

Macon County

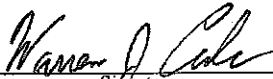


REGULATIONS IMPOSED IN MACON COUNTY (LESS THE TOWNS OF FRANKLIN AND HIGHLANDS) BY THE MACON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR IN CONNECTION WITH COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator pursuant to the Emergency Management Ordinance for the County of Macon is hereby imposing the following emergency regulations to be in place until the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator can have full and meaningful discussion of the needed regulations concerning COVID-19 and the Macon County Board of Commissioners can otherwise fully consider and take action by Ordinance to implement such regulations:

- A. All county law enforcement, county employees, and all other emergency management personnel shall be subject to the control of the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of any emergency ordinances and the provisions of the Macon County Emergency Operations Plan.
- B. Mass gatherings of persons in groups of more than 10 people are prohibited effective 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2020.
- i. A mass gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than 10 people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs, and festivals.
 - ii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a mass gathering does not include normal operations at airports, medical facilities, and shopping centers, where more than ten (10) persons are gathered. It does not include office environments, factories, grocery stores, and retail establishments.
 - iii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, childcare facilities are permitted to remain open pursuant to guidance from the NC Division of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development and Early Education; and
 - iv. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a mass gathering does not include Essential Governmental Functions.
- C. It is hereby unlawful to sell or rent or offer to sell or rent any goods or services which are consumed or used as a direct result of an emergency or which are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being of persons or property with the knowledge and intent to charge a price that is unreasonably excessive under the circumstances or engage in any price gouging practices as defined by General Statutes;

- D. Effective Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., all lodging facilities including hotels, motels, resorts, inns, guest houses, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, RV Parks, vacation cabins, home rentals, and any and all rentals or leases through other rental programs or places where the rentals or leases are for use of less than twenty-eight (28) days in duration, or the rentals or leases are for more than twenty-eight (28) days in duration but are not occupied on a consistent basis, in Macon County, North Carolina, less the Town of Highlands and the Town of Franklin shall be closed, EXCEPT as provided by the exemptions as hereinafter set forth:
- i. **Work-Related Exemptions:** This closure does not apply if a rental or lease or extended overnight accommodation is due to work here in Macon County for business, medical, construction, emergency services or other related services. In this situation, the employee staying at the lodging facility should have their employer provide their work-related identification badge or a letter from the employer stating the purpose of the work to be performed in Macon County and the expected duration of the stay;
 - ii. **Homeless Shelter Exemption:** This closure does not apply to lodging facilities housing needed to house the homeless from Macon County in an emergency related to the COVID-19 Response;
 - iii. **Emergency Facility Exemption:** This closure does not apply to a lodging facility if used as an emergency facility to assist with the COVID-19 Response;
 - iv. **Exemption:** Rentals less than seven (7) days which are subject to Macon County Public Food and Lodging Inspection which serves as the principal residence of the person occupying the same.
- E. All passengers and crew members arriving at the Macon County Airport will be screened by Macon County Personnel designated by the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator who have been properly trained to conduct the same or other individuals who have been designated by the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator who have been properly trained to conduct the same for COVID-19 symptoms including fever. Anyone screened who is symptomatic or presents with a fever will be referred to an appropriate medical professional and shall be subject to Quarantine and/or Isolation Orders by the Macon County Health Director in accordance with applicable North Carolina State Law to limit exposure to our residents and prevent a hardship on our healthcare system.
- F. All persons whose point of departure originates from outside the area of Macon County in an area of "community spread", which currently includes the States of New York, New Jersey, Washington, and Florida, and which will also include other States which are subsequently designated areas of "community spread", and who enter into Macon County for the sole purpose of relocating temporarily into an area of less community spread, shall be subject to Quarantine and/or Isolation Orders by the Macon County Health Director in accordance with applicable North Carolina State Law and are hereby specifically requested to self-quarantine or self-isolate themselves, as appropriate, for a period of fourteen (14) days to limit exposure to our residents and prevent a hardship on our healthcare industry.



Signature

3-26-2020

Date