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MARS HILL TAKES CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTIONS

Mars Hill, NC – The Town of Mars Hill takes the coronavirus COVID-19 situation very seriously and has implemented actions to mitigate its effects on our citizens and employees. To stress the importance of this commitment to public safety, the Town of Mars Hill declared a local State of Emergency on March 13, 2020 at noon.

The Town has taken the following actions:

1. Local State of Emergency declared. No interruption in town services.
2. Met with Mars Hill University administrative and safety personnel to assist response.
3. Suspended all water system disconnections.
4. Restricted public access to town facilities if experiencing any symptoms.
5. Assemblies on Town property are restricted.
6. Notification to all Town employees of precautionary measures and utilize enhanced sanitization of workspaces and use of appropriate personal protective equipment.
7. Police and fire departments increased attention to precautionary measures and staffing arrangements for potential extended tours of duty as may become appropriate.
8. Designated downtown parking spaces to support restaurants take out/curb delivery service.
9. COVID-19 Information placed on Town Website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.
10. County COVID-19 Flyer placed in town utility bills for delivery to residents.
11. Actively participating in county emergency management and public health response activities.
12. Continually monitoring the situation and communicating with federal, state, county and regional partners for additional appropriate actions.

Madison County has established a phone number staffed by medical and other staff to assist with questions concerning COVID-19 symptoms and food, medicine and elderly care support needs. **The phone number is (828) 649-0755.** Should there be town-specific questions, please contact the Mars Hill Town Hall at (828) 689-2301.

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