



Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

Situation Update

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

* Effective Friday, May 22th 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 5th 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	112**	25	75	13
Camden	3	1	2	0

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

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	71	50	21**	49	12 residents***

These cases are included in the test count of 112 for Pasquotank County

**Thirteen Staff are residents of Pasquotank County.

***Death count of twelve (12) is included in the total number of thirteen (13) for Pasquotank County

Pasquotank Correctional Institution

Date	Tests Performed	Negative Cases	Positive Cases	# Recovered
June 2:	55	36	19	19

* Forty-nine of these cases are the result of inmates being transferred from other Correctional Facilities prior to April 7th. These 19 cases are included in the test count of 112 for Pasquotank County

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Hospitalized:	Number of Counties:
June 3:	30,777	939	449,263	684	100
May 27:	24,628	794	364,156	702	100
Weekly Impact:	6,149	145	85,107	-18	0
Percentage Increase:	20%	15%	19%	-3%	0%

Breakdown by county is available at: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkgWOSqEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Hospitalized:
June 3:	46,905	1,428	4,884

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. **June 1, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 18,860**
- June 1st began the 2020 Hurricane Season, and North Carolina has already seen impacts from two early storms, Arthur and Bertha and the formation of Tropical Storm Cristobal. In their [official outlook](#), NOAA noted the expectation for an above-normal season. As a reminder, the official forecast does not estimate the number of storms that impact land. Regardless of the outlook, North Carolina knows very well that it only takes one storm to impact the state and make a difference.

We encourage everyone to make sure your family is ready for the season by building an emergency kit or updating your current one. Visit [ReadyNC.org](https://www.readync.org) for instructions on building a kit, and creating a family emergency and communications plan, and remember to include hand sanitizer, face coverings, and sanitizing wipes in your kit.

This year is the official kickoff of the new **Know Your Zone program** for 20 NC coastal counties for the new **Know Your Zone program**. **Pasquotank and Camden Counties were pilot counties for the KYZ initiative during the 2019 hurricane season. Lessons learned during the trial period resulted in modifications of last year's zones.** Residents should visit [KnowYourZone.nc.gov](https://www.knowyourzone.nc.gov) to learn about their pre-determined coastal evacuation zone .

- **Gov. Cooper Extends Executive Order 124:** On May 30, 2020, Governor Cooper issued **Executive Order 142 (EO 142)**. EO 142 amends EO 124 to extend its effective period by 60 days, which modified certain local government utility collection practices and imposes new reporting requirements to measure the financial impact of COVID-19 on utility systems. Learn more about this action [here](#). Read the Gov. Press Release [here](#). Frequently Asked Questions - [English/Spanish](#)
- The Elizabeth City Council has approved the proposal – ***Reinventing Downtown and Outdoor Space Concepts in Elizabeth City for COVID-19 Reopening*** that was submitted by Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. on behalf of the businesses city-wide. The purpose of the request is to allow businesses to expand outside of their normal foot prints to serve customers in a safe and healthy atmosphere while maintaining appropriate social distance. It is not designed to promote large groups or gatherings, and events such as live music are not allowed. The lifting of restrictions does not override or usurp any order from Governor Cooper or NCDHHS. The action:
 - Lifts restrictions to allow businesses to expand outside of their building footprint and use specific public outdoor spaces and/or sidewalks in front of, or adjacent to, their businesses to serve customers. This applies to restaurants, cafes, retailers, and service businesses.
 - Lifts restrictions to allow restaurants with parking lots to utilize up to 30% of their existing parking area for outdoor seating and allows for use of outdoor tents to accommodate seating. (Tents must meet fire code and be approved/inspected by EC Fire Department.
 - Lifts restrictions on retailers and service businesses City-wide allowing for displays, tables, and sales opportunities on public areas and private areas immediately outside of, and adjacent to, their businesses.
 - Lifts signage permitting restrictions and promotional signage restrictions on retailers, service providers, and restaurants City-wide.

- Allows for alcohol consumption on specifically identified public outdoor spaces during normal businesses service times (beer and wine only).
- Allows for closure of the 600 block of E Colonial Avenue to vehicular traffic from the corner of Poindexter & Colonial Avenue to Water Street on Wednesday from 5:00 – 10:00 pm, Fridays from 5:00 – 10:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. Property owners with private parking garages will be allowed ingress/egress.

All businesses must comply with ADA, Health Dept., NCDHHS and ABC rules, regulations and guidance, as well as all Governor's Executive Orders, recommendations and guidance currently in effect or forthcoming.

➤ **Webinar Highlighting Resources For Teachers and Parents to Enhance the Continuity of Learning During COVID-19 for Children with Disabilities - Date: June 4, 2020 / Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

This webinar offers an opportunity to highlight free resources, targeted at various stakeholders, aimed at exploring potential strategies and innovative approaches to address the critical needs of students with disabilities during the COVID-19 era. Improving support to schools, teachers, families, and students with disabilities is critical in ensuring that all students with disabilities, who have been disproportionately impacted by the shift to remote and distance learning, have access to a high-quality education and services that fit their individualized needs. Registration is available at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2967836277728914189>

➤ **Free Legal Assistance to Businesses during C19 Pandemic:** N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center has announced free assistance to medium and small businesses with COVID-19 legal questions. They offer 45 minutes of attorney time and expertise free of charge with no strings. Information is available at:

<https://www.nccourts.gov/news/tag/press-release/north-carolina-pro-bono-resource-center-launches-legal-clinic-to-lessen-impact-of-covid-19>

➤ 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 1st). 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 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.

- Inter-County Public Transportation Authority (ICPTA) services began on Tuesday, May 26th 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](#)
- **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/>

[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](#)
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- **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

➤ **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.**