

# TOWN OF MORVEN

## Public Budget Meeting

The proposed 2020-2021 Budget for the Town of Morven has been presented to the Board and is available for public inspection in the Town Hall from 9am to 4pm weekdays.

There will be a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6pm at the Morven Town Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Morven, NC 28119, for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget.

Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments.

## Testing and Contact Tracing Resources to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 in Anson Community

The Anson County Health Department and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) are announcing new steps to expand COVID-19 testing and contact tracing across the state and help Anson County families protect themselves and their neighbors. Testing and tracing are primary public health measures and key components of North Carolina's strategy to responsibly ease restrictions, while continuing to slow the spread of the virus.

People in Anson County can now access new online tools to determine if they should consider being tested for COVID-19 and find a nearby testing place. The tool will also help individuals monitor their symptoms if they have tested positive for or been exposed to COVID-19. In addition, NCDHHS launched a new platform to integrate contact tracing efforts across the state. The Anson County Health Department has been training on the software and is using it in its ongoing contact tracing work.

"With the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, both locally and statewide, testing and tracing are critical to protecting our community," said Anson County's Public Health Director Dr. Fred Thompson.

"These new COVID-19 testing tools and resources help North Carolinians have the support and information they need to take care of themselves and their loved ones," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "When more people get tested, and we all work alongside the COVID-19 Community Team to do our part with contact tracing, we can protect our loved ones and slow the spread of the virus."

**New Online Tools to Increase Access to Testing** Having more than tripled the amount of testing completed just a month ago, North Carolina continues to significantly increase testing. The new online tools are intended to help people know if they may need a test, how to get a test, and monitor their own symptoms if advised to do so by a contact tracer. These tools include:

- Check My Symptoms ([www.ncdhhs.gov/symptoms](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/symptoms)), a public website that allows people to enter their symptoms to determine if they should consider getting tested for COVID-19. If a test is recommended, they will receive a link to a list of nearby testing sites via email or text.

- Find My Testing Place ([www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace)), a public website that allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online.

- COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) Tool, a password-protected online software that helps people track their own symptoms if they have been advised to do so by the COVID-19 Community Team. It is also a platform that helps update and incorporate contact tracing work across the state.

**Expanded Contact Tracing Through The COVID-19 Community Team** Through contact tracing, the COVID-19 Community Team reaches out to people who may have recently come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and connects them with the information and support needed to protect themselves and their loved ones.

It is important that people answer the call when the Community Team reaches out. Individuals being contacted will get an initial text from the number 45394 or email from NC-ARIAS-NoReply@dhhs.nc.gov with follow-up phone calls from the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188 or from NC OUTREACH (844-628-7223). The Community Team will never ask for anyone's Social Security Number, bank or credit card numbers, or any other financial information at any time. Any information shared during the call is a private health record and is strictly confidential.

**Continued Prevention Measures** All North Carolinians should continue practicing their 3 Ws when they leave home: Wear. Wait. Wash.

- Wear a cloth face covering if you will be with other people.
- Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

"If we all do our part, we can protect our family and neighbors and get back to enjoying things like family gatherings, pastimes, and community events outside of our homes," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "By working together, we will slow the spread of this virus."

For more information on testing and contact tracing, please see the Anson County Health Department's Facebook page.

NCDHHS has provided information about Testing ([covid19.ncdhhs.gov/Testing](http://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/Testing)) and Frequently Asked Questions about Contact Tracing ([covid19.ncdhhs.gov/ContactTracing](http://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/ContactTracing)). For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [nc.gov/covid19](http://nc.gov/covid19). For more data and information about North Carolina's testing strategy, visit the COVID-19 North Carolina Dashboard: [covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard](http://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard).

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