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## NC Secretary of State Buildings to Close to the Public Beginning Friday, March 20 at 4 P.M.

**RALEIGH** -- The NC Department of the Secretary of State will be closing its buildings to the public, effective tomorrow (March 20) at 4 p.m. until further notice in response to state and federal guidelines on social distancing to stem the spread of Coronavirus. This will affect the downtown Raleigh facility at 2 South Salisbury Street and the office at 4701 Atlantic Avenue in Raleigh.

"Given the small size of our lobby downtown and the large amount of foot traffic from the public, we're closing the building to the public to comply with the Governor's Executive Order prohibiting large group gatherings and protect the health of our staff and the public we serve," said NC Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall on Thursday. "While we are physically closing our doors to in-person service for the time being, our staff will continue serving the public. Most of our services can be conducted online and over the phone. I urge our customers to submit their documents to us online at <a href="mailto:sosnc.gov">sosnc.gov</a> and continue calling us at 919-814-5400 with their questions."

The public can also reach out to the NC Secretary of State's Office on social media, at @NCSecState on Facebook and Twitter, and can find specific division email addresses on our website at sosnc.gov.