.

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For inquiries about this press release or about the Town's COVID-19 response please contact:

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