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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 27, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

“The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s full approval this week of the Pfizer vaccine for those 16 and older, is another milestone as we continue to navigate the pandemic,” states R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. “As the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the required high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality. We hope that the full approval of this vaccine will provide additional confidence to those who have not received their vaccine yet. Vaccines continue to be remarkably effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant, as our region and states continues to see a rapid increase in cases.”

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. Appointments for third dose vaccines for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals living in the eight-county region are also being accepted.

At this time, booster doses for **ALL** will **NOT** be administered but ARHS does anticipate that booster doses for ALL individuals will be available on or after September 20th, following both FDA and ACIP approval and recommendations. It is anticipated that doses will be offered 8 months after an individual received their second vaccine. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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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Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 46,759

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	11,587	Currituck	8,421
Perquimans	4,590	Bertie	5,625
Camden	3,459	Gates	3,417
Chowan	4,802	Hertford	4,858

Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 43,839

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	10,249	Currituck	8,090
Perquimans	4,087	Bertie	5,318
Camden	3,371	Gates	3,624
Chowan	4,355	Hertford	4,745

ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	3,823	93	3,640	90
Perquimans	1,175	47	1,116	12
Camden	780	35	738	7
Chowan	1,742	92	1,612	38
Currituck	1,901	87	1,797	17
Bertie	2,012	83	1,882	47
Gates	845	28	804	13
Hertford	2,314	74	2,175	65
Totals	14,592	539	13,764	289

ARHS is reporting one death related to COVID-19 in a Pasquotank County resident. This individual was in the 50-64 year age range. This death is not affiliated with a long-term care facility outbreak.

“We continue to see our case counts increase at levels similar if not exceeding the first wave,” said Betts. “As you will see in our surveillance report, there is a definite shift in the age ranges of those impacted in this wave and we are seeing first-hand in our regional data how vaccinated individuals have a much higher level of protection. Over 70% of all new cases are in individuals 49 and younger. The time to get vaccinated is now – call us today to schedule your appointment.”

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Facilities

Facility	Staff	Residents	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health and Rehab	3	4	0
Edenton House	3	1	0
Gates House	1	2	0

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, Chowan, 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 <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.