



## Stay at Home Order FAQs



### What does this order mean?

It means that movement is restricted for all residents of Mecklenburg County to stay at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive essential services or engage in essential activities and work for essential businesses and government services.

It restricts travel upon public streets, alleys, or roadways or other property except by those in need of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof.

### How does this order change the previous executive order prohibiting mass gatherings of 50 people or more?

This order supersedes the restrictions outlined in the Public Health Order to Restrict Mass Gatherings, which prohibited mass gatherings of 50 people or more.



## Stay at Home Order Do's and Dont's



### WHAT CAN I DO?

- Go to the grocery, convenience or warehouse store
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities
- Visit a health care professional for medical services (call first)
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru
- Care for or support a friend or family member
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog and be in nature for exercise
- Walk your pets and take them to veterinarian if necessary
- Help someone to get the necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from any business which delivers

### WHAT CAN I NOT DO?

- Go to work unless you are providing essential services as defined by this Order
- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need
- Maintain less than 6 feet of distance from others when you go out
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or other residential care facility
- Travel except for essential travel and activities





**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "STAY AT HOME" AND "SOCIAL DISTANCING"? STAY AT HOME IS A STRICTER FORM OF SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

Stay at home means:  
Stay home (unexposed and not expose others)  
Only go out for essential services  
Stay 6 feet or more away from others  
Do not gather in groups



**CAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO LIVESTREAM SERVICES?**

Yes – faith-based organizations are still allowed to livestream services provided that they abide by the restriction of 10 or less people physically on-site, while practicing proper social distancing practices.



**WHEN WILL THIS ORDER BE LIFTED?**

The order is valid through April 29, 2020 but will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and can be revised, amended, or extended based on recommendations from Mecklenburg County Public Health Director and/or Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management.



**AM I ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE TO EXERCISE?**

Yes – but maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from all others.



**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

Required measures include:  
Designate 6 foot distances  
Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products  
Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations  
Online and remote access



**ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS/TRAVEL THAT ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL.**

Essential Activities are:  
For health and safety  
To get necessary supplies and services  
For outdoor activities (walking, hiking, golfing, running cycling, and using greenways)  
For work for essential business/operations  
To take care of others



**CAN I GET ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER?**

CMPD is continuing to enforce the order through education, dialogue, and seeking voluntary cooperation from all residents and businesses. If voluntary cooperation is not achieved CMPD is equipped to enforce these restrictions through citations or misdemeanor charges. Any person violating this order shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.



**HOW DO I REPORT A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER?**

Call 3-1-1 or visit the City of Charlotte's website – see the COVID-19 updates page



**WHAT IF I DON'T LIVE IN MECK COUNTY?**

I live in (Huntersville/Cornelius/Davidson /Pineville/Matthews/Mint Hill) – does this order apply to me? Yes – this order applies to all residents within Mecklenburg County



**DOES THIS ORDER APPLY TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?**

No –They are exempt from this restriction but are urged to find shelter.