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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, August 13, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

"Once again cases have increased across the region and 98 of 100 counties in North Carolina have high or substantial levels of transmission according to the CDC," states R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. "In our communities with low vaccination rates, the highly contagious Delta variant will continue to cause bigger increases in COVID-19 cases. Vaccination is the best protection against the virus and we have seen within our eight counties that 96.5% of our new cases are in individuals who have not been fully vaccinated. The risk of getting COVID-19—including the very contagious Delta variant—is much greater than the extremely low risk of severe adverse effects from vaccination. Now is the time, make your vaccine appointment or seek out one of the many community events where the vaccine will be offered."

ARHS is continuing to accept vaccine appointments for first and second dose Moderna and Pfizer, along with Johnson and Johnson, at each of our local health departments. Appointments will be available to residents of the eight county region who are 12 and older.

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

| County | Vaccine Administered | County | Vaccine Administered |
|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Pasquotank | 11,363 | Currituck | 8,352 |
| Perquimans | 4,524 | Bertie | 5,558 |
| Camden | 3,411 | Gates | 3,357 |
| Chowan | 4,716 | Hertford | 4,823 |

Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 46,104

Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 43,273

| County | Vaccine Administered | County | Vaccine Administered |
|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Pasquotank | 10,108 | Currituck | 8,004 |
| Perquimans | 4,033 | Bertie | 5,260 |
| Camden | 3,321 | Gates | 3,550 |
| Chowan | 4,305 | Hertford | 4,692 |

ARHS COVID-19 Cases

| County | # Lab Confirmed Cases | # Active Cases | # Recovered Cases | Total # of Deaths |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pasquotank | 3,630 | 80 | 3,462 | 88 |
| Perquimans | 1,097 | 21 | 1,064 | 12 |
| Camden | 724 | 17 | 701 | 6 |
| Chowan | 1,602 | 38 | 1,526 | 38 |
| Currituck | 1,744 | 55 | 1,672 | 17 |
| Bertie | 1,868 | 38 | 1,783 | 47 |
| Gates | 787 | 14 | 760 | 13 |
| Hertford | 2,193 | 46 | 2,082 | 65 |
| Totals | 13,645 | 309 | 13,050 | 286 |

The facility outbreak at Elizabeth City Health and Rehabilitation has resolved.

ARHS is reporting four deaths related to COVID-19. In Bertie and Currituck the individuals were in the 50-64 year age range. In Hertford County, the individual was in the 25-49 year age range and the Pasquotank resident was over the age 65. The Pasquotank death was related to the facility outbreak at Elizabeth City Health and Rehab.

COVID-19 testing is still available by appointments at the local health departments across the region. Tests will be completed through a curbside screening clinic. To schedule an appointment call your local health department directly.

ARHS is collaborating with OptumServe to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing sites in Bertie and Hertford counties. Typically testing is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 1 - 5 p.m.; however, times and days may change so please call or check the website prior to going to a site. You may check availability and register to make an appointment for testing by visiting <u>https://lhi.care/covidtesting</u> or by calling (877) 562-4850.

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 <u>aunderhill@arhs-nc.org</u>. 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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