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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - COVID-19 UPDATE - MAY 22, 2020

The Town of Tarboro continues to closely monitor the effects of COVID-19 (coronavirus). As always the safety of our citizens and visitors is our highest priority.

Based on the latest guidelines in Executive Order 141 (EO 141) from Governor Roy Cooper and other State and Federal guidelines and recommendations the Town of Tarboro will take the following actions in response to COVID-19:

- Town Buildings will be opened to the public except as outlined below on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow Town staff to complete social distancing protocols and physical barriers necessary to protect staff and the public and comply with EO 141.
- Gyms will remain closed, including the Braswell Center and M.A. Ray Center per EO 141.
- The EL Roberson Senior Center will remain closed.
- Playgrounds will remain closed per EO 141.
- Due to EO 141 guidelines and staffing issues related to the same, pools will remained closed for now. The Town will continue to monitor state and federal mandates and open pools when and if it is feasible to do so.
- Town events, gatherings, and programming remain closed except those that can comply with EO
  141
- Recreation Summer Camps are canceled at this time but will be reevaluated as mandated guidelines change.

As always, the Town of Tarboro recommends that citizens continue to do things to keep yourself and community safe and continue to pass along the following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Practice Good Hygiene.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- If you are feeling ill, please contact your healthcare provider.

For more information about COVID-19, go to www.cdc.gov.