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Hyde County Restricts Visitation to Ocracoke Island Beginning March 19

OCRACOKE – Visitors will not be allowed on Ocracoke-bound ferries starting Thursday morning, due to an emergency declaration issued today by Hyde County.

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners today approved an emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. As part of that declaration, visitors will not be allowed access to Ocracoke Island beginning at 5 a.m. Thursday.

Visitors with reservations for the Swan Quarter-Ocracoke and Cedar Island-Ocracoke ferry routes will have their reservations canceled and will be issued refunds. Only residents, property owners, workers, vendors and service providers will be allowed to board Ocracoke-bound ferries. Reservation holders may call 1-800-BY-FERRY to secure their refunds.

These restrictions will be in place until further notice.

Hyde County will have law enforcement at ferry terminals to check passengers' identifications and enforce restrictions.

For more information on the emergency order and visitor restrictions, please visit [Hyde County's website](#).

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