MEDIA RELEASE

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

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Pamlico County COVID-19 Task Force Update:

TEST RESULTS: To date there have been Zero "0" confirmed/tested Coronavirus Cases in Pamlico County.

WHY HASN'T PAMLICO COUNTY CLOSED BUSINESSES OR GOVERNMENT? – Pamlico County Government and Businesses have remained open and operating under Governor Cooper's current Executive Orders. Logistically and Economically it is hard decision to determine if Government and/or Businesses need to be ordered to close. In addition to Emergency Services, Health Care Providers, and Commerce, Pamlico County Government continues to remain open and local businesses continue to remain open as they are an integral part of basic needs and necessities of every day functions. Government and Businesses also employ personnel from not only inside Pamlico County, but surrounding Counties as well.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: We continue to stress the importance of practicing Social Distancing and Personal Hygiene. If you do not have to conduct face to face business, it is encouraged to accomplish your task via telephone, email, or virtual methods. We encourage those who can remain at home and limit social contact especially if you have been sick or are currently experiencing an illness to do so. We still encourage citizens to utilize local commerce and industry for their needs to include grocery stores, restaurants (take out only), medical providers, and service specific businesses.

Phone numbers, E-mail Addresses and Contact Information regarding Pamlico County Departments can be found on the County Website: www.pamlicocounty.org by clicking the **DEPARTMENTS** Tab and selecting the appropriate department.

Please follow all recommendations from Local, State and Federal Health Officials regarding the spread of COVID-19. We encourage all citizens to stay informed by using the master link below that provides access to not only local information but also information from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) along with the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

https://www.pamlicocounty.org/coronavirus-info.aspx

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