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ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES UPDATE ON REGIONAL VACCINE CLINICS
Updated COVID-19 vaccine counts, cases, and outbreaks.

Elizabeth City, NC – Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing updated information on COVID-19 vaccines, lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, and facility outbreaks as of 1 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

Due to weather related vaccine shipment delays, we will **NOT** be announcing first and second dose clinics for the week of February 22-25 at this time. We will provide updated clinic schedules as soon as we are notified of anticipated shipping dates. ARHS is aware that individuals will need their second doses next week. Rest assured that you will receive your guaranteed dosage upon arrival. There is no maximum interval between the first and second dose. Please continue to monitor media outlets for schedule updates.

“ARHS is optimistic that weather conditions will improve across the United States so vaccine shipments can resume next week,” states R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA, Health Director. “Unfortunately we cannot control the weather but we can continue to stay positive. We appreciate everyone’s patience and we look forward to being able to resume vaccine clinics as soon as we can.”

Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 33,345

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	7,626	Currituck	5,975
Perquimans	3,380	Bertie	4,338
Camden	2,295	Gates	2,282
Chowan	3,772	Hertford	3,677

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

Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 19,034

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	4,970	Currituck	3,671
Perquimans	2,160	Bertie	2,371
Camden	999	Gates	1,258
Chowan	1,817	Hertford	1,788

ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	2,995	52	2,870	73
Perquimans	872	21	843	8
Camden	560	46	509	5
Chowan	1,334	38	1,268	28
Currituck	1,327	93	1,219	15
Bertie	1,609	15	1,553	41
Gates	662	39	611	12
Hertford	1,916	51	1,807	58
Totals	11,275	355	10,680	240

ARHS has received notification confirming three additional deaths associated with COVID-19 in Chowan County residents. These individuals were over the age of 65 and succumbed to complications from the virus. Two of these deaths are related to the facility outbreak at Chowan Rivers. Currituck County is also confirming two deaths associated with COVID-19. One individual was over the age 65 and the other was in the 50-64 year age range. These deaths are not associated with a facility outbreak. In addition, Perquimans County is confirming two deaths associated with COVID-19. Both individuals were over the age of 65 and succumbed to complications from the virus. These deaths are not related to a facility outbreak.

NC DHHS continues to focus on testing capacity at congregate living facilities therefore resulting in a number of recent outbreaks across the region. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases in a facility. When an outbreak is identified, additional contact tracing and testing is required in order to manage exposures and ensure proper steps are taken to protect both staff and residents. This often times identifies additional cases more quickly, including asymptomatic cases.

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Facilities

Facility	Staff	Residents	Deaths
Ahoskie Assisted Living	10	19	3
Albemarle District Jail	0	9	0
Bertie Correctional Institution	56	70	0
Brian Center - Hertford	11	29	0
Brookdale	2	3	0
Chowan Rivers	37	67	3
Elizabeth City Health and Rehab	50	126	25
Pasquotank Correctional Institute	9	35	0
Rivers Correctional	13	38	0
Three Rivers	1	2	0
Waterbrooke	3	6	0

Although we are moving into the vaccine phase of the pandemic, COVID-19 testing is still available for those meeting criteria by appointment only at the local health departments across the region. ARHS encourages residents to call their primary care provider for an assessment or information on testing availability before calling the local health department. If someone does not have a primary care home, ARHS does offer primary care services.

All tests will be completed through a curbside screening clinic at the local health department. For more information on criteria for COVID-19 testing or appointments, call 252-338-WELL/9355 or your local health department directly.

ARHS is collaborating with OptumServe to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing sites in Bertie, Hertford, Gates, and Chowan counties. Typically testing is available Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 1 – 5 p.m. You may check availability and register to make an appointment for testing by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) – 562-4850.

ARHS is continuing to ask our community citizens to be mindful in practicing preventive and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please remember these precautions:

- 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.
- 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.
- Practice social distancing; stay at least six feet away from others, avoid unnecessary travel, avoid handshakes, hugs and other close contact.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public.

For more information about COVID-19, visit these sites:

Albemarle Regional Health Services - <http://www.arhs-nc.org/> or call **252-338-WELL** or **1-833-640-SHOT**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Center for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

For more information, please contact Amy Underhill, ARHS Public Information Officer at 252-338-4448 or aunderhill@arhs-nc.org. Albemarle Regional Health Services is dedicated to disease prevention and the promotion of a healthy environment to reduce morbidity, mortality, and disability through quality service, education, and advocacy.

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