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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Iredell County has issued a State of Emergency effective 12:00 p.m. March 17, 2020 in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Effective at 5pm on March 17, 2020 the following County services will be modified:

Iredell County Parks & Recreation:



The Iredell County Recreation Center will be closed to the public until further notice. Iredell County outdoor parks, playgrounds and restrooms will remain open but are on a use at your own risk basis. All programming offered by the Parks & Recreation Department including the Outdoor Education Center, Adult trips, youth athletic leagues, group exercise classes, group reservations, etc. have been halted through April 30, 2020.

Iredell County Public Library (Statesville, Harmony & Troutman Branches):



Iredell Public Library will be closed to the general public but will be open during the hours of 10am – 2:00pm Monday – Friday for Iredell-Statesville and Mooresville Graded students ***only*** to allow them internet access to complete required assignments as a result of the mandatory school closing. The use of the library will be by appointment only by students using their student ID during the above stated hours. Students should call the respective branch and number listed below to make an appointment to use the library facility.

Statesville Branch 704-878-3090 extension 3097
Troutman Brach 704-528-2682
Harmony Branch 704-546-7086

For those students that do not have transportation to the Library, they may call ICATS Public Transit at 704-873-9393 extension 5 to schedule transportation to one of the branch libraries. ICATS will drop students off at 10am and pick them up at 2pm.

All other library patrons may reserve books and materials to be picked up at the circulation desk Monday – Friday between the hours of 3pm and 5pm. In order to reserve your reading material, you may either call and reserve the material or do so online. This includes the Statesville, Troutman and Harmony Branch Libraries.

ICATS Public Transit:



**IREDELL COUNTY AREA
TRANSIT SYSTEM**
P.O. Box 788
Statesville, NC 28687

Iredell County Area Transportation Service will suspend fixed route public transportation until further notice.

- Mooresville Main
- Community Connection
- Bloom
- Iredell Express

In light of increasing concerns around the spread and transmission of COVID-19, Iredell County wants to ensure the safety of our riders, the general public, and employees. Thus, effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Fixed Route public transportation service will be suspended until further notice.

Paratransit services will remain available for all medically necessary or essential service trips. Paratransit riders should continue to call 704-873-9393 to schedule trips.

ICATS is committed to public safety. Social distancing is critical at this time to keep everyone healthy and safe. The Town of Mooresville, City of Statesville and Iredell County have declared States of Emergency. We are committed to reinstating transportation services when we can ensure a safe environment for our riders, the general public, and employees. If you have any questions or need essential services, please call 704-873-9393 and talk with an ICATS staff member to learn more about available resources.

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**A PROCLAMATION FOR THE
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 to coordinate the State’s response and protective actions to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the number of cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed cases of COVID-19 in neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Iredell County citizens travel to and from those counties and the residents of those counties travel to and from Iredell County regularly, increasing the risks for exposure of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Iredell County declared its first presumptive case of COVID-19 within the borders of Iredell County on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mooresville and City of Statesville have already declared individual states of emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Iredell County outside the Town of Mooresville and the City of Statesville, to include the Town of Harmony, Town of Love Valley, and Town of Troutman unless they declare independently.

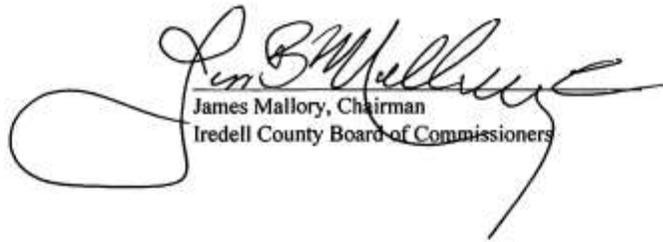
Section 2. I hereby authorize the County Manager to take appropriate protective action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including implementing restrictions, modifications, or alterations to County operations, services, or facilities, and to take other protective measures deemed appropriate, and consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and in accordance with executive orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina.

Section 3. I hereby order all County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Iredell County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk to the Iredell County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure property implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 17th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.



James Mallory, Chairman
Iredell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Amy Anderson, Clerk to the Board