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BEAUFORT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
NORTH CAROLINA

12/26/2020 Beaufort County, NC

COVID-19 SITREP

The following information was current as of 4:30pm.

Case Statistics

	Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Current Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Worldwide	7.6 Billion	80,180,793 (+475,518)	33,162,751 (+128,392)	1,755,556 (+8,025)	45,262,486 (+399,101)
USA	330 Million	19,343,689 (+148,015)	7,665,345 (+51,311)	339,538 (+1,611)	11,338,806 (+95,093)
NC	10.4 Million	513,930 (+19,419)	103,916 (+19,253)	6,526 (+166)	403,488
Beaufort Co.	47, 000	2,357 (+43)	367 (+17)	59	1,905 (+26)

Text in red or green indicates positive / negative changes since our last update.

NC case numbers represent changes since 12/23.

- NC has had a total 513,903 confirmed cases, with 6,526 deaths. Our state currently has 103,916 active cases and 3,023 hospitalizations.
    - Beaufort County has had a total of 2,357 cases, with 367 currently active, 13 of which are hospitalized.

  All active cases are self-isolating.

- The database used for county level case totals has not been updated since 12/23. Eastern NC counties with total confirmed cases include: Bertie, (1,141), Beaufort (2,357), Bladen (1,691), Brunswick (4,026), Carteret (2,488), Camden (259), Chowan (768), Columbus (3,327), Craven (4,721), Currituck (579), Dare (898), Duplin (3,973), Edgecombe (3,071), Gates (329), Greene (1,469), Halifax (2,628), Hertford (1,264), Hyde (250), Jones (369), Lenoir (3,000), Martin (1,205), New Hanover (8,961), Northampton (988), Onslow (7,962), Pamlico (503), Pasquotank (1,537), Pender (2,513), Perquimans (475), Pitt (10,490) Sampson (4,592), Tyrrell (162), Washington (393),

Wayne (7,010) and Wilson (5,162). Mecklenburg (57,755), Wake (39,487), Guilford (22,681), Forsyth (18,979), Gaston (14,056) and Durham (13,919) counties have the most cases.

Beaufort County Statistics

Please use the following link for the latest statistics pertaining to Beaufort County cases.

Beaufort County NC COVID Surveillance

This link can also be found on the Beaufort County Health Department's Webpage.

Vaccine Information

The Health Department received its first allotment of the COVID vaccine yesterday. Due to limited supplies, and in accordance with federal and state recommendations, the administration of this vaccine is being prioritized to health care providers with the greatest chance of providing direct care to COVID patients and the general public. (ie. doctors, nurses, ems personnel etc.; also known as Phase 1-A) Vaccinations of individuals that meet these criteria have begun in Beaufort County.

Please continue to monitor Beaufort County's Health Department webpage and social media sites for information / announcements pertaining to our transition to the next phase of vaccinations (1-B). Group 1-B will include the following:

- People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at significantly higher risk
- Older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings

Beaufort County's Health Department has also compiled a library of information pertaining to COVID vaccines. This information will be kept current, and can be found by using the link below or by visiting the their webpage.

https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

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NC Community Spread Map (Updated: 12/18)

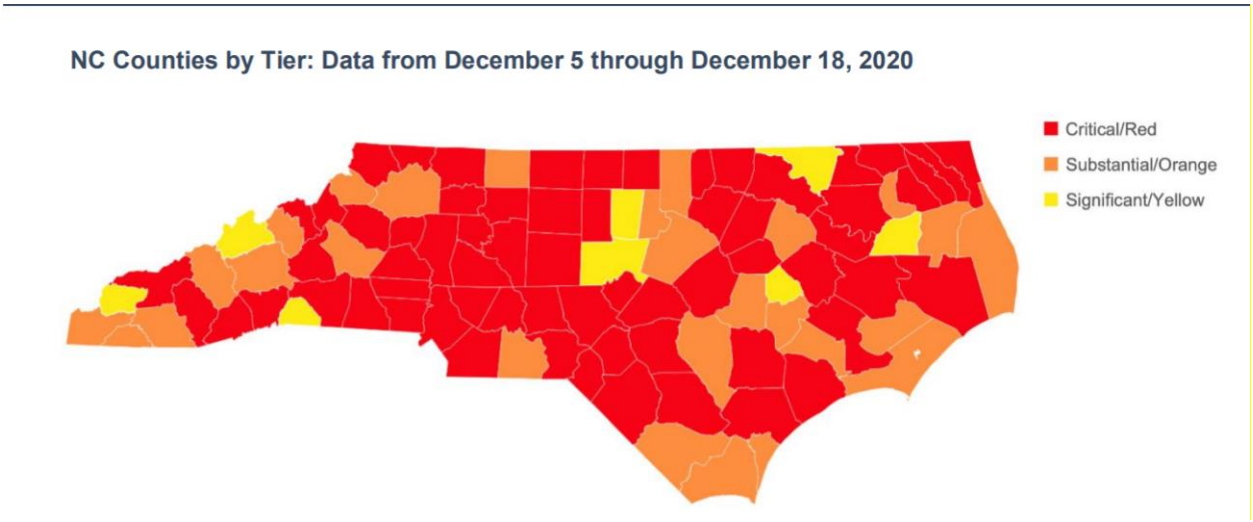
North Carolina health officials are utilizing a county alert system to pinpoint counties with the highest levels of COVID-19 spread. This new map uses metrics informed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers

- Yellow: Significant community spread
- Orange: Substantial community spread
- Red: Critical community spread

Health officials are using a mix of criteria to determine what tier is assigned to a county. According to the state, a county must meet the threshold of case rate for that tier and meet the threshold for either percent positive or hospital impact in that county.

Counties that do not meet criteria for orange or red tier are categorized as being in the yellow tier and should continue to be vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

This map of North Carolina below shows which counties are in what tiers.



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Significant

There is significant community spread.

These counties should continue to be vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19, but they do not meet orange or red criteria

Substantial

There is substantial community spread.

These counties have a case rate that is between 101-200 new cases per capita in 14 days with at least 21 cases in 14 days.

The percent positive date is between 8% and 10%, or there is a moderate impact on county hospital(s).

Critical

There is critical community spread.

These counties have a case rate that is greater than 200 new cases per capita in 14 days with at least 42 cases in 14 days.

The percent positive date is greater than 10%, or there is a high impact on county hospital(s).

Re-Opening Timeline / Guidelines

Governor Cooper has announced that North Carolina will move to a modified "Stay at Home Early Closure Order" beginning at 5pm Friday, December 11th. (Executive Order 181). This new order will institute a statewide curfew and restrictions upon movement of persons between the hours of 10pm and 5am daily, with the following exceptions:

1)Travel to or from a place of work when a worker's presence is required by the worker's employer;

2. Travel for work purposes;

3. Performing work at the workplace or other location directed by the employer when the worker's presence is required by the worker's employer;

4. Travel to obtain groceries, take-out food, medical care, fuel, health care supplies, or social services;

5. Travel from a business that closed at or after 10:00 PM;

6. Travel to a business that will open at or after 5:00 AM;

7. Travel to take care of a family member, friend, or pet in another household;

8. Travel necessary for purposes of personal safety;

9. Travel into or out of the State;

10. Travel required by law enforcement or court order; and

11. Using or providing shared transportation (including without limitation taxicabs, ride shares, buses, trains, airplanes, and travel to airports, train stations, or bus stations)

In addition, this new order will require some retailers / businesses to stop alcohol sales at 9pm, and close between the hours of 10p and 5a.

A copy of today's new Executive Order has been attached to today's email, and can be viewed by visiting the following link: **https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO181-Modified-Stay-at-Home-Early-Closure-Order.pdf**

Executive Order 181 will remain in effect through 5pm on January 8th, 2020

Mitigation Efforts

- Beaufort County's EOC is fully activated to provide support for essential county and municipal functions.
- The City of Washington closed the following city office buildings to the public until further notice:
    - City Hall
    - Bobby Andrews Recreation Center

- George H. and Laura E. Brown Library
- Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center
- Moore Aquatic and Fitness Center - Reopen with limited hours. Members only. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Fitness Room remains closed.
- Susiegray McConnell Sports Complex - Open for baseball and softball practices/games under the guidelines provided by the Governor.

- Beaufort County Schools will continue to serve meals Monday - Friday at the following locations.
  The locations for these student meals are:
  - Cornerstone Family Worship Center -1918 West 5th Street, Washington Contact: Tiana Payne Church: 252-946-6109
  - Temple of Joy -96 Hill Road Chocowinity NC Contact: Apostle Georgette Redmond: Church: 252-975-6580 Cell: 917-7223
  - Ware Creek Baptist Church - 2302 Maules Point Road, Blunts Creek Contact: Bishop Charles Smith: Cell: 252-622-1924 Bishop Charles Tyson, Pastor
  - Fresh Anointing Church of God - 820 Hwy 33 East, Aurora NC - Cell 252-364-7493
  - River Road Estates
  - Northeast Elementary School
  - Eastern Elementary School
  - John Cotton Tayloe Elementary School
  - Chocowinity Primary School
  - SW Snowden Elementary School
  - Belhaven Civic Center parking lot
  - Salvation Army parking lot in Washington
  - Washington Police Substation at 9th street

  Any child can have a breakfast and lunch.

  This lunch will be served in a “drive-thru” setting so no one has to leave their car or enter the school building. Parents and family members may pick up these meals for their students whether or not the students are with them. We will just need the names of the students receiving the meals. Any student of any school can pick up a meal at any site.

- Additional feeding sites have also been established at the following churches.

- BeeBe Chapel CME-239 Cherry Run Road, Washington, NC

Contact: Pastor Joneice Carroll (252) 947-1125
Feeding Times: 11:00am-12:30pm

- Cornerstone Family Worship Center -1918 West 5th Street, Washington, NC

Contact: Pamela Collins (252) 833-9829 Church: (252) 946-6109
Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:00pm

- Fresh Anointing Church of God - 820 Hwy 33 East, Aurora NC

Contact: Bishop Charles Tyson- Cell: (252) 364-7493
Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:30pm

- Temple of Joy -96 Hill Road Chocowinity, NC Contact:

Apostle Georgette Redmond: Church: (252) 975-6580 Cell: (252) 917-7223
Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:00pm

- Ware Creek Missionary Baptist - 2302 Maules Point Road, Blount's Creek
  Contact: Bishop Charles Smith: Cell: (252) 622-1924
  Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:30pm

- Zion Temple FWB Church-2 Swamp Road, Pantego, NC

Contact: Raleigh & Loretta Younger-(252) 943-7268 (Raleigh)
(252) 943-4975 (Loretta)
Feeding Times: 10:30am-12:00pm

- Families who need help finding meals for their children ages 18 and younger can text "FOODNC" to "877-877".

- The following Executive Orders have been issued for North Carolina.
  - EO 181: Implements a modified stay at home order and requires nighttime closure for certain businesses and activities for all North Carolinians during overnight hours.
  - EO 180: Increases face covering requirements to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19.

- EO 177: Extends certain Health and Human Services provisions in previous orders and delegation of authority.
- EO 176: Further extends the Phase 3 order and implementation of additional measures to protect public health.
- EO 173: Extends prior executive orders on remote shareholder and nonprofit meetings during the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- EO 171: Clarifies the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's eviction moratorium to prevent unwarranted evictions and help struggling communities.
- EO 170: Extends Executive Order 169, keeping the state in Phase 3 of lifting COVID-19 coronavirus restrictions.
- EO 169: Revises prohibitions and restrictions that move the state into Phase 3 measures.
- EO 165: Extends certain Health and Human Services provisions in previous orders and delegates authority of long-term care facilities to the secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.
- EO 164: Extends certain transportation-related measures in previous executive orders.
- EO 163: Revised prohibitions and restrictions that move the state in Safer at Home Phase 2.5 measures.
- EO 162: Extends Executive Order 153, which restricts late-night service of alcoholic beverages.
- EO 161: Extends prior executive orders on remote shareholder and nonprofit meetings during the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- EO 157: Extends certain transportation-related provisions in previous executive orders.
- EO 156: Extends proof-of-immunization and health assessment documentation deadlines for students enrolled in public, private or religious educational institutions, including child care facilities, K-12 schools, colleges and universities.
- EO 155: Extends EO 141 for 5 additional weeks.

- EO 153: Restricts late-night service of alcoholic beverages.
- EO 152: Extends certain Health and Human Services provisions in previous executive orders and returns regulatory authority for skilled-nursing facilities to the secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.
- EO 151: Extends Executive Order 141's Safer At Home Phase 2 measures until at least Aug. 7, 2020.
- EO 150: Extends certain transportation-related provisions set in previous executive orders.
- EO 149: Reissues prior executive orders on remote shareholder and nonprofit meetings during the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- EO 148: Extends certain health and human services provisions set in previous executive orders.
- EO 147: Takes effect on June 26th and extends Phase II "Safer at Home" orders and requires the use of face coverings.
- EO 146: Extends certain transportation-related provisions in previous executive orders.
- EO 144: Extends certain health and human services provisions in previous executive orders.
- EO 143: Addresses disparities in communities of color that historically have had less access to health care, housing, economic opportunity and more.
- EO 142: Extends the prohibition of utility shut-offs and implements a moratorium on evictions.
- EO 141: Lifts the statewide Stay at Home Order and moves the state to a Safer At Home recommendation. Allows restaurants to resume dine-in services, and Barbers, Salons and Personal Care businesses to open.
- EO 139: Provides additional regulatory flexibility to help ensure capacity in the state's health care system and improve its ability to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- EO 138: Effective 5 p.m. May 8, 2020, eases some restrictions on travel, business operations and mass gatherings.
- EO 135: Extends until May 8, North Carolina's Stay At Home (Executive Order 121) as well as other orders regarding the closures of restaurants for dine-in service, bars and other close-contact businesses
- EO 134: Allows furloughed employees to be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- EO 133: Extends certain provisions in previous executive orders that are related to transportation.
- EO 131: Addresses three issues: requires retail stores that are still operating to implement new social distancing policies to make shopping safer for customers and employees; makes earlier COVID-19 guidelines mandatory for nursing facilities, and recommends other long-term care facilities to do the same; speeds up the process to get benefits to people out of work.
- EO 130: Provides more access to health care beds, expands the pool of health care workers and orders essential childcare services for workers responding to the crisis.
- EO 124: Prohibits utilities - including electric, gas, water and wastewater services from disconnecting people who are unable to pay during this pandemic and prohibits them from collecting fees, penalties or interest for late payment. The order applies for the next 60 days and gives residential customers at least six months to pay outstanding bills.
- EO 121: A statewide "Stay at Home" order has been issued. This order will restrict travel to essential activities only. (ie. Travel for items such as, groceries, food, medications, household supplies, essential workers, etc.) This order will also limit gatherings to less than 10 people.
- EO 120: Extended school closures through May 15th. This order also imposes restrictions on the following businesses; Bingo Parlors, Bowling Alleys, Indoor Exercise Facilities, Health Clubs, Indoor / Outdoor Pools, Live Performance Venues, Movie Theaters, Skating Rinks, Spas, Gaming and businesses which allow gaming activities.

- EO 119: Lifting restrictions on local Health Departments, childcare facilities, and commerce transport. This order also restricting various functions of DMV to include:
  - Driver's License Office will operate by appointment only.
  - Closing of all Drivers License Office that are on insufficient size to maintain social distancing.
  - Extending office hours at locations that are of sufficient size.
  - Postpone all DMV related hearings for 60 days.
- EO 118: Restricting dine-in services at all restaurants / bars. These businesses will continue to be allowed to provide carry-out and delivery services.

Resources

"Check My Symptoms"
NCDHHS has created a "Check My Symptoms" tool that will help you check your symptoms online and determine if you will be recommended to be tested for COVID-19. After you enter your symptoms, if it is recommended that you get tested, you will receive a list of nearby testing sites via email or text. This is an informational tool to help you determine if you may need to be tested; however it is not a physician order. Testing sites may require their own screening. The "Check My Symptoms" tool can be accessed using the following link.

https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place

"Find My Testing Place"
Find testing location near you by using the following link:

https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/

We have created a resource page that can accessed at:

https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19.

This resource page contains guidance for businesses, long term care facilities, families, and more.

We are here to offer support and answer any questions or concerns. We are encouraging all community partners to share accurate information and promote it within your businesses,

communities, and elsewhere. Beaufort County's website and Facebook page are great ways to stay up to date on accurate information.

Thank you,

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