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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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