



# Tourism Tidbits

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A bi-weekly newsletter from HCTDA

## Coronavirus Update

As things unfold across the United States due to the progression of the Coronavirus events are being cancelled along with closures of Western North Carolina attractions and businesses. The Visitor Center has developed two web pages to keep people abreast of the latest news and cancellations in the Hendersonville area. Check back often, as the page is constantly updated:

<https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/latest-news/breaking-news>

Governor Roy Cooper announced a new executive order in response to COVID-19 that closes restaurants and bars for dine-in customers but allows them to continue takeout and delivery orders. The executive order will also include an expansion of unemployment insurance to help North Carolina workers affected by COVID-19. The order is expected to be effective by 5 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The Executive Order also bans gatherings of more than 100 people. The ban on gatherings does not include airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and spaces where people may be in transit. Office environments, factories, or retail or grocery stores are also excluded.

The Visitor Center web site is a great resource for contact information for local restaurants. Most of the restaurants offer a web link that includes a menu to place take out or delivery orders. <https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/business-categories/dining>

For the latest information from the CDC and other authorities go to:

<https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/wp-content/uploads/Coronavirus-Update.pdf>

The Blue Ridge Community College Small Business Center is a great place to find out more about COVID-19 Disaster Assistance. For more information visit: <https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/wp-content/uploads/Disaster-Assistance-Loans.pdf>

**The Henderson County Tourism Development Authority has cancelled the following HCTDA sponsored events:**

- HCTDA March Board Meeting
- Say I Do to Hendersonville Bridal Show / March 21st
- Tourism After Five / April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Group Sales Forum on April 23rd
- Accommodations Meeting / March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Merchants Meeting / March 25th
- Cider, Wine & Dine Weekend / April 16-19

HCTDA is here to support our tourism industry partners as we work together to get through this difficult time.

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