

Beaufort's COVID-19 Response Levels

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Level 1 – Manageable number of positive cases in Carteret County. Heightened awareness. Open vehicular access through Beaufort’s three entry/exit points. Social distancing (including hygiene) and Governor Cooper’s executive orders and/or town emergency proclamations are in effect with restrictions imposed that close or limit the operation of businesses.

Town policy on Work Schedules, Compensation, and Facility Closures During State of Emergency is activated commensurate with conditions. Town offices and work facilities are closed to the public and work-at-home/essential worker procedures are exercised as long as social distancing requirements are in place. Public restrooms are open when downtown retail businesses are permitted to open to walk-in public traffic.

Level 2 – Direct threat to Beaufort based on the number of Carteret County positive and active cases and statewide case escalation. Entry checkpoint established on Turner Street. Access limited to permanent County residents and essential business activity only – entry passes or drivers license with a Carteret County address required for entry. Second home owners will exit town or shelter in place. Visitors (to include non-essential short-term guests) will be turned away.

Level 3 – Significant increase in active COVID-19 cases and hospital resource use. Same as Level 2 with the addition of a curfew from 10 p.m. to sunrise.