

1/23/2021 Beaufort County, NC

COVID-19 SITREP

The following information was current as of 5:30pm.

Case Statistics

	Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Current Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Worldwide	7.6 Billion	98,559,175 (+511,269)	42,085,447 (+150,278)	2,116,101 (+12,969)	54,357,627 (+348,022)
USA	330 Million	25,537,676 (-24,946)	9,805,965 (-134,597)	427,084 (+3,413)	15,304,627 (+106,238)
NC	10.4 Million	712,716 (+7,181)	124,557 (+7,059)	8,586 (+122)	579,573 (0)
Beaufort Co.	47,000	3,730 (+22)	497 (-29)	73	3,160 (+51)

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

- NC has had a total 712,716 confirmed cases, with 8,586 deaths. Our state currently has 124,557 active cases and 3,416 hospitalizations.
 - Beaufort County has had a total of 3,730 cases, with 497 currently active, 14 of which are hospitalized.
 All active cases are self-isolating.
- Eastern NC counties with total confirmed cases include: Bertie (1,473), Beaufort (3,730), Bladen (2,446), Brunswick (6,076), Carteret (3,599), Camden (439), Chowan (1,130), Columbus (4,843), Craven (6,730), Currituck (1,008), Dare (1,569), Duplin (5,075), Edgecombe (3,847), Gates (505), Greene (1,838), Halifax (4,011), Hertford (1,718), Hyde (570), Jones (545), Lenoir (4,375), Martin (1,792), New Hanover (12,691), Northampton (1,422), Onslow (12,014), Pamlico (703), Pasquotank (2,525), Pender (3,899), Perquimans (715), Pitt (14,597), Sampson (5,897), Tyrrell (230), Washington (702), Wayne (8,790) and Wilson (7,081). Mecklenburg (81,137), Wake (60,547), Guilford (32,749) 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

A Note from the Health Director (1/22/21)

Beaufort County Residents,

As your Health Director, I feel a need to frankly share with you the status of COVID-19 vaccine in our county.

Originally, I asked for 1,200 doses per week to be sent to Beaufort County. I realized early on that I was not going to get allocations that large, so recently, I have been asking the State to send me at least 800 doses a week. We have approximately 12,000 people in our county eligible for Phase One and Phase Two. If 75% of those eligible wanted the vaccination, it will take me almost three months to get everyone through the process. Considering this, I continue to appeal for everyone to be patient. As a community, we still have a way to go to get to where we want to be.

Just today, I received my notice of allocation for next week. I have been allocated 300 doses. Less than half the request. I hope you see the difficult situation the Health Department is in trying to get vaccine to you. It is the availability of vaccine, not our process that limits our ability to get vaccinations completed. I will continue to fight to get more allocated to our county.

Monday, January 25th, we will open appointment slots at 8AM. Call in number is 252-940-6150 or go to www.bchd.net to access the scheduling link. I am going to plan 300 per week for



the next four weeks. A total of 1,200 appointments will be opened. If I get additional doses, I will open more slots.

Another option is to try to get into the Greenville Convention Center Large-Scale effort by visiting VidantHealth.com/Vaccinate or by logging into your MyChart account at MyChart.VidantHealth.com. If internet access is not available or special assistance is required, call 252-847-8000. This system is currently open for scheduling.

As of this week, approximately 16% of our eligible population have been vaccinated (4% of our total population).

One last thought, if you are eligible, but healthy and willing, hold off vying for the appointment slots which Beaufort County will be opening on Monday until we open more, or focus your attempts to get into the Large-Scale Vaccine site mentioned above.

*Respectfully,
James A. Madson, RN, MPH
Health Director
Beaufort County Health Department*

February Vaccine Appointments

Monday, January 25th, we will open appointment slots at 8AM. Anyone who is 65 years and older is eligible to make an appointment. To make an appointment either call **252-940-6150 or register online by clicking [HERE](#) . We are planning for 300 doses per week for the next four weeks. A total of 1,200 appointments will be opened. If additional doses become available we will open more slots.**

Vidant Hospital and the Pitt County Health Dept. have announced an upcoming large-scale vaccination site at Greenville's Convention Center. See below for details and scheduling information:



COVID-19 VACCINE

Greetings,

Thank you for joining our email list. Vidant Health and the Pitt County Health Department are offering COVID-19 vaccines at no cost to eligible community members in accordance with the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \(NCDHSS\)](#) guidelines. Vaccines will be offered seven days a week starting Monday, Jan. 25 at a large-scale vaccine site at the Greenville Convention Center.

If you are currently eligible, you may schedule an appointment beginning 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22 by conveniently visiting [VidantHealth.com/Vaccinate](#) or by logging into your MyChart account at [MyChart.VidantHealth.com](#). **The online appointment scheduler is the fastest and most convenient way to view and schedule an appointment.** If internet access is not available or special assistance is required, you may call 252-847-8000. Due to large call volumes, community members are encouraged to only use this number if necessary. **Appointments are required and walk-ins are not accepted at this time.**

Please be aware that appointments are expected to fill up quickly. New appointment availability will depend upon vaccine supply and state guidelines. We are working to help ensure everyone in eastern North Carolina who wants a vaccine is able to get one. If there are no appointments available, you may be asked to try again. We thank you for your patience while we manage limited supplies.



Vaccinate



**Wear
a mask**



**Social
distance**



**Wash your
hands**

While you wait for the COVID-19 vaccine to be available to you, continue to do your part to help protect your health and the health of the ones you love. Wear a mask, wash your hands often and socially distance. Together we can vaccinate for a healthier and safer future.

With Gratitude,
Vidant Health

Information and plans are evolving rapidly. For updates on
Vidant's community vaccine efforts, please visit

[VidantHealth.com/Vaccinate](#)



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A video tutorial of Vidant's scheduling process can be found using the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRnzWxjNIlg&feature=youtu.be>

How Vaccine Supplies and Allocations Impact Beaufort County

Since the rollout of the first COVID-19 vaccine within the US, conversations of stockpiles, shipments, who gets it, and how many they get have flooded national, state and local conversations. Each day brings with it a seemingly growing spectrum of statements, with some saying there are millions of doses just waiting to be administered to the public and others saying we do not have enough. The truth is, both are correct. Much of the distance between these two spectrums lies in federal, state and local providers' capabilities and the timeframe they have to act.

Almost everything related to vaccinations revolves around 1-week increments. For example, each Tuesday, the Federal Government provides North Carolina with the number of vaccines they will receive the following week. North Carolina then takes Wednesday and Thursday to determine how best to disperse the state's shipment amongst its 100 counties. That number is shared with the counties and their partnering agencies on Thursday. Counties will have Friday through Sunday to develop a plan to administer their doses to the public best. Doses typically arrive in the county on Mondays or Tuesdays, with the goal of having all those doses dispersed by Friday.

Because of this very short time frame, federal, state, and local providers must lean forward in their planning and make presumptions in regards to vaccination efforts. For example, we presume that the number of vaccines each provider receives will at least remain consistent and most likely increase as pharmaceutical companies develop a more robust supply chain.

So how does all this impact Beaufort County? Let's start with the presumptions. Based on conversations with state officials, past shipments, and our partnerships with other county providers, we presume that Beaufort County will continue to receive at least 400 first shot doses per week, hence the reason for scheduling 400 appointments for each week of January.

Now for the facts. On Thursday evenings, North Carolina provides us with the total number of vaccines we will receive for the following week. If we are scheduled to receive more than 400, we will expand our appointments accordingly for that week and issue a media release on how to



schedule for those new appointments as soon as possible. If we will receive less than 400, we will cancel appointments accordingly and reschedule as soon as possible. (Cancellations will be messaged directly to the person scheduled using the communication methods provided when the appointment was made.)

Beaufort County will physically receive those doses by carrier on Monday or Tuesday and will have until Friday to administer the entire quantity.

This entire process is completed weekly for 1st dose vaccines.

The 2nd vaccine dose uses an entirely different concept. Those shipments are received less frequently, and the quantities of those shipments are intended to provide you with enough 2nd dose vaccines to meet your current needs at any given time.

Message from the Governor's Office and NCDHHS (1/14/21)

Please see the messages below pertaining to changes in the state's vaccine plan that were announced on Thursday 1/14/21 by the Governor's Office and NCDHHS.

The state has modified the various phases for vaccine prioritization as follows:





Sent on behalf of the NC Department of Health and Human Services: (1/14/21)

“Thank you for all you continue to do to support North Carolina’s pandemic response!

Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible given the limited supply of vaccines. Today, we shared that vaccine providers that are ready to expand may vaccinate all health care workers and anyone 65 years and older.

North Carolina moves through vaccination phases by aligning to federal priorities while empowering local health departments and hospitals with flexibility to move to the next priority group as they complete phases and have vaccines available. It is the responsibility of all vaccine providers to ensure equitable access to vaccines. This will mean taking intentional actions to reach and engage historically marginalized communities.

As always, we rely on you as a trusted messenger to help people make informed decisions and take action. NC DHHS has created a suite of communications materials to help you be a spot for accurate information. You can use these [resources](#) to keep your networks and communities informed about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines, as well as direct them to information that will help [them find local vaccination sites](#). Available in both English and Spanish, the materials include general information about COVID-19 vaccinations and North Carolina’s ongoing rollout that can help you inform people of all ages.

In addition, we now have video testimonials that we hope you will use and share!

- *Older North Carolinians, You Have A Spot, Take Your Shot*
([English](#) / [Spanish](#) / [Captioned](#))
- *[Governor Jim Hunt on the importance of taking the COVID-19 shot](#)*
- *[Reverend Darryl Warren Aaron](#) of Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro on the importance of taking the COVID-19 shot.*
- *[More videos](#) are online.*



Our website, YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov, has flyers, fact sheets, postcards in English and Spanish that we ask you to post, print and handout in places where people visit, and share in newsletters. Check the website often for new materials.”

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

The following resources are trusted educated sources regarding information pertaining to the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you have additional questions or would like to message us directly, please email us at bchealth@bchd.net.

<u>Facts About COVID-19 Vaccine</u>	<u>COVID-19 Vaccine - What You Need To Know</u>	<u>Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions- NCDHHS</u>
<u>Pfizer Fact Sheet For Recipients & Caregivers</u>	<u>NCDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information</u>	<u>NCDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Update (12/14/20)</u>
<u>Vaccine Tool Kit For Faith Based Communities</u>	<u>COVID-19 Vaccine - Vaccination 101</u>	<u>More About Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)</u>

COVID Testing

Beaufort County will be hosting drive-thru testing in January 2021 as follows:

- Every Monday from 11a – 5p at Fresh Anointing Church (820 NC Hwy 33 Aurora, NC)
- Every Wednesday from 11a – 5p at The Wilkinson Center (144 W Main St. Belhaven, NC)



- Every Friday from 11a – 5p at Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church (526 Gladden St. Washington, NC)
- Monday – Friday from 9am - Noon at Beaufort County’s Health Department (1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC)

“Find My Testing Place”

Find a testing location near you by using the following link:

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

NC Community Spread Map (Updated: 1/2)

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

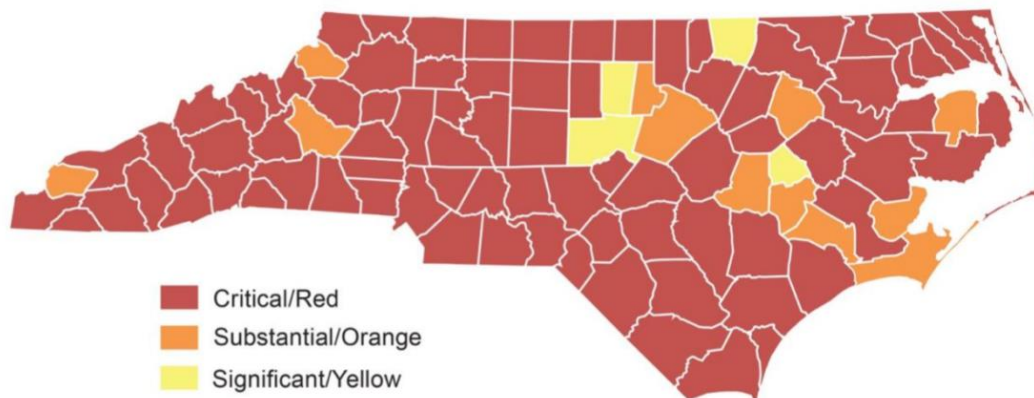
- Yellow: Significant community spread
- Orange: Substantial community spread
- Red: Critical community spread

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.

NC Counties by Tier: Data from December 20 through January 2, 2021



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 be in a modified “Stay at Home Early Closure Order” through 5pm Friday, January 8th, 2021. (Executive Order 181). This order instituted 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.

NC Executive Orders

A complete list of current NC Executive Orders can be found at: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-orders>

Resources

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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