

COVID-19

Resources to Support Mental Health & Wellness



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ABOUT THE GUIDE

The Breaking Through Task Force recognizes these are trying times. COVID-19 has changed the way we live. Most of us have less social interactions than we previously have in the past. Many have lost their jobs or have been unable to work in the same capacity as they did before the virus. Our kids are being homeschooled.

All of these changes can impact our mental health and wellness. This guide was developed through a Vidant Health Community Benefit grant our task force has received. Our hope is that you will use this guide to find resources that can enhance your mental health and well-being.

We are all in this together!





ABOUT THE BREAKING THROUGH TASK FORCE

We were formed in 2016, by the Healthy Carolinians of the Outer Banks to address stigma and other barriers for those who seek help for mental health or substance use issues.

We are like you - friends, neighbors, sisters, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, and grandparents.

We are here because we can do better when it comes to mental health in Dare County.





Dare County COVID-19 Call Center

252.475.5008 | covid19@darenc.com

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL

Dare County Department of Health & Human Services'
Emotional Support Line

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which can be reached by calling 252.473.8216.

252.473.8216

PORT Health

Substance use and mental health treatment.

252.441.2324

Integrated Family Services

Available 24/7. Crisis Chat: Integratedfamilyservices.net Select: "chat with us" link.

866.437.1821

Trillium Health

24-Hour Access to Care line

1.877.685.2415

Hope4NC Helpline

24-Hour Helpline

1.855.587.3463

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONALS RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Hope4Healers Helpline

24-Hour Helpline **919.226.2002**

MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES FOR SENIORS

NC Baptist Aging Ministries Hotline 1.866.578.4633

Dare County Center 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

252.475.9270



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TELEHEALTH SERVICES IN DARE COUNTY

The following providers, in response to COVID-19, have begun offering their services via telehealth.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Beach Medical Care 252.261.4187

Dare Direct Primary Care 252.715.5315

Eastern Carolina Cardiovascular **252.331.1100**

Island Mobile Medical Care **252.996.0511**

Outer Banks Dermatology 252,242,0105

Surf Pediatrics & Medicine 252-255-5321 | 252-449-5200

Outer Banks Women's Care 252.261.4885

Outer Banks Ear Nose & Throat 252,449,5760

Outer Banks Family Medicine - Avon 252.995.3073

Outer Banks Family Medicine - Manteo 252.473.3478

Outer Banks Family Medicine - Southern Shores 252.449.5780

Outer Banks General Surgery **252.449.9120**

Outer Banks Orthopedics & Sports Medicine **252.261.9940**

Outer Banks Internal Medicine **252.449.7373**

Outer Banks Urgent Care Center & Family Medicine 252.261.8040

The Center for Healthy Living 252.449.5978

Virginia Center for Women 252.449.2147

DENTISTS

J. Trahey Maner, DDS **252.441.1006**

Peele Family Dentistry **252.473.5774**



FOOD & NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Dare County Department of Health & Human Services

Dare County Department of Health & Human Services is committed to meeting the evolving health & social needs of our community. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals are strongly encouraged to call before coming to an office location for assistance.

Public Health Division: Women, Infants & Children

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is operating on a remote basis by telephone and computer to determine eligibility and provide food and nutrition education benefits including those for breastfeeding support. Please call to make an appointment or to review eligibility standards and benefits.

252.475.5068

Social Services Division: Food & Nutrition Services

Food & Nutrition Services helps low-income families or individuals buy food. Families must meet income, resource, citizenship, and work rules. Eligible households receive monthly benefits on a debit card allowing them to purchase approved food items Individuals can apply for food and nutrition services online at epass.nc.gov, by telephone, mail, or dropping off an application.

252.475.5500



FOOD & NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Beach Food Pantry

4007 N. Croatan Hwy., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 (Mile Post 4 on the East Side of Bypass beside Mattress Firm) Hours: Monday-Friday: 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. 252.261.2756

Roanoke Island Food Pantry (Mt. Olivet Church)

300 Ananias Dare St., Manteo, NC 27954 (On the corner of Ananias Dare & Essex Streets) Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 252.473.2089

Source Church Pantry

318 Budleigh St., Manteo, NC 27954 Hours: Monday: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mobile Food Truck

Second Thursday of each month Must provide proof you live in Dare County.

Mt. Carmel in Manns Harbor 12:30 pm Manteo Baptist Church in Manteo 1:15 PM First Flight Elementary School 4:30 PM

Kitty Hawk Baptist Church

3946 N. Croatan Hwy, Kitty Hawk. Manna Ministry- Every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Provides free sandwich bread, bagels, english muffins and other bread products 252.261.3516



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO)

Interfaith Community Outreach provides assistance to individuals and families facing a temporary emergency crisis. If you are experiencing a temporary emergency crisis due to COVID-19, ICO will be taking applications over the phone at 252.480.0070 or online at interfaithoutreach.com.

252.480.0070

Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men

The Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men has launched a program to provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have suffered a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance will be provided for rent or mortgage payments and utility payments, and access will also be provided to the Buxton food pantry.

In order to receive assistance, applicants will need to be screened by Dare County Social Services. This can be done by calling 252.475.9320 and requesting a phone interview with the case manager at the Frisco office.

252.475.9320

Unemployment: North Carolina Department of Commerce

The fastest and most efficient way to file a new claim is to file online at des.nc.gov. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance, you may file over the phone by calling the Customer Call Center at 888.737.0259 or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance line at 866.847.7209. However, due to the high volume of calls related to COVID-19, you may experience a long wait time.

Customer Call Center: 888.737.0259

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance: 866.847.7209



ONLINE RESOURCES & APPLICATIONS

Dare County Department of Health & Human Services

- Helping Women Recover: Meets virtually every Tuesday & Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can join that group by emailing catishab@darenc.com
- Recovery Learning Circle: Meets virtually every Monday & Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday & Friday at 11:00 a.m. You can join that group by calling 252.305.4056. or emailing david.edmonds@darenc.com
- 1:1 Peer Support: Peer Support Specialists are people living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder and who provide support to others who can benefit from their lived experience. If you would like to access a peer support specialist, email david.edmonds@darenc.com

Alcoholics Anonymous

There are AA meetings in-person and online. For more information, call 252.256.0850 or visit https://www.aaobx.com/

Narcotics Anonymous

For an online NA meeting, visit https://tidewaterareana.org/service/2020-july-asc-meeting/. Other meetings are also available through this site.

Nar-Anon

If you have a loved one who has an addiction, you can find support meetings at https://www.nar-anon.org/virtual-meetings. Meetings are offered online with the potential for in-person as COVID-19 conditions permit.

Al-Anon/Alateen

If you have a loved one who's alcohol use is affecting you, there is support. Visit https://alanonobx.com/meetings for current information about meetings. There are online and in-person meetings available.



LISTENING CIRCLES

- The purpose of Listening Circles is to provide virtual gatherings where individuals can come together to discuss what is hardest for them during this stressful time. Participants will be guided in the use of resiliency tools designed to bring the nervous system back into balance and improve the ability to think clearly and connect. (Neuroscience teaches us that stress and anxiety have an effect on the body that is biological). You may choose to share or just listen to the conversation.
- **Listening Circles** can be scheduled any time of the day and multiple days of the week. They are scheduled for one hour, and we can use Zoom or Google Hangout as platforms.
- The Listening Circles will be led by Susan Lee, a Certified Community Resiliency Model Trainer. If interested in joining or requesting a Listening Circle, please contact Susan at: leesu1255@gmail.com.

SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN/PARENTS

- Child Mind Institute: www.childmind.org
 - Opportunity to sign up to receive daily emails with tips
 - Facebook presence which offers Facebook Live video chats with mental health clinicians Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 - Section on website devoted completely to sharing coping skills and age-specific ways to talk with children about COVID-19

Sesame Street:

www.sesamestreetincommunities.org

- Select "Health Emergencies" under topics to find stories, video clips and activities specific to COVID-19 for children.
- www.zerotothree.org
- Select "Tips for Families: Coronavirus"

Operation Parent:

www.operationparent.org

 Support to help parents on self-care and address concerns with children



SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM

- Postpartum Support International offers online support groups daily. To join a meeting, go to www.supportgroupscentral.com/PSI and create your free account. Then you log into the site and search the Postpartum Support International groups. Find the group you would like to join and you can register for the meeting. Meetings conducted by PSI are FREE or by donation only. *meetings are also offered in Spanish
 - PSI hosts free, live phone sessions every week.
 For more information, visit https://www.postpartum.net/

HELPFUL APPS

focus. Headspace also has a section called "move" with workouts, rest day meditations and developing a performance mindset.

- First Monday Chats for Dads: Dads, partners, extended family members or other support people and professionals can find some answers and support from an expert-and from other men. You'll find honest and compassionate talk about the adjustment to parenthood, information about how fatherhood can affect you and some helpful advice.
- Wednesday Chats for Moms: Moms can find some answers and support from an expert and other women.

Calm: "Calm is committed to developing evidence-based sleep and mindfulness resources informed by ongoing, rigorous scientific research, as our part in supporting the health and happiness of our community and the world." iChill: The iChill app teaches a set of self-help skills called the Community Resiliency Model. Through the model, you will learn information about how stress affects the mind and body and what you can do to manage it in a healthy way. Headspace: An app where you can learn mindfulness practices to assist with managing stress, developing healthy sleep habits and increased

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