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## Catawba Indian Nation response to COVID-19

The Catawba Indian Nation continues to be under a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Below we are outlining our updated response measures in order to minimize exposure for the safety of our citizens and employees.

- 1- All tribal buildings are closed to the public through April 10th, but we will continue to provide essential services as outlined below. Employees will be expected to work from home, be on call, and/or share in the workload of essential services at this time. We will reevaluate these closures as needed.
- 2- All Child Care programs are closed through April 30th. We will continue providing drive-up bag lunches to children in our community at the Longhouse and LPA buildings Mon-Fri. Lunch will be available between 11:30 am - 1:00 pm or until all lunches are given out. For families approved through CCDF and who are required to work due to providing essential services, we may be able to assist you with childcare needs. To find out if you qualify please contact Emily Harris at (803) 517-3575.
- 3- Seniors will continue to receive meals during this time thanks to several departments working together. All meals will be delivered to their homes. We are also creating a phone tree to check on Seniors since they are hardest hit by this virus. If you have any questions about this, please contact Vivian Garland at (803) 328-2208.
- 4- All tribal meetings and events are canceled through April 30th. This includes building rentals.
- 5- Utility bills still need to be paid. If you received a late fee charge on your current bill, it will be reversed. We encourage using the drop box, mailing your payments in, or calling Teri King at (803) 412-3484 to make a credit card payment. Leave a message if she isn't in the office and she will call you back.
- 6- Transit is closed except meal and essential deliveries. Please contact Transit at (803) 366-4793 to schedule an essential delivery. The Cultural Center and Gift Shop are closed. Catawba Boat Launch, ISWA Fitness Center & Basketball Pavilion are closed. If you are using playgrounds, please try to use the guidance on no more than 3 people at a time.



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7- Family Services is providing pantry pick up as well as other essential services. If you need to schedule a pantry appointment or delivery please contact Amanda Oliver at (803) 415-4252.

8- Catawba Service Unit remains open, but have put out directions for patients to follow. Please visit their social media page for additional information.

9- Please also follow ISWA Development and ISWA Head Start/Early Head Start social media pages for information on their programs.

10- All construction and outside projects are stopped through April 10th as well.

**Emergency Numbers:**

Family Services: Contact Nancy Mullis (803) 207-4967

Victims Services: Contact Melissa Martin (803) 415-0188

Water Outage: Contact John Williford (803) 493-7769

Road Issue: Contact Conar Webster (803) 487-7307

Thanks to our staff for helping provide these essential and emergency services for our citizens during this time. A big thanks to the Catawba Service Unit staff for providing medical services for our citizens during this pandemic.

Please continue to follow the CDC guidance on social distancing, no more than 3 people gathering, as well as hand washing practices. We continue to regularly sanitize our buildings and vehicles.

We will keep everyone informed as we move through this process.