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## For Immediate Release

## Multi-Agency Press Conference on Coronavirus TODAY at 4pm

Pitt County joins municipalities, community partners to address COVID-19 concerns

(Pitt County) — With increasing interest from both the media and general public, a joint agency press conference has been scheduled for **TODAY**, **Friday**, **March 13**, **2020**, to address community response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) issue. Pitt County Public Health Director, Dr. John Silvernail will join representatives from County Management, Emergency Management, as well as municipalities, healthcare and educational institutions.

This conference will be held at 4:00 PM TODAY in the Eastern Area Health Education Center (EAHEC), located at 2600 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC 27834.

Organizations invited to participate include **ALL** municipalities within Pitt County, Pitt County Schools, Pitt Community College, ECU, Vidant Health, Pitt County Sheriff's Office, and Greenville Utilities Commission. Although this event is being organized by Pitt County, each organization will retain its own autonomy and respond to inquiries from an individual perspective. This is a cooperative effort, aimed at providing a streamlined delivery of critical information to the media ahead of any potential impacts from COVID-19.

While we understand the short notice, we strongly encourage all media to attend, and all residents of Pitt County to view this Joint Information Conference, which will be livestreamed online at: <u>www.PittCountyNC.gov/PittTv</u>. In doing so, we strive to present a unified front in the preemptive protection of our community. Attending media are asked to arrive by no later than 3:50 PM. Online or social media streaming of the conference within your own respective organizations is encouraged.

**IMPORTANT**: This information, along with all other information regarding Pitt County's response efforts and coordination during this event, will be posted on the Coronavirus Information Page of the Pitt County website at <u>www.PittCountyNC.gov/Coronavirus</u> (also available in Spanish at <u>www.PittCountyNC.gov/CoronavirusES</u>). This page will be the most authoritative voice of information regarding **PCEM** operations during this event.

For more information on this or any other press release, contact **Michael Scott Emory**, Director of Public Information at **252-902-2955**.