



# Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

# Situation Update

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

\* Effective Friday, May 22<sup>th</sup> the Daily Situational Updates will transition to Weekly Situational Updates provided on Wednesday of each week. Additional information may be shared through Facebook postings throughout the week as needed. To view previous updates visit the Pasquotank-Camden-Elizabeth City Emergency Management Website at: <https://www.pasquotankcountync.org/news>

May 5<sup>th</sup> began our Public Education push – “Please Wear a Mask”. A video has been placed on the Pasquotank-Camden-Elizabeth City Emergency Management Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CamPasqEM/> urging the public, as we begin to reopen businesses, to please wear a mask in public when social distancing is not possible. In addition, a video has been shared on how to make a cloth face mask that requires no sewing. Businesses are also being asked to place posters in their windows asking customers to “Please Wear a Mask”.

County	Confirmed Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Pasquotank	100**	33	58	9
Camden	3	1	2	0

*\*\*Numbers are subject to change as addresses are verified through contact tracing.*

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	63	44	19**	8 residents***

These cases are included in the test count of 100 for Pasquotank County

**\*\*Eleven Staff are residents of Pasquotank County.**

**\*\*\*Death count of eight (8) is included in the total number of nine (9) for Pasquotank County**

### Pasquotank Correctional Institution

Date	Tests Performed	Negative Cases	Positive Cases	# Recovered
May 26:	53	34	19	19

\* Forty-nine of these cases are the result of inmates being transferred from other Correctional Facilities prior to April 7<sup>th</sup>. These 19 cases are included in the test count of 100 for Pasquotank County

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Hospitalized:	Number of Counties:
May 27:	24,628	794	364,156	702	100
May 20:	20,122	702	277,603	554	100
Weekly Impact:	4,506	92	86,553	148	0
Percentage Increase:	18%	12%	24%	21%	0%

Breakdown by county is available at: [https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkgWOSqEQOZSOC\\_0cto#by-counties](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkgWOSqEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties)

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Hospitalized:
May 27:	40,249	1,281	4,385

United States and Global Case Totals are available at:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

New John Hopkins Map – focuses on US and pulls in county and state demographics.

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

- **COVID-19 Patients Presumed to be Recovered** will be updated every Monday by 4 p.m. The estimated number of patients presumed to be recovered from symptoms from COVID-19 is used in combination with other measures to provide a general sense of how many people with COVID-19 have likely recovered from symptoms.  
**May 25, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 14,954**
- **Count on Me NC**, a free online training program to help restaurants, hotels, and other businesses learn the best ways to protect customers and employees from COVID-19 can be found at: <https://countonmenc.org/>. These courses are free to businesses and include the following training topics:
  - **Restaurant: Owners & Operators**- Learn how to help ensure the well-being of everyone who enters your restaurant.
  - **Restaurant: Front of House Staff**-Implement best practices for staff who regularly interact with guests and customers.
  - **Restaurant: Back of House Staff** - Follow procedures designed to increase health and safety behind the scenes.
  - **All Businesses: Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces for COVID-19 Management** - Learn protocols for cleaning and disinfecting to help keep everyone in your establishment safe.
  - **General Best Practices for COVID-19 Management** -Understand the steps you can take to support the well-being of others.
- NCDHHS is partnering with key influencers who represent the communities hardest hit by COVID-19 to deliver messages about precautions, testing and contact tracing that resonate with historically marginalized populations.
  - Dr. Viviana Martinez-Bianchi shares information from NCDHHS about the 3 Ws (Wear, Wait, Wash) and discusses the implications COVID-19 has had on the African American community and the Latinx community in particular. Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
  - North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green shares information on [building community and following public health protocols during this time](#).
  - Dr. JacQuetta Foushee shares [resources for those experiencing difficulty with their mental health and substance use disorders](#). She also shares methods to minimize the possibility of contracting COVID-19
- Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 141 on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> easing restrictions to North Carolinians on travel, business operations and mass gatherings. Executive Order 141 is available for review in its entirety at: <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO141-Phase-2.pdf>

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document has been developed to provide guidance for the implementation of Executive Order 141. The EO moves North Carolina into Phase 2 of easing certain COVID-19 restrictions to help revive the economy while protecting public health.

Additional Guidance for Phase 2

- [What Phase 2 Means for North Carolina](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Restaurants](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Places of Worship and Religious Services](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Large Venue Settings](#)

- [Interim Guidance for Retail Businesses](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Salons, Massage and Personal Care Business Settings](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Tattoo Business Settings](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Day Camp Settings](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Overnight Camp Settings](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

➤ Below is information regarding the reopening of **Elizabeth City Facilities in Phase 2**

- All tennis courts, city docks, basketball courts and skate park will be open. (City Staff is working to have the Splash Pad open by June 1<sup>st</sup>). The 25-person restriction will apply in all these areas.
- All City playground equipment and tot-lots will remain closed.
- The lobby to the Public Safety Building will be opened – limited to three people at a time. Masks must be worn by all visitors.
- City Hall and the customer service area will remain closed to utility customers. Customers requiring new service applications and wanting to see administration must continue to make an appointment. A mask must be worn by the public.
- The Griffith Street satellite office will remain closed for the near future. The payment kiosk and drive-up window is available and the public is encouraged to use these options.
- The Midgett Building will be opened – masks must be worn by City staff and their customers.
- All public restrooms will remain closed but may be open (by appointment) for special events that do not exceed 25 people.
- As most organized activities such as baseball, softball, and soccer exceed the 25-person limit, staff will defer opening up the athletic fields until Phase 3.
- The Senior Center will remain closed until gyms are allowed to open.

➤ **Camden County** facilities/buildings remain closed until announced opening.

➤ **Pasquotank County** - Pasquotank County will no longer require public interaction by appointment only in the Courthouse and Tax/Register of Deeds/GIS office. The following are the exceptions that will require appointments:

- **Register of Deeds Office** – Marriage Licenses – please call 252-335-4367 for appointments, and
- **Clerk of Courts Office** – Civil and Estate matters (which always require appointments) – please call - Civil 331-4642 and Estates 331-4643.
- **The Elections Office is open.**

Temporary shields have been placed at the Planning and Inspections and Register of Deeds counters to help protect the public and staff. Pasquotank County encourages the public to use the following COVID-19 protective measures:

1. The public is still encouraged to limit non-essential in-person interaction with Pasquotank County employees and departments when at all possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Citizens are encouraged to use any online services that may be available in addition to communicating with Pasquotank County employees via email or telephone.
2. Please explore the Pasquotank County website at [www.pasquotankcountync.org](http://www.pasquotankcountync.org) or call the desired department to determine if alternative service delivery options are available.
3. All citizens who are experiencing any type of respiratory or flu-like symptoms should not visit any Pasquotank County facility. Please call the relevant department to make alternative arrangements for service provision.

- Consistent with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommendations, Pasquotank County recommends the public follow the three W's – Wear, Wait and Wash in county buildings:
  - **Wear** a cloth face covering if you will be with other people,
  - **Wait** six feet apart while avoiding close contact, and
  - **Wash** your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

**These guidelines are recommended, not required.**

- CDC has issued a Health Advisory to Health Care Providers regarding [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). NCDHHS additionally issued a [memo](#) to NC Health Care providers regarding identification and reporting of the pediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome potentially linked to COVID-19. Parents should be aware of the symptoms and contact their doctor if their child presents with the following:
  - Prolonged fever
  - Rash
  - Eye irritation
  - Painful or swollen hand/feet
  - Swollen lymph nodes
  - Belly pain or other stomach symptoms such as nausea or diarrhea

NCDHHS is reporting its first case of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19. While children generally experience mild symptoms with COVID-19, recently a possible link has been found between COVID-19 and a serious inflammatory disease in some children and teenagers who have current or recent infections. The first reports of this syndrome came from the United Kingdom in late April. Cases in the United States were first reported in New York City in early May.

NCDHHS has requested reporting of suspected cases of MIS-C from all health care providers. The Department is also monitoring for possible cases using existing surveillance systems and will include this in the weekly surveillance report going forward. To protect the family's privacy, the patient's age and other specific information about the case will not be released. More information about MIS-C can be found at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/news/press-releases/ncdhhs-announces-first-reported-case-mis-c-north-carolina>

A [Press release](#) issued on May 22 for one-time payment to families with children in Work First Cash Assistance Program. All Work First Cash Assistance families that received a benefit in April and had one or more children in their household will receive a supplement of \$265 per child for more than 17,000 children. Work First is North Carolina's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The Work First program provides parents with short-term training and other services to help them become employed and move toward self-sufficiency. Families in which grandparents and relatives are caring for their relative children and legal guardians can receive services and support that prevent children from unnecessarily entering the foster care system.

- Inter-County Public Transportation Authority (ICPTA) services began on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for transportation reservations for Medical and Employment transportation to locations that do not have a known COVID-19 outbreak. Reservations can be made by calling 252-338-4480. All clients will be asked a series of screening questions before boarding, and must wear a mask and adhere to social distancing requirements while on the vehicle. ICPTA will continue to ensure safety precautions are met to protect both drivers and clients.
- [Materials & Resources – Information on COVID-19 in Spanish](#)

➤ [Senate Bill 704 5.11\(a\)](#) requires all school districts and charter schools to develop plans for remote learning for the 2020-21 school year and to schedule five remote learning days during the year. **Public schools across North Carolina with a "traditional schedule" will begin the 2020-21 school year on Aug. 17, 2020, and end it on June 11, 2021.**

➤ **Vacation Time? – Is it safe to travel?**

- Information regarding Travel Recommendations is provided by CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- [Kayak](#) offers a detailed summary about travel restrictions and safety regulations by state. This includes status of “Stay at Home” orders, lodging availability, air travelers requirement for period of self-quarantine, etc.
- FAA Facilities affected by COVID-19. Real-time information on FAA air traffic initiatives; to include a Flight Delay information map is available at: <https://www.faa.gov/coronavirus/map/>

➤ The CDC has released six flowchart-style charts that provide basic guidance to schools, restaurants, the workplace, youth programs and camps, child care programs and mass transit nationwide for assistance with making decisions about reopening. The lists include questions about whether an organization's decision to reopen follows state and local orders. The lists also ask whether safety protocols such as hand washing, face coverings, proper spacing between customers and/or employees, and plans for if employees get sick have been implemented. Links to the checklists are provided below.

CDC checklist: [Reopening Schools](#)

CDC checklist: [Reopening Restaurants/Bars](#)

CDC checklist: [Reopening the workplace](#)

CDC checklist: [Reopening childcare facilities](#)

CDC checklist: [Reopening Youth programs and camps](#)

CDC checklist: [Reopening mass transit](#)

➤ **COVID-19 Planning – The United States – Status Update (Reopening Summary) States, Territories and the District of Columbia.** [https://www.pdc.org/wp-content/uploads/PDC\\_COVID-19\\_NEMA\\_07MAY2020.pdf](https://www.pdc.org/wp-content/uploads/PDC_COVID-19_NEMA_07MAY2020.pdf)

➤ **Sentara Albemarle Medical Center:**

**The following visitor policies will take effect on Thursday, May 7 at noon. This will apply to most Sentara hospitals, including all levels of care and the Emergency Department.**

- All non-COVID-19 patients and patients who are not under investigation for COVID-19 may have **one visitor**.
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and end-of-life patients may have **two visitors**.

All visitors will be screened and have their temperatures taken by a no-touch device before entering the building and will be required to wear a mask. Sentara will provide a community-made mask to visitors who do not have their own. Sentara is taking all necessary precautions to keep our hospitals safe and clean. All areas of the hospitals will be carefully cleaned and disinfected on an ongoing basis. All employees are also masked for your protection.

➤ **Food Banks across our State are working hard to support the residents of North Carolina who have found themselves with little or no income and in need of additional assistance. While the food banks are doing a great job, they are seeing such a surge in usage that they could use some additional support. **The Food Bank of the Albemarle** serves Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. Please visit their website at <https://afoodbank.org/> and find how you can donate.**