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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, April 30, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

Following a thorough safety review, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration have confidence that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19 and recommend its continued use to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. NCDHHS is recommending that providers in the state resume administration of the vaccine now that its safety has been reaffirmed.

ARHS will be moving forward with offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine next week. This vaccine is one dose and is available to residents from the ARHS region who are 18 and over. Drive thru clinics for this vaccine will be held in Bertie, Chowan, and Gates counties.

“We are happy to be able to now move forward with offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine to our community members,” states R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. “This vaccine has the added benefit of a one-shot dose to be fully vaccinated. It is now easier than ever for people to take their shot against COVID-19. These tested, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines will help us get back to living our normal lives.”

ARHS is now accepting appointments for first and second dose Moderna vaccines at each of our local health departments. First dose appointments will be available to residents of the eight county region who are 18 and older. Individuals, who received their first dose of Moderna at any of our eight locations and are in need of their second dose, can also schedule an appointment. Appointments will be for Moderna vaccine only.

Pasquotank County Health Department 252-338-4400	Perquimans County Health Department 252-426-2100	Camden County Health Department 252-338-4460	Chowan County Health Department 252-482-6003
Currituck County Health Department 252-232-2271	Bertie County Health Department 252-794-5322	Gates County Health Department 252-357-1380	Hertford County Health Department 252-862-4054

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ARHS Johnson & Johnson Clinic Wednesday, May 5, 2021

County	Location	Wednesday, May 5
Bertie	Bertie County High School 715 US Hwy 13 North Windsor, NC 27983	1-3 p.m.

ARHS Johnson & Johnson Clinic Thursday, May 6, 2021

County	Location	Thursday, May 6
Chowan	American Legion 1317 W. Queen St. Edenton, NC 27932	1 – 3 p.m.

ARHS Johnson & Johnson Clinic Friday, May 7, 2021

County	Location	Friday, May 7
Gates	Gates County Health Department 29 Medical Center Dr. Gates, NC 27973	1 - 3 p.m.

Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 43,426

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	10,562	Currituck	8,048
Perquimans	4,264	Bertie	5,284
Camden	3,145	Gates	2,987
Chowan	4,496	Hertford	4,640

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Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 39,673

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	9,198	Currituck	7,470
Perquimans	3,674	Bertie	4,935
Camden	2,952	Gates	3,042
Chowan	4,020	Hertford	4,382

ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	3,305	44	3,181	80
Perquimans	988	8	971	9
Camden	652	4	643	5
Chowan	1,451	19	1,404	28
Currituck	1,522	19	1,487	16
Bertie	1,749	19	1,685	45
Gates	729	7	709	13
Hertford	2,079	22	1,994	63
Totals	12,475	142	12,074	259

ARHS is not reporting any deaths this week and there are no active facility outbreaks at this time.

Although we are in 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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