

ARHS Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Report #56

February 19, 2021 **PLEASE NOTE NEW FORMAT & SEE ADDITIONS/ UPDATES IN RED**

This is a rapidly evolving situation. The most up to date information and guidance can be found at

- <https://www.arhs-nc.org>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus>

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Regional Data

Web-reported data and local investigation data as of 2/19/2021 at 3:00 pm

	Lab Confirmed Case Count	Active (Lab Confirmed)	Recovered (Lab Confirmed)	Deaths	Additional Info
United States (pm update)	27,669,556	---	---	489,067	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html
Virginia (10 am update)	559,930	---	---	7,098	http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/
North Carolina (noon update)	836,650	---	---	10,820	1780 hospitalizations https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc
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Bertie	1609	15	1553	41	
Camden	560	46	509	5	
Chowan	1334	38	1268	28	
Currituck	1327	93	1219	15	
Gates	662	39	611	12	
Hertford	1916	51	1807	58	
Pasquotank	2995	52	2870	73	
Perquimans	872	21	843	8	
ARHS – Region Total	11275	355	10680	240	

Please keep in mind case counts DO NOT represent true disease burden.

Outbreaks

Outbreaks	County	Staff	Residents	Inmates	Total	Recovered *May be included in Cty # not here	Deaths
Bertie Correctional	Bertie	56		70	126		
Three Rivers	Bertie	1	2		3		
Chowan Rivers (3rd event)	Chowan	37	67		104		3
Ahoskie Assisted Living	Hertford	10	19		29	25	3
Rivers Correctional (4th event)	Hertford	13		38	51	48	
Albemarle District Jail	Pasquotank			9	9		
Brookdale	Pasquotank	2	3		5		
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab (3rd event)	Pasquotank	50	126		176	141	25
Pasquotank Corrections (2nd event)	Pasquotank	9		35	44		
Waterbrooke	Pasquotank	3	6		9		
Brian Center Hertford (2nd event)	Perquimans	11	29		40		

Current Executive Order/ Guidance Overview

<https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-orders>

- Face coverings are required in all public indoor settings if there are non-household members present, regardless of the distance away
- The Mass Gathering limit remains at 10 for indoor settings and 50 for outdoor settings
- Curfew for all from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Late night alcohol sales are still prohibited from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Venue Capacity Limits:
 - Places of Worship – Open
 - Parks & Rec – Open
 - Restaurants, Salons, Personal Care – 50% Capacity
 - Gyms/ Indoor Exercise – 30% Capacity
 - Playground – Open
 - Museums – 50% Capacity
 - Retail Businesses – 50% Capacity
 - Pools – 50% Capacity
 - Large Outdoor Venues – 7% Capacity
 - Smaller Outdoor Venues – 30% of outdoor capacity or 100, whichever less
 - Movie Theaters & Conference Centers – Indoor at 30% of capacity or 100, whichever less
 - Bars – Outdoor only at 30% of capacity, or 100, whichever less
 - Outdoor Amusement Parks – 30% Occupancy
- Schools may operate under Plan A for K-5 and Plan B for 6-12
- Secretarial Order advising people to stay home except for essential activities.

Signs and Symptoms

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- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

We continue to learn more about asymptomatic spread as individuals may shed virus 1 to 3 days prior to symptom onset, and present with extremely mild or no symptoms at all.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Clinical Information/ Testing

Clinical Testing Guidance: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/COVID-19-Provider-Guidance-Final.pdf>

Antigen Testing Guidance: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/Antigen-Provider-Update.pdf>

ARHS Testing Schedule:

NOTE: Please call to confirm testing schedule as times may changes due to vaccination clinics.

<p>Pasquotank County Health Department 252-338-4400</p> <p>Testing available: Thursday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Perquimans County Health Department 252-426-2100</p> <p>Testing available: Tuesday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Camden County Health Department 252-338-4460</p> <p>Testing available: Thursday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Chowan County Health Department 252-482-6003</p> <p>Testing available: Monday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>
<p>Currituck County Health Department 252-232-2271</p> <p>Testing available: Wednesday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Bertie County Health Department 252-794-5322</p> <p>Testing available: Wednesday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Gates County Health Department 252-357-1380</p> <p>Testing available: Monday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Hertford County Health Department 252-862-4054</p> <p>Testing available: Tuesday 1:30-3:30 pm</p>

ARHS is collaborating with OptumServe to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing sites in Bertie, Hertford, Gates, and Chowan counties. This contract has been extended through December. You may register and make an appointment for testing by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) – 562-4850.

<p>Hertford County - Government Complex 115 Justice Dr. Winton, NC 27986</p> <p>Testing available: Monday, Thursday, & Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday & Friday 1 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Bertie County – Bertie Early College 819 Governor's Rd. Windsor, NC 27983</p> <p>Testing available: Monday, Thursday, & Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday & Friday 1 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Gates County - New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 94 NC-37, Gates, NC 27937</p> <p>Testing available: Monday, Thursday, & Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday & Friday 1 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Chowan County – American Legion, 1317 W Queen St, Edenton, NC 27932</p> <p>Testing available: Monday, Thursday, & Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday & Friday 1 - 5 p.m.</p>
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Isolation Guidance

If an individual receives a positive test result or suspects COVID-19, they are to remain isolated until the individual can answer **yes** to **all three** of these questions:

1. Has it been at least **10** days since you first had symptoms? (Please note this timeframe has been changed from 7 to 10)
2. Have you been without fever for 24 hours without any medicine for fever?
3. Are your other symptoms improved?

Quarantine Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html>

Definition of a Close Contact, who if identified would need to quarantine:

- Within 6 ft of someone who has COVID for a total of 15 minutes or more (cumulative, 24 hr period)
- Provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID
- Direct physical contact with the person (hug or kiss)
- Shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Contact must occur while the individual is symptomatic or 48 hrs prior to symptom onset to be placed on quarantine.

In the general community, quarantine can be ended if any of the following criteria are met:

- 14 days of quarantine have been completed
- 10 days of quarantine have been completed AND no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring
- 7 days of quarantine have been completed AND no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring AND a diagnostic specimen tests negative within 48 hours of the planned quarantine discontinuation (no earlier than day 5 after last contact).

If quarantine is discontinued before day 14, the individual must continue to monitor symptoms and strictly adhere to all non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g. wear a mask, practice social distancing) through 14 days after the date of last exposure.

Updated [quarantine guidance for vaccinated persons](#). This guidance states that vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) AND
- b. Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series AND
- c. Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.

Prevention & Treatment

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- CDC is offering guidance on Cloth Face Coverings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html> Cloth face coverings are more widely promoted in situations where social distancing may be difficult, but are not a replacement for other precautions and measures. See also 3W campaign.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Vaccine & Clinic Information

With the amazing assistance of regional partners ARHS was able to administer all vaccine that has been allocated to the health departments to date.

	First Doses	Second Doses
Bertie	4338	2371
Camden	2295	999
Chowan	3772	1817
Currituck	5975	3671
Gates	2282	1258
Hertford	3677	1788
Pasquotank	7626	4970
Perquimans	3380	2160
	33345	19034

Bertie numbers from last week include a correction reflective of a weekend event.

PLEASE MONITOR THE ARHS WEBPAGE FOR VACCINE CLINIC REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION. Due to weather delays, clinics have not yet been finalized for next week. ARHS will announce clinics as soon as we are notified of shipping dates.

STATE PRIORITY GROUPS: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>



NCDHHS moving to Group 3 on February 24, 2021, Prioritizing TEACHERS (including child care) through March 10.

Additional Links for Vaccine Information:

- The [COVID-19 vaccination website for healthcare professionals](#) has been updated to direct healthcare professionals to clinical information including ACIP recommendations, storage and handling information, and vaccination provider requirements and support.
- The new [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](#) has information specific to Pfizer’s vaccine, including resources to assist providers in storing, handling, and administering the vaccine. The materials now available on the webpage are attached to this email. Currently the page contains storage and handling information, and tomorrow we will update it with administration information; we are working to align this information with ACIP’s clinical recommendations that will be released then.
- Moderna Info Sheet: <https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/eua-fact-sheet-recipient.pdf>
- CDC’s COVID-19 [vaccine information for consumers](#), including:
 - [What to expect at your vaccination appointment](#)
 - [What to expect after getting vaccinated](#)
 - [Post-vaccination considerations for healthcare personnel](#)
 - [Post-vaccination considerations for long-term care residents](#)
- NC Resources
 - [Fact Sheet - COVID-19 Vaccine Update](#) (December 14, 2020)
 - [Flyer - COVID-19 Vaccines: Your best shot against COVID-19](#)
 - [Infographic - Vaccine Development Process](#)
 - [Infographic - Vaccination Rollout Plan](#)
 - [Link - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [Presentation - COVID-19 Vaccination Overview](#)
 - Videos on Vaccine Rollout
 - NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen shares information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan ([45-second](#), [30-second](#))

- NCDHHS Deputy Secretary Ben Money shares information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan ([link](#))
- Videos for Long-Term Care
 - North Carolina long-term care workers share their reason for taking the newly developed COVID-19 vaccine. ([90-second](#), [60-second](#), [30-second](#))
 - NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen shares information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan long-term care facility workers ([60-second](#),
 - NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen shares information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan for families of long-term care residents ([link](#))
 - NCDHHS Deputy Secretary Ben Money shares information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan for long-term care facilities ([60-second](#), [30-second](#))

More detailed information is available at yourspotyourshot.nc.gov and in the resources below:

- Infographic of Vaccine Phases ([English / Spanish](#))
- Deeper Dive: Phase 1a ([English / Spanish](#))
- Deeper Dive: Phase 1b ([English / Spanish Coming](#))

ARHS Contact Information

ARHS COVID Call Line – 252-338-WELL

ARHS Department Contacts

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Department	Phone	Address
Pasquotank Health Department (Supervisor Amy Rosenberger)	252-338-4400	711 Roanoke Ave, Elizabeth City
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Camden Health Department (Supervisor Sherry East)	252-338-4460	160 US 158, BLDG B, Camden
Chowan Health Department (Supervisor Janette Palumbo)	252-482-6003	202 Hicks St., Edenton
Currituck Health Department (Supervisor Nicole Hines)	252-232-2271	2795 Caratoke Highway, Currituck
Bertie Health Department (Supervisor Sara Davidson)	252-794-5322	102 Rhodes Ave., Windsor
Gates Health Department (Supervisor Karen Riddick)	252-357-1380	29 Medical Center Rd., Gates
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