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## **Governor Cooper Lifts Modified Stay-At-Home Order; Eases Other Restrictions**

Yesterday's Executive Order lifts the Modified Stay-at-Home Order requiring people to stay at home and businesses to close to the public between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.. The number of people who may gather indoors will increase from 10 to 25, while 50 remains the limit for outdoors. The curfew on the sale of alcohol for onsite consumption will be moved from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.. Some businesses, including bars and amusement parks, will now be open for patrons indoors as they adhere to new occupancy restrictions. Many businesses, venues and arenas will have increased occupancy both indoors and outdoors.

Executive Order 195 has two general categories of occupancy restrictions: 30% capacity and 50% capacity. Because indoor spaces have a higher risk of spread for COVID-19, indoor facilities in the 30%-occupancy category may not exceed two hundred fifty (250) people per indoor room or indoor space.

### **30% Capacity Limit (may not exceed 250-persons in indoor spaces)**

- Bars
- Meeting, Reception, and Conference Spaces



- Lounges (including tobacco) and Night Clubs
- Indoor areas of Amusement Parks
- Movie Theaters
- Entertainment facilities (e.g., bingo parlors, gaming establishments)
- Sports Arenas and Fields\*
- Venues\*

Indoor event venues with more than 5,000 seats may be excepted from the 250 person limit if they follow additional safety measures up to 15% capacity.

### 50% Capacity Limit

- Restaurants
- Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries
- Fitness and Physical Activity Facilities (e.g., gyms, bowling alleys, rock climbing facilities)
- Pools
- Museums and Aquariums
- Retailers
- Outdoor areas of Amusement Parks
- Salons, Personal Care, Tattoo Parlors

Safety protocols such as masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing will continue to be important as people adjust to the new order, health officials said.

Read [Executive Order No. 195](#).



## Public Input Budget Meeting TONIGHT!

It's your opportunity to have a voice in the Town of Smithfield's 2021-2022 budget!

The Smithfield Town Council will hold a public input budget

meeting **TONIGHT, February 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center (SRAC).

Citizens comments can be made in person at the SRAC, or via conference call by calling **1-800-719-7514 or 919-391-3517** and, when prompted, **entering code 808829**.

The Council will also accept comments via email to [shannan.parrish@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:shannan.parrish@smithfield-nc.com); emailed comments must be received by 3pm this afternoon.



## Annual Chlorine Conversion Begins March 1st

The Town of Smithfield Water Filtration Plant, in conjunction with the Water Distribution Department, will conduct a free chlorine burnout of the water distribution system. This annual conversion from chloramines to free chlorine is required in order to maintain a healthy distribution system.

The conversion to free chlorine will begin March 1st at 8:00 a.m. and end April 2nd. During this time customers may notice discoloration or a change in taste and smell of their water.



Customers who experience this are advised to flush their plumbing fixtures and water lines throughout their homes thoroughly. If any water quality issues are experienced please be assured that the water is still safe and there is no need to boil water or take any other precautions during the free chlorine conversion.

For more information please contact the Smithfield Water Filtration Plant, during regular business hours, at 919-934-2661.

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## Neuse Little Theatre to Open Again Soon

The Neuse Little Theatre is officially in rehearsal for a "interim" show to fill the time until they can go back to "normal". They will be performing LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC in March and April. The show stars Dylan Atwood and Annabeth Clark, both last seen in MAMMA MIA! in their last season. As of now, their plan is for 3 weekends at limited seating capacity. They are also working hard to offer streaming for those who would be more comfortable watching from home.



More announcements coming soon! SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!!



## 2,000 JCPS Educators Vaccinated

On the first day the COVID-19 vaccine was available to all educators in North Carolina, more than 2,000 Johnston County Public School employees received their first-round dose at a drive-through clinic.

The drive-through clinic, located at North Johnston High School, was a coordinated effort between JCPS, the Johnston County Public Health Department, Johnston County Emergency Services, the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, and the National Guard.

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## Love the Locals Bingo in Downtown Smithfield!

Play "Love the Locals Bingo" to share your love for the locally owned small businesses in Downtown Smithfield. You'll have a chance to win more than \$1,000 in Downtown Smithfield gift cards! Deadline to enter is Sunday, February 28th.

For more information and to screenshot or print your official Love the Locals BINGO card, visit [downtownsmithfield.com](https://downtownsmithfield.com).



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## Lucky's Shamrock Search at Smithfield Community Park Begins Monday, March 1st!

Lucky has lost his shamrocks!

Grab your map from the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center and help Lucky find them all. You can find all 15 Shamrocks at Smithfield Community Park; fun for the whole family!



Call Smithfield Parks and Recreation (919-934-2148) for more information.



## #SmithfieldStrong Spotlight

The Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC) is excited to present the #SmithfieldStrong Spotlight, an opportunity for people to win big in 2021 by spending money downtown to keep #SmithfieldStrong!

At the end of each month, the DSDC will randomly choose one person to win \$50

Downtown Dollars - \$600 Downtown Dollars are up for grabs in 2021!

To enter:

1. Each Tuesday, make a purchase (or several) at Downtown Smithfield business ([see map](#)).
2. Post a picture of your purchase to Facebook and/or Instagram with the hashtag #SmithfieldStrong.
3. For each unique post you make on a Tuesday, you'll receive an entry for that month's drawing.
4. At the end of each month, we'll randomly choose one lucky person to win \$50 Downtown Dollars!

This contest is in not sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or affiliated with Facebook or Instagram.



## Smithfield Parks and Recreation "Fun and Fellowship" Softball Returns this Spring

Smithfield Parks and Recreation will be hosting their Fun and Fellowship softball league this spring. Registration runs through March 5th and games are expected to begin in late March or early April. **Cost will be \$475 per team.**

Team packets can be picked up in the SRAC lobby or call 919-934-2148 to have a



## Work With Us!

Applications and full job advertisements may be obtained at Smithfield Town Hall, located at 350 East Market Street in Smithfield, or by visiting our website at [www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs). Only qualified applicants should apply.

The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.



## Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

- Appearance Commission - 3 Vacancies
- Board of Adjustment - 1 Vacancy
- Recreation Advisory Committee - 3 Vacancies and 2 High School Representatives
- Library Board - 1 Vacancy

All positions are three year terms, unless otherwise specified. Interested citizens can download an ["Application for Board Appointment" on the Town's website](#) or call Town Clerk Shannan Parrish to request one by mail at **919-934-2116**.

## Town of Smithfield E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

- Visit customer service at Town Hall
- Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1113 E
- Email: [utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com)



# EVENTS? QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

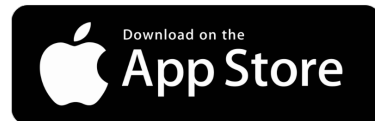


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