

## 2/26/2021 Beaufort County, NC

### COVID-19 SITREP

*The following information was current as of 3pm.*

### Case Statistics

	Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Current Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Worldwide	7.6 Billion	113,253,210 (+411,403)	46,850,074 (+144,062)	2,512,849 (+9,794)	63,890,287 (+257,547)
USA	330 Million	29,096,881 (+71,024)	9,090,925 (-15,895)	522,030 (+2,200)	19,483,926 (+84,719)
NC	10.4 Million	855,905 (+2,924)	49,198 (+2,875)	11,186 (+49)	795,521
Beaufort Co.	47,000	4,278 (+16)	164 (+8)	81	4,033 (+8)

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

- NC has had a total 855,905 confirmed cases, with 11,186 deaths. Our state currently has 49,198 active cases and 1,465 hospitalizations.
  - Beaufort County has had a total of 4,278 cases, with 164 currently active, 5 of which are hospitalized.  
 All active cases are self-isolating.
- Eastern NC counties with total confirmed cases include: Bertie (1,631), Beaufort (4,278), Bladen (2,922), Brunswick (7,952), Carteret (4,434), Camden (578), Chowan (1,359), Columbus (5,795), Craven (8,249), Currituck (1,366), Dare (1,849), Duplin (5,659), Edgecombe (4,620), Gates (673), Greene (2,129), Halifax (4,992), Hertford (1,943), Hyde (623), Jones (711), Lenoir (5,408), Martin (2,061), New Hanover (16,024), Northampton (1,679), Onslow (14,545), Pamlico (946), Pasquotank (3,047), Pender (4,633), Perquimans (894), Pitt (17,387), Sampson (6,676), Tyrrell (301), Washington (981), Wayne (10,216) and Wilson (8,355). Mecklenburg (96,252), Wake (74,043), Guilford (39,633) 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.\**

Friday, February 26, 2021		
Tests conducted on Beaufort county residents (to date)	37,937	
Total cases (tested positive)	4,278	
Total hospitalizations that have occurred	184	4.3%
Total Deaths*	81	1.9%
Average age of deaths (years)	78.5	
Known active cases currently in the county	164	
Currently hospitalized	5	3.0%
Currently on a ventilator	-	
Total cases recovered	4,033	94.3%
Outbreaks and Clusters		
Nursing Home	1	
Residential Care Facility	1	
School	-	
Childcare	-	
Deaths* from long term care facilities	40	49%
*Deaths reported through this website have been confirmed through a review of the death certificates. This validation process can sometimes take a long time when a resident passes in another County or State. Other sources may report presumptive totals and therefore will vary with those reported here.		



## **Vaccine Information**

### **Press Release (2/26/21)**

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Last night, Beaufort County received a notice of vaccine allocations from the state of North Carolina for the upcoming week (March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>). Beaufort County providers are expecting to receive 1,100 doses of the Moderna vaccine. These allocations will be administered to individuals 65 years of age or older, school staff and essential infrastructure employees.

All previously scheduled appointments made through the health department will also be fulfilled.

As of Thursday (2/25), approximately 12,601 total doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered. 8,809 Beaufort County residents have received their first dose and 3,792 residents have completed the two shot series.

Beaufort County providers remain committed in our efforts to vaccinate all those who are interested in the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please continue to monitor [www.bchd.net](http://www.bchd.net) for updated information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as the transitions as we move through the various phases of vaccination.

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### **Transportation Assistance to Vaccine Appointments**

Beaufort County remains committed to the goal of providing vaccinations to all eligible citizens as quickly as possible. If you have an appointment to receive the vaccine, and are unable to secure transportation to the vaccine site on your own, please call Beaufort Area Transit System (BATS) for assistance at [252-946-5778](tel:252-946-5778).

## Vaccine Opportunities

### Greenville / Vidant Mega Vaccination Site

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



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](https://VidantHealth.com/Vaccinate) or by logging into your MyChart account at [MyChart.VidantHealth.com](https://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.



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](https://VidantHealth.com/Vaccinate)**





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 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccines.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccines to meet your current needs at any given time.

### Message from the Governor's Office and NCDHHS (2/10/21)

Governor Cooper has announced that North Carolina will move to Group 3 of the state's vaccine prioritization plan beginning Monday 2/24/21. This group will include the vaccination of "Frontline Essential Workers". This initiative will begin with teachers, childcare center employees and school support staff. Additional frontline workers such as farm workers, restaurant employees, grocery store workers, etc. will become eligible after March 10<sup>th</sup>.







## 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](mailto:bchealth@bchd.net).

[Facts About COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine - What You Need To Know](#)

[Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions- NCDHHS](#)

[Pfizer Fact Sheet For Recipients & Caregivers](#)

[NCDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)

[NCDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Update \(12/14/20\)](#)

[Vaccine Tool Kit For Faith Based Communities](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine - Vaccination 101](#)

[More About Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#)

[Pfizer Vaccine Information and Website](#)

[Ethics Assessment of COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Moderna Vaccine - What to Expect](#)



## **COVID Testing**

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

- Every Monday from 10a – 4p at Fresh Anointing Church (820 NC Hwy 33 Aurora, NC)
- Every Tuesday from 9a – 1p at Cornerstone Church (1918W 5<sup>th</sup> St. Washington, 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: 2/22)**

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

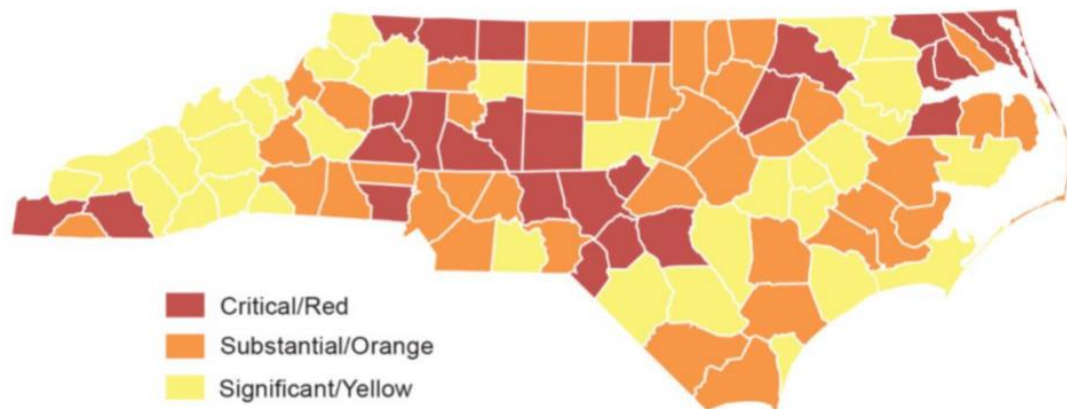
Health officials are using a mix of criteria to determine what tier is assigned to a county. According to the state, a county must meet the threshold of case rate for that tier and meet the threshold for either percent positive or hospital impact in that county.

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 January 31 through February 13, 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, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. (Executive Order 190). 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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