



Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

Situation Update

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

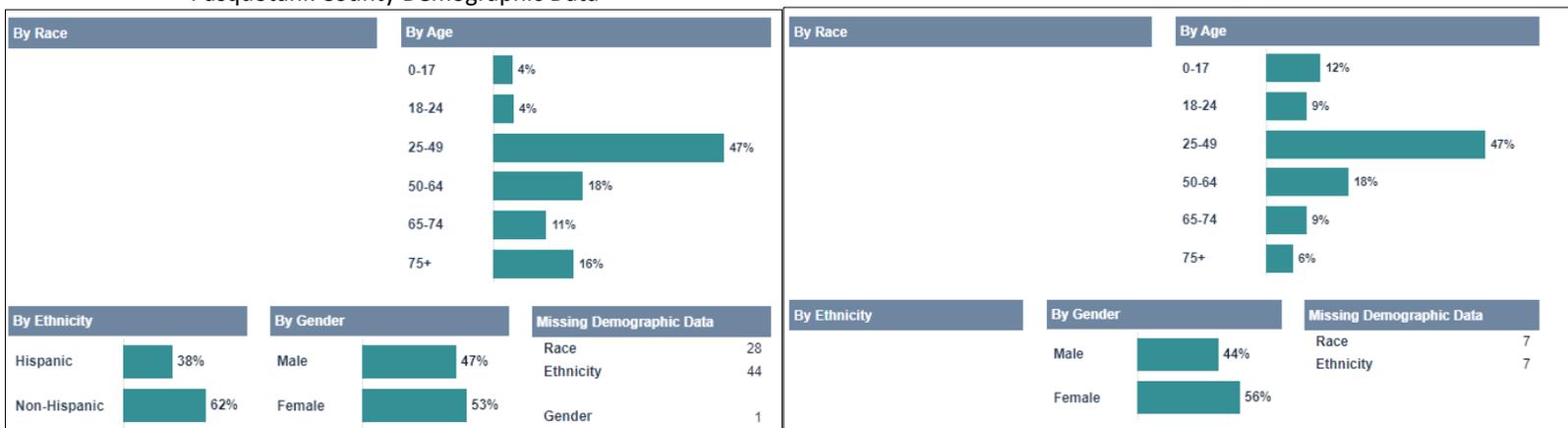
* Effective Friday, May 22th the Daily Situational Updates will transition to Weekly Situational Updates provided on Wednesday of each week. Additional information may be shared through Facebook postings throughout the week as needed. To view previous updates visit the Pasquotank-Camden-Elizabeth City 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	233	37	179	17
Camden	34	13	20	1

Pasquotank County Demographic Data

Camden County Demographic Data



For demographic groups where the county has fewer than five cases and the county has a population of fewer than 500 for that demographic, then that data is suppressed for privacy and the graph for that demographic won't appear. For example, if a county has fewer than five cases in people 18-24 years old and the county population has less than 500 people who are 18-24 years old based on census data, then the age graph will not appear for that county. Numbers may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Pasquotank Correctional Institution

Date	Tests Performed	Negative Cases	Positive Cases	# Recovered
July 7:	57	38	19	19

* Forty-nine of these cases are the result of inmates being transferred from other Correctional Facilities prior April 7th. These 19 cases are included in the test count of 233 for Pasquotank County.

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Hospitalized:	Number of Counties:
July 8:	77,310	1,441	1,096,682	994	100
July 1:	66,513	1,373	942,238	901	100
Weekly Impact:	10,797	68	154,444	93	0
Percentage Increase:	14%	5%	14%	9%	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:
July 8:	67,375	1,905	6,577
July 1:	63,203	1,786	6,262
Weekly Impact:	4,172	119	315
Percentage Increase:	6%	6%	5%

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	71	50	21**	56*	14 residents***

THE OUTBREAK AT ELIZABETH CITY HEALTH & REHAB IS NOW CLOSED. NCDHHS CONSIDERS AN OUTBREAK OVER IF THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED TRANSMISSION WITHIN THE FACILITY. THIS IS MEASURED AS 28 DAYS AFTER THE LATEST DATE OF ONSET IN A SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR THE LATEST DATE OF SPECIMEN COLLECTION IN AN ASYMPTOMATIC PERSON, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

*Recovered cases include residents previously admitted from other facilities.

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**Thirteen Staff are residents of Pasquotank County.

***Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of seventeen (17) for Pasquotank County

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>

- **Phase 2 Extension and Mandatory Face Coverings:** Gov. Cooper issued [Executive Order 147](#), which extends the Safer at Home Phase 2 Order until 5p.m. on July 17, and requires the wearing of face coverings in public settings. These actions are needed to slow the spread, which has been on the rise. Additional information regarding [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for EO 147 and [Requirement for the Use of Face Coverings and Masks](#) is also available.
- As COVID-19 continues to affect many people across the country, financial assistance organizations have stepped up to provide help where it's needed. Finding employment, paying bills, and buying necessities have become challenging for many as people find themselves in different situations as a result of the pandemic. One resource, [GreenPath Financial Wellness](#) a national nonprofit group is available for assistance that provides financial counseling and education to better manage credit payments and other obligations.
- **Red Cross – Blood, Platelets, and Convalescent Plasma**
[Discover Your Antibody Test Status When You Give Blood](#)
[Find a Blood Drive and Make an Appointment](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Convalescent Plasma Donations from Recovered COVID-19 Patients](#)
[What to Know About Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Blood Donation Safety](#)

- July 7th NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen provided the following announcements on how the state is accelerating the work to ramp up testing across the state. The announcements were focused on improving access to testing for historically marginalized populations that are being hit hardest by COVID-19.
 - A statewide standing order was issued for COVID-19 testing which eliminates the need for COVID-10 testing sites to require a doctor or other provider referral in order to be tested. This new policy will reduce barriers to testing, especially for members of the historically marginalized populations.
 - The state will be deploying up to 300 free temporary testing sites to underserved North Carolina communities throughout the month of July. This new initiative is designed to increase access to free COVID-19 testing in African American, LatinX, Hispanic and American Indian communities in 100 Zip codes that currently have limited testing access.

These two actions make it easier for North Carolinians to get tested and for trusted organizations in the community, such as churches and other civic engagement nonprofits, to provide testing.
- **Temporary Order on COVID-19 diagnostic tests (July 7, 2020):** North Carolina State Health Director Elizabeth Tilson, MD, MPH issued a temporary order requiring physicians, laboratories and others ordering or conducting COVID-19 diagnostic tests to report negative test results in addition to the requirement to report positive results. The reason for the order is to track diagnostic test results necessary “for surveillance of a communicable disease that presents a danger to public health.” The order is effective immediately and expires in 90 days.
- Updated guidance from NCDHHS - [Steps for People to Take After COVID-19 Testing](#) (Spanish version: [Pasos para seguir después de hacerse la prueba COVID-19](#)) for patients undergoing testing due to symptoms or known or a suspected exposure.
- Resources are available to North Carolinians renters facing eviction. If you were unable to pay your rent and/or utilities due to COVID-19 or its economic impacts, you may qualify for assistance. Call NC 2-1-1- to learn about resources within the community for emergency needs, including rental and utility assistance. Additional information is available at: <https://www.pasquotankcountync.org/news>
- Last week The State Emergency Response Team sent personal protective equipment – including 16,500 thermometers, 17,200 face shields, 81,000 gowns and 347,000 surgical masks – to school districts and charter schools across the state for nurses and staff who provide health care for students.
- **Bowling during COVID-19:** Superior Court Judge James L. Gale ruled that bowling alleys can resume operation. Gov. Roy Cooper's spokesperson Ford Porter shared the following statement in response to the court ruling on opening bowling alleys during COVID-19: “Hospitalizations and positive cases are reaching record highs while the Governor works to get schools open and prevent the state from going backward on restrictions. The Governor will immediately appeal this ruling that harms both of these efforts.”
- While mass testing has occurred at prisons with significant outbreaks of COVID-19 State prison officials have now initiated a plan to test the entire offender population; all 31,000. This testing of the population is estimated to require at least 60 days to complete, at a projected cost of more than \$3.3 million. COVID-19 tests are already being conducted on all new offenders when they arrive at the prison from the county jails and moving forward, in the limited instances where transfers are determined to be necessary, COVID-19 tests will be conducted on offenders before they are transferred to other prisons or the offender will be placed in medical isolation for 14 days, in lieu of testing.
- COVID-19 testing is available for those meeting criteria by appointment only at local health departments. Residents are encouraged to call their primary care provider for an assessment or information on testing availability before calling the local health department. If someone does not have a primary care provider, ARHS does offer primary care services. All tests will be completed through a curbside screening clinic at the local health department. Testing is available at Pasquotank (252-338-4400) and Camden (252-338-4460) Health

Departments on Thursday 1-3 pm. For more information on criteria for COVID-19 testing or appointments, call 252-338-WELL/9355 or your local health department directly at the above phone number.

- **Nursing Home Testing for COVID-19:** The NC Department of Health and Human Services is collaborating with CVS/Omnicare for a one-time [COVID-19 testing initiative](#) of all residents and staff in nursing homes. An estimated 36,000 residents and 25,000 staff in over 400 nursing homes in the state will be tested between now and the middle of August.
- Migrant farmworkers are a high risk group; especially as COVID-19 can spread easily in setting where many people live in close proximity – [Updated guidance](#) is available for Migrant Farmworkers, their employers, and housing providers to help prevent the spread of disease among workers.
- Following a recent review of the City of Elizabeth City’s Electrical billing records they identified 133 delinquent commercial accounts, all which are at least 30 days past due and total \$205,059.71 in uncollected revenue. Many of these businesses are still active. Electric personnel delivered notices on June 25th to commercial customers giving until July 6th to make arrangements for payments on past due balances.

The City requested a waiver to the Governor’s Executive order halting disconnection of residential utility services to all delinquent utility accounts as the city currently has more than 2,200 and is set to run out of money in its electric fund by August. The waiver was granted on Tuesday, June 30th. This waiver requires delinquent city residential utility customer to pay their July bill by the end of July or be disconnected. The city will work with delinquent customers to establish ECOVID-19 Hardship Agreements based on certain criteria. The Griffin Street Satellite location will reopen to assist customers in setting up hardship agreements on an appointment only basis.

- Wednesday, June 24th New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Governors imposed a 14-day quarantine on travelers from nine states with spiking COVID-19 infection rates and steep fines for noncompliance. **North Carolina is one of the nine states.** The infection rate is based on the number of infections per 100,000 residents on a 7-day rolling average. People who don’t voluntarily quarantine for 14 days will be subject to fines and a mandatory quarantine. Fines will be \$2,000 for the first violation, \$5,000 for the second and up to \$10,000 if they cause harm.
- **COVID-19 Patients Presumed to be Recovered** is 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. **July 6, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 55,318**
- **NCDHHS COVID-19 Dashboard Updates:** numerous valuable resources have been updated or newly-added to NCDHHS’s COVID-19 [dashboard](#).
 - New [Clusters in Child Care and School Settings Report](#) is now available
 - Updated [Ongoing Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings](#) is now available
 - Updated [Risk Factors for Severe Illness Report](#) is now available
 - New [Outbreaks and Clusters](#) page is now available
 - Updated [Weekly Outbreaks in Congregate Settings](#) is now available
 - Updated [Weekly COVID-19 Patients Presumed to be Recovered](#) report is now available

The full data dashboard with all of our metrics and reports is available here:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>. Data is now available for download from the NC COVID-19 Data Dashboard on the [About the Data page](#). Visit the page to learn about the available downloadable data.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its list of COVID-19 symptoms to include stuff or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. The full list includes:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after someone is exposed to the virus and can range from mild to severe. People will experience different symptoms, including those not on the list. In many cases, coronavirus symptoms can be managed at home. People should seek emergency care if they experience the following:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Anyone with symptoms is asked self-isolate at home to avoid spreading the virus to vulnerable populations.

➤ **[Pasquotank County Small Business Grant Program is open for applications.](#)**
[Deadline: Friday, July 10, 5:00 pm.](#)

Pasquotank County officials announce the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program. The program provides ***\$250,000 in grant funds for qualifying small businesses that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.*** ***Small*** businesses within the County can apply for grants of up to \$2,500. The County has designated the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Economic Development Commission (EC/PCEDC) as the agency to administer the program, and is partnering with Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. (ECDI) as a communications facilitator. Detailed program guidelines and grant applications are available at:

www.pasquotankcountync.org/covid19grants. For more info: call the EC/PCEDC at 252-338-0169 or ECDI at 252-338-4104

➤ The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning to the public to avoid using nine different hand sanitizer products that have been found to contain a substance that can be potentially fatal when absorbed through the skin, or ingested. In a **[statement](#)**, the FDA said the following nine hand sanitizer manufactured by **[EskBiochem SA de CV](#)** in Mexico should not be used:

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

The FDA says it tested samples of Lavar Gel and CleanCare No Germ. Lavar Gel was found to contain 81% (v/v) methanol and no ethyl alcohol, and CleanCare No Germ contains 28% (v/v) methanol. According to the FDA, "Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used due to its toxic effects."

- Beginning Monday, June 22nd, the American Red Cross will be testing all blood, platelet, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies in North Carolina. There continues to be an urgent need for blood as hospitals commence surgeries and other procedures. Donors will know within seven to 10 days if their immune system has produced antibodies in response to the virus.
- North Carolina state parks and recreation areas, as well as trails, are all open, but visitor centers, picnic shelters and swim areas remain closed. Visit the [N.C. State Parks website](#) for the open/closed status of individual parks and recreation areas.

The North Carolina Zoo reopened Monday, June 15th. One-way pathways and ground decals will encourage social distancing. Frequently touched areas and bathrooms are being cleaned throughout the day. There are hand sanitizer stations throughout the zoo. The gift shop is also open with limited capacity.

- **Albemarle District Jail** - Effective June 22nd all activities involving on site visitors and bondsman are remained as is due to COVID-19.
 - Attorney may have legal visits with the clients after passing the COVID-19 screening. Attorneys will be denied entry if they are unable to pass this screening and will be advised to use Juris Link for legal visits.
 - All Bondsman will be denied entry. Bondsman's paperwork will need to be completed and completed paperwork will be given to a staff member at the door for processing.
 - All deliveries (UPS, FEDEX, and USPS) will not be allowed in the building, a staff member will meet at the door to pick up deliveries.
 - All weekenders coming to report to serve time will be scheduled by their Probation/Parole Officer. They will need to contact their Probation/Patrol Office regarding any issues. All weekenders will be screened prior to entering Albemarle District Jail. If they do not pass screening they will be denied. If they are not on time they will be denied. All weekenders that are denied will be reported to their Probation/Parole Officer and will be rescheduled at a later date. No exceptions.
- North Carolina continues to increase testing capabilities and has more than tripled the amount of testing completed just a month ago. New online tools are available to help people know if they may need a test, how to get a test, and monitor their own symptoms if advised to do so by a contact tracer. These tools include:
 - Check My Symptoms (www.ncdhhs.gov/symptoms), a public website that allows people to enter their symptoms to determine if they should consider getting tested for COVID-19. If a test is recommended, they will receive a link to a list of nearby testing sites via email or text.
 - Find my Testing Place (www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace) a public website that allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online.
- **COVID-19 Contact Tracing** - One way to know you may have been exposed to another person who has COVID-19 is if you receive a call from a contact tracer. Contact tracers, including local health department staff, reach out to people who may have recently come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

It is important to answer the call when a contact tracer reaches out. He or she will connect you with the information and support you need to protect yourself and your loved ones. Here's what will happen if you are contacted:

- You will get an initial text from the number **45394** or email from NC-ARIAS-NoReply@dhhs.nc.gov.
- Someone from your **local health department** or **NC OUTREACH (844-628-7223)** will follow up with phone calls.
- You may be advised by your contact tracer to use the **COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) Tool**, a password-protected online resource to track your symptoms.

A contact tracer will never ask for your Social Security Number, bank or credit card numbers, or any other financial information at any time. Any information shared during your call with a contact tracer is a private health record and is strictly confidential.

Testing and tracing are core public health measures and key components of North Carolina’s strategy to responsibly ease restrictions, while continuing to slow the spread of the virus. If you believe you or a loved one may need a COVID-19 test, [check your symptoms](#) and [find a testing place](#).

DHHS has a new infographic that explains the testing and contact tracing process. This sample scenario, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), takes you through the steps of contract tracing when someone has a positive test for COVID-19.

- The N.C. Inclusive Disaster Recovery (NCIDR) network has developed a [living document](#) listing *Resources and Engagement Opportunities* for organizations serving historically under-resourced and marginalized communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Resources for Families

-  [Statewide COVID-19 Website, NCDHHS COVID-19 Website](#)
-  [NCDHHS Services for Families \(Ongoing and Emergency Benefits\)](#)
-  [Mental Health Hotlines Available 24/7](#)
 - Hope4NC for all North Carolinians (1-855-587-3463)
 - Hope4Healers for front line workers (919-226-2002)
 - [Resources for helping families cope](#)
-  [Child Care Hotline](#): 1-888-600-1685, available M-F from 8am-5pm
-  [Families who need food assistance can text “FOODNC” or “COMIDA” to 877-877](#) or look at [interactive map](#) to locate nearby meal sites

- 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 are open in accordance with Phase 2 allowance.
- **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.

➤ **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/>

➤ **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.