

Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/22/2020 03:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Sarah Taylor	<p>April 22, 2020</p> <p>Karen Brinson Bell Executive Director North Carolina State Board of Elections 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603</p> <p>Re: Recommendations for ensuring election continuity and voting access while responding to COVID-19</p> <p>The undersigned organizations write today to offer initial recommendations for actions that North Carolina election officials should take in response to the challenges posed by the novel coronavirus. We offer the below recognizing that this is a fluid situation, and also that every stakeholder engaged in election administration is at the outset of their engagement on this issue. As plans develop, it will be critical for election officials to account for safety, access, and the needs of all North Carolina voters—especially those most affected by the current crisis, and those who face chronic and systemic barriers to the ballot. We expect to continue developing and refining these and other ideas, and welcome the opportunity to engage further on these issues moving forward.</p> <p>I. Background COVID-19 requires immediate emergency action by government agencies in order to protect voters and elections staff.</p> <p>As North Carolina faces unprecedented challenges due to the novel coronavirus, we are urging government agencies at all levels to take decisive, necessary action to ensure that upcoming elections are accessible, safe, and secure for all voters. As of March 18, there were 4,275 of confirmed cases and 75 deaths in the United States¹ and 63 cases in North Carolina alone.² Governor Cooper has declared a State of Emergency and all major gatherings in the state are being suspended based on the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) guidance.³</p>

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04/22/2020 04:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Lindsey Rose	<p>I support the adoption of the initiative relating to Advance Health Care Directives (Statute G.S. 32A-25.1) allowing either a notary OR two witnesses to sign the documents.</p> <p>Also, I support adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Care Directives.</p>
04/22/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Johnson	<p>According to NC GS § 166A-19.3., an "Emergency" is, "An occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any..." The actions to significantly shut down North Carolina were taken on the basis of a declaration of a State of Emergency by the governor. The problem with that action is that a plain reading of the language is that there has to be an imminent, widespread threat, but that didn't exist. We didn't have an imminent, widespread threat. We had models that, based on a finite amount of data, said the threat MIGHT be there.</p> <p>While it's fair to have differing opinions on whether particular epidemiological models are correct, there can be little doubt—especially by now—that the models that influenced the governor to make the decision were grossly incorrect. The models used didn't take in to account differences in population density, age distribution, geography, climate, lifestyle, hospital capacity, ventilator availability, etc. Building models and not controlling for</p>

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04/22/2020 06:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Walsh	<p>Here in NE North Carolina, we have little or no cases of the corona virus in most counties. My county, Perquimans is the 2nd poorest county in the state and never recovered from 2008. We have had 6 cases. Our stores are never crowded. Please reopen the few businesses we have in our town and all the small towns in this part of the state--and our Church. We can easily separate ourselves at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Edenton. Our Church also needs money to exist and without services, it is getting desperate for funds.</p>
04/22/2020 06:41 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Kimberly Miller	<p>Sending kids back to school earlier in August will cause a lot of problems for families and teachers. My kids won't be there for the first 2 weeks in August due to a scheduled vacation. That means they are going to miss lots of information and maybe even some testing. I know they won't be the only ones. Teachers and students have not been on a "break" through this shutdown. Families and teachers have plans that they are looking forward to. Vacation plans are most critical right now because of everything our families and teachers have already had to endure. Visiting family and being able to take a planned trip is our family's number one priority and something we are very much looking forward to and we are not going willing to have that taken away. If you start earlier in August, we will not be there until at least 8/17.</p>
04/22/2020 07:00 PM	Continuity of State	Pastor David Merritt	<p>Please use your best health guidance to decide about the re-opening of all state and local</p>

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		resources in NC. It is important to weigh carefully the voices of economic and free association advocates with those of the health care/infectious disease communities. The chance to do this comes only once and if we are not careful, we might become a leader in infections and the resulting deaths from the COVID 19 virus. We are praying for you and all citizens.
04/22/2020 07:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Judith Page	The smartest, wisest and most sensible action is to expand Medicaid to the previously uninsured and extend it to those who lost coverage due to losing jobs in this crisis. We want a healthy nation and state, we need to provide medical care. It is also the compassionate thing to do.
04/22/2020 07:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Judith Page	We need to initiate voting by mail. My son and daughter in law have moved to Colorado. When they registered their vehicle they filled out forms to vote. They have gotten their ballots by mail with the options of returning them by mail (postage provided) or take them a specified location to drop in the box or go to polling place. Makes sense. North Carolina can do it too. Should do it too.
04/22/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angea A	Re open NC
04/22/2020 08:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Protect Our Kids COVID Zilma Lopes	I am urging that the state of NC does not reopen schools during this pandemic for the remainder of the year. There is only 4 weeks left and no need to risk our children's lives just to satisfy protestors. Please think about what the majority of the citizens want and not political or protestors' needs. We understand the impact of the economy, but not when it comes to our children's lives. For those parents who are getting tired of being home with their kids, that's their problem and should have thought if that before having kids. Please, I urge you to value human life. Thank you,
04/22/2020 09:00 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Nichole Holloway	I've worked over 16 years consecutively in the N.C. Community College System and have some major concerns with regard to the Covid 19 related issues. I'm specifically asking The. Governor to take into consideration state workers with kids for which the state will be deciding their fate for the remainder of the school year. I don't think, I know schools will not be prepared to manage social distancing in Cumberland County while keeping our children safe as this city is seeing a rise in cases. I've witnessed protestors of small businesses on tv and if the state wants to allow them to put themselves at risk, so be it but I hope that our state will allow our children to remain home. I work for Sandhills Community College in Moore County & I'm currently successfully working from home. My daughter, a 6 th grader with asthma ,like myself would be high risk if she were to return to her school. I commend her private school Cornerstone Christian Academy who's provided all needed to successfully complete her school year from home. Please consider the health of at risk North Carolinians. It could really mean life or death for someone like myself & my daughter.
04/22/2020 09:34 PM	Education Working Group	Mr. Brian Nealey	I heard you might be trying to start school earlier in August. You guys have no idea what this virus will look like come August. Some people are not sending their kids back until there is a vaccine while other have made plans in August to travel and do other things that will pump money into the economy. I'm not sure if the purpose of going back early is to

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04/22/2020 10:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Menconi	<p>I understand the concerns of keeping the economy closed, but it is for the greatest good of public health. It will require creativity on the part of our state government to support north Carolinians during this crisis. But it is incumbent that we stop this virus by remaining closed until health officials signal that it is safe.</p>
04/22/2020 10:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Christina Waggoner	<p>Reopen NC. I don't want handouts. I want to keep my job. Frankly, unemployment won't keep my bills paid. I need health insurance for my children, which I get through my employer.</p> <p>COVID statistics don't support keeping the state closed. Just look at Sweden, they never closed, and they are doing better than most countries that put in place stay at home orders. Of course, you know this. That is why you are only releasing certain statistics and withholding other statistics. It's why you are not performing antibody testing on a random sampling of the population, unlike other states. Fortunately, we can use their data to make certain assumptions about the virus. One of the things we can deduce from this data is that COVID actually has a very low mortality rate - 0.1 to 0.3 percent.</p> <p>When your policies cause a major economic depression the people will remember it was you who caused it. They will know you engaged in economic fraud. Do the right thing and reopen NC.</p>
04/22/2020 11:15 PM	Education Working Group	School Start Date Melissa Doherty	<p>I read an article today where some leaders were discussing changing the school calendar to early August. I have a high school student who works full time during the summer. If you make that change, he will miss up to 4 weeks of full time pay, which he needs to help pay his expenses. It is even possible that he will lose the job he has lined up because the employer will need to find someone else for those hours. Have you considered consequences of your decisions or even asked for any public feedback when making decisions that can negatively impact your students and families? Please do not make this change so that my son can work and earn the money he needs.</p>

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04/23/2020 02:50 AM	Health Care Working Group	John Hamrick	If we had expanded Medicaid paying for corona virus testing would be free to many more people's. Testing is critical to reopening our state. Stand strong.
04/23/2020 03:37 AM	Education Working Group	Ms. Karen Mallam	<p>Chairman Moore, Covid-19 Committee, NCGA</p> <p>Dear Chairman Moore,</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, MCPS in Maryland and FCPS in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPSPortal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Sincerely, Karen Mallam</p>
04/23/2020 06:19 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Shelly Johnson	<p>It is time to reopen NC.</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, the doomsday prediction of the COVID-19 models have been a complete bust, with many downward revisions being necessary from a death toll of 2.2 million in the US to, last I saw 60,000. I am very confident there will be many more deaths</p>

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04/23/2020 07:35 AM	Education Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>Broadband throughout the state!</p> <p>We need stronger Internet and broadband THROUGHOUT North Carolina. K-12 and college students in rural areas cannot do their homework. See https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students</p> <p>Please repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This "limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price." https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html</p> <p>Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.</p>
04/23/2020 07:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen.</p>
04/23/2020 07:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.</p>
04/23/2020 08:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	mrs. carol hovey	<p>I/we support the adoption of the initiative relating to Advance Health Care Directives (Statute G.S. 32A-25.1) allowing either a notary OR two witnesses to sign the documents.</p> <p>I/we support adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Care Directives."</p>
04/23/2020 09:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Carol Aycock	<p>I do not think NC should reopen quite yet. We have gotten this far, we must be patient for a bit longer. I do not want to see a surge in the virus in our working class citizens.</p>

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04/23/2020 09:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Liz Harlan	<p>Dear elected representatives, I am a Family Medicine resident and I support the adoption of the initiative relating to Advance Health Care Directives (Statute G.S. 32A-25.1) allowing either a notary OR two witnesses to sign the documents.</p> <p>I ALSO support adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Directives.</p> <p>Our hospital has many patients who could be discharged to safer locations, if these policies were enacted, even temporarily.</p>
04/23/2020 10:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Aycock	NC needs to open up. This shutdown is worse than the virus.
04/23/2020 10:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Personal Rory Mcilmoil	<p>Has the Working Group explored the implementation of this? The Fed has opened its Federal Reserve Act Section 13(3) lending facilities to municipal and other short term financial paper acquisitions for the duration of the present COVID-caused public health and financial crisis. Local governments in NC could use this for any number of financial relief and economic recovery initiatives.</p> <p>https://www.forbes.com/sites/rhockett/2020/04/09/welcome-to-community-qe/#77fa1707c415</p>
04/23/2020 11:27 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Howell	Do not reopen NC until the state is prepared for the consequences.
04/23/2020 11:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Gary Smith	<p>Thank you for serving on State Ops Working Group in this time of COVID-19. We have seen around the USA in the last month how difficult elections can be at the present time. With this in mind, we must ensure that every registered voter in the state is able and encouraged to vote in a safe way. To accomplish this, we must make Mail-in, or Absentee, voting available and easy for everyone. Please find a way and fund it fully. A possible solution would be for each voter to receive a letter from the NC Board of Elections with an attached postage paid return postcard requesting an absentee ballot, and that all absentee ballots come with a postage paid return envelope. This will enable everyone to vote. Thank you.</p>
04/23/2020 01:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jenny Kotora-Lynch	<p>Now as never before we can see the problems with tying health insurance to employment. With so many people laid off and losing their healthcare, I call on you to expand Medicaid in NC permanently. A pandemic is a bad time for people to have no access to a doctor. Please, NC GOP, show some humanity and expand Medicaid coverage.</p>
04/23/2020 01:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	William Bolick	<p>It's time our state joined the majority of other states in providing affordable healthcare for its most-at-risk citizens by expanding Medicare, not temporarily but permanently. A temporary expansion is an admission that NC believes its citizens are undeserving of healthcare benefits routinely provided to millions of other US citizens by the US government. It is also fiscally and morally irresponsible to allow the millions of dollars paid in federal income taxes by NC citizens to benefit the citizens of other states while</p>

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04/23/2020 01:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Michael Morgan	<p>excluding NC residents from these benefits. Our most vulnerable neighbors deserve the best healthcare we can provide; therefore, it's long past time to permanently expand Medicare.</p> <p>We, the undersigned members of Stay Home NC, are writing you in support of extending the statewide stay-at-home order, currently set to expire at the end of April. While we recognize the economic and financial challenges resulting from these COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, we believe our message represents North Carolina's "silent" majority view - that staying home is the best way to stop the spread, stay ahead of the curve, and, most importantly, SAVE LIVES. We fear the recent economic and political pressure to hastily Reopen NC will result in needless deaths and other catastrophic consequences, as findings from North Carolina's medical community has shown. In order to prevent a resurgence of this deadly virus and save countless lives, we're advocating for the current stay-at-home order to remain in place, at least through May, until more data and extensive testing is available to support the gradual easing of social distancing restrictions.</p> <p>Stay Home NC is a non-partisan group of nearly 17,000 knowledgeable and concerned citizens, peacefully rallying together to protect the health and safety of all North Carolinians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although you will not see us out protesting in the streets, we want our voice to be heard! We represent all races, religions, and political views. We are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, young and old, healthy and high-risk, employees and employers. Some of us are essential workers, but more are now unemployed. We are all experiencing the financial strain and hardships of North Carolina's stay-at-home order. We want to get back to work, too, but not when the cost of lives is so great.</p> <p>No one can dispute the fact that social distancing is working to slow the spread and save lives. As you know, findings from North Carolina's medical community show the devastating effects of easing COVID-19 social distancing restrictions at the end of April - a dire resurgence in viral transmission, with state infection rates increasing threefold, and countless deaths resulting directly from exceeding our hospital surge capacities. We are not advocating for North Carolina's stay-at-home order to remain in place indefinitely or until a vaccine has been approved. However, we strongly believe that easing social distancing restrictions this soon will simply be counterproductive, leading to more preventable deaths and an even greater hardship on our economy.</p> <p>Our plea is for you to keep the health and safety of all North Carolinians as your FIRST priority. We ask you to listen to our state's medical community and public health officials, who advise the statewide stay-at-home order remain in place until more data and extensive testing is readily available. We ask that you make decisions, eventually easing social distancing restrictions, based on science, facts, and data - not economic, public, or political pressure. We know the economy will be rebuilt, but we cannot bring back the lives of those lost to COVID-19.</p> <p>We hope you will listen to the silent majority view Stay Home NC represents and take action accordingly. Thank you for your time and efforts in protecting our great state</p>

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			during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sincerely, Michael Morgan and Mary Elizabeth Robertson On behalf of Stay Home NC
04/23/2020 02:12 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Denise Spaugh	Thank you for your leadership for the people of North Carolina during this time of crisis. One policy solution that is needed now more than ever is Medicaid expansion. We know that this has been a highly political issue but this is a new time calling for new solutions. We know that all legislators are looking out for what's best for North Carolinians. During this crisis and beyond, access to health care is critical to protect the health of individuals, their families, and our entire population. Please work together and pass legislation that would bring desperately needed federal Medicaid funds to our state and most importantly provides health coverage for our friends and neighbors. For many of the 500,000 North Carolinians who were in the coverage gap before the virus – the situation has become far worse. Many of these uninsured workers continue to work the front lines at child care centers, nursing homes, and grocery stores. They simply can't afford to get sick. And then there are the newly unemployed and uninsured: in March, well over 300,000 North Carolinians filed for unemployment insurance. Those numbers are rising daily and most of these people will be uninsured soon if they aren't already. Sincerely,
04/23/2020 02:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Mary Garavaglia	In light of the current pandemic forcing untold numbers of NC residents into poverty, supporting Medicaid expansion is more important than ever. Healthcare is a human right, and this is an easy way to unlock billions in federal funding to support our state's most vulnerable populations. Medicaid expansion will not only supply a safety net, but it will increase dollars flowing into our healthcare system - which is vastly cash strapped due to the pandemic. There is absolutely no reason not to expand Medicaid. Please put politics aside, and represent your constituents who need you. Expand Medicaid today.
04/23/2020 02:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr, Juanita Brown	It is URGENT to support Medicaid Expansion for North Carolina NOW. This is NOT a political matter, it is a crying human need in the midst of this pandemic. PLEASE, put past political differences aside and establish immediately bi-partisan support for Medicaid expansion. We non-affiliateds are watching and will support those who support Medicaid expansion now--to bring both jobs and health care for those who most need both right now. Thank you for your consideration.
04/23/2020 02:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Bonnie Spradling	This pandemic has certainly reinforced the need for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. Medicaid expansion will bring jobs and federal dollars to our local economies, support low-income employees who have lost their jobs and provide a safety-net health care program for low income people as well as help small rural hospitals survive. Please consider expansion NOW!
04/23/2020 02:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Joanne Lazar	Please expand Medicaid. We realize especially during this crisis the importance of all people being able to access medical treatment. Not only will expanded Medicaid save lives, it will help fund health care facilities and workers. Please expand Medicaid.