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Dear Town Staff,

The Town's response to the COVID-19 pandemic surpassed 100 days this week. I'm extremely proud of all of your efforts to keep our Town functioning during these sustained difficult times.

NC Air National Guard Flyover

If you missed the flyover this morning, I've attached a video our HRD Director Cliff Turner captured of the 145th Airlift Wing's C-17. The flyover was a statewide salute to frontline workers. You may have missed this because you were somewhere getting the job done. Please know there are many people who are thankful for the efforts you are making to keep our community operating and as safe as possible. And thanks to Cliff for lending his impressive videography and color commentary skills to our weekly update!

Phase One

As of 5 p.m. today, Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill will follow the lead of North Carolina and move into Governor Roy Cooper's Phase One adjustment to the Stay-at-Home order for at least two weeks. Generally speaking, there are no substantial changes under phase one. More retail shops are allowed to open and occupancy is permitted to increase slightly. However, physical distancing and personal hygiene continue to be the most important aspects of our fight against this virus.

We are not making changes to Town services at this time. Parks and Recreation facilities will remain closed to the public; however trails and greenways will remain accessible with physical distancing strongly encouraged. The Library is not checking out any new materials, however staff will begin encouraging materials to be returned when patrons are out in the community to avoid overwhelming staff when it reopens. Transit will remain on its modified schedule, operating routes and schedules that normally run on Saturdays. And, yard waste remains suspended until further notice.

As restrictions continue to be lifted, please listen to the advice of medical experts. We all need to help limit the spread of this virus. We will get back to normal; it's going to take time. Don't forget to take care of yourself along the way.

If anything is unclear, please check in with your supervisor. If they don't have the answer, they will send your question up the line to get an answer. And we will be communicating what our next steps will be with Phase 2 and beyond in the coming weeks.

Masks Required in Town Facilities

I want to remind everyone of the policy that was enacted on Monday, April 20. If you are in a Town facility and there is even a chance you are sharing space with another individual, you are required to wear a face covering or mask. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends face coverings when proper physical distancing (at least six feet from the next person) cannot be achieved in an attempt to prevent the spread of the virus from people who may not be aware they have it.

If you are not wearing a face covering, your supervisor will ask you to wear it. If you don't have access to one, please speak with your supervisor, and they will provide you one.

TownTalk

I have attached [the latest edition of TownTalk](#) for your reading pleasure. Thanks to everyone featured in the May edition for your excellent work. And thank you to Catherine Lazorko for producing this newsletter. This will be her final TownTalk with us as she departs for a new opportunity with the Town of Carrboro. Good luck on your new journey!

Have a great weekend everyone and please stay safe!

All the Best,
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