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Hello Everyone,

Earlier this week, our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) tallied its 50<sup>th</sup> day in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Time feels very different during this event. I hope this holiday weekend is a good opportunity for you to step away and unplug. And please remember, while we all want to get out and enjoy the unofficial start of summer, please remember to do so with physical distancing and hand hygiene in mind.

### **Memorial Day**

Speaking of Memorial Day, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone that Memorial Day was established to honor those who lost their lives to protect our country. Please take a moment to think about and remember those brave men and women.

### **Phase Two: Safer at Home**

Governor Roy Cooper announced Wednesday that his staff is comfortable with the metrics in the state to lift the Stay-at-Home order and move to a modified Phase Two in his reopening plan called "Safer at Home." We all have to continue to be vigilant in what we do outside our home. The virus remains active in our community, and everything we can do to help limit the spread is good for the greater community.

Orange County implemented additional restrictions to the state's Phase Two. All the details of the next phase in the reopening plan can be found at <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/News/News/16400>.

Most of our Town facilities will remain closed to the public for this portion of Phase 2. We will be opening our parks for more activities beginning late next week but there will still be a number of restrictions in place. Details will be released on Tuesday of next week.

### **Recommended Budget**

I presented the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Wednesday night. There is not a tax increase, no salary increases and no furloughs or layoffs in this recommendation. Our goal is focused on protecting the core services all of you provide through this difficult time while preparing us for a strong recovery.

You can read more about the recommended budget presentation and dive deeper into the numbers through the Council meeting summary at [townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/News/News/16396](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/News/News/16396).

Please continue to take care of yourself, stay healthy and have a wonderful holiday weekend.

All the Best,  
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