



Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

Situation Update

Wednesday, September 23, 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>

****Please recognize that this information is subject to change within minutes of being published****

County	Confirmed Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Pasquotank	688	118	539	31
Camden	111	11	97	3

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Currently Hospitalized:
September 23:	196,501	3,316	2,842,427	912
September 16:	188,024	3,149	2,683,384	918
Weekly Impact:	8,477	167	159,043	-6
Percentage Increase:	4%	5%	6%	-1%

Breakdown by county is available at: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX50EkgWOSgEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Total Hospitalizations
September 23:	142,590	3,089	10,718
September 16:	136,359	2,884	10,389
Weekly Impact:	6,231	205	329
Percentage Increase:	4%	7%	3%

Facility	Positive Cases	Staff	Inmates	Recovered	Deaths
Pasquotank Correctional Institution	46*	5	22	19	0

*Nineteen of these cases are the result of inmates being transferred from other Correctional Facilities prior April 7th. These 46 cases are included in the test count of 688 for Pasquotank County.

<https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/adult-correction/prisons/prisons-info-covid-19#ELCFAQ>

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Waterbrooke	25	19	6	17	7

Closed Outbreak

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. These cases are included in the test count of 688 for Pasquotank County

**Thirteen Staff are residents of Pasquotank County.

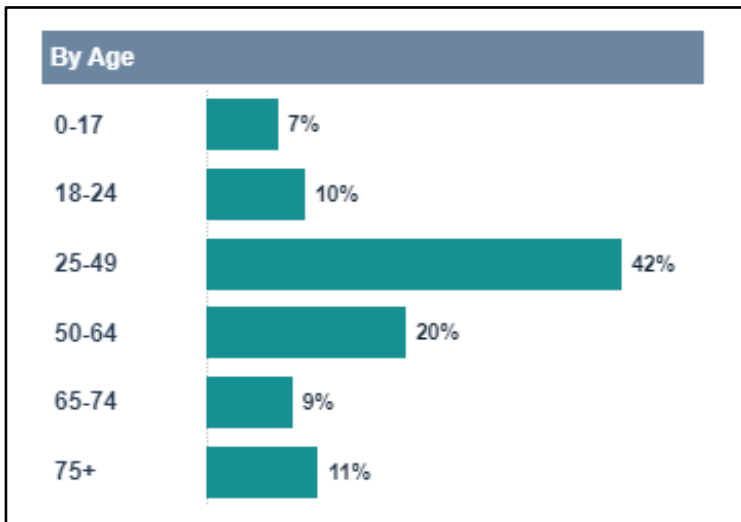
***Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of thirty (31) for Pasquotank County

New Outbreak

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	17	10	7	0	0

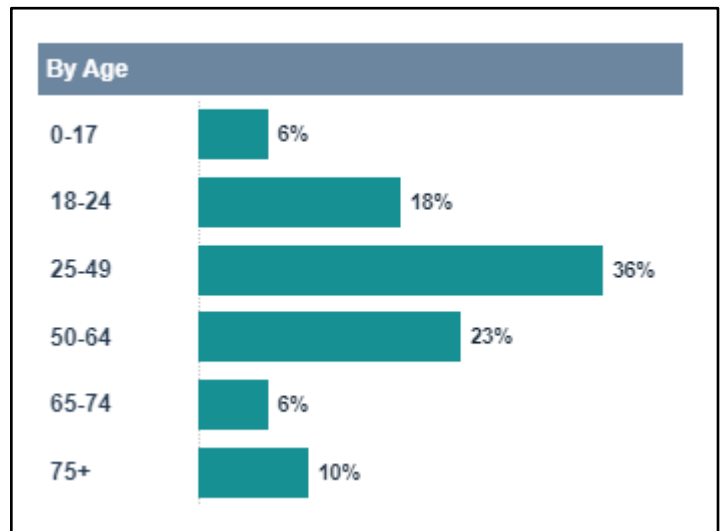
Pasquotank County

Cases by Age



Camden County

Cases by Age



- **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.

September 21, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 176,422

- 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>

- Watch live COVID-19 briefings as well as view previous briefings at <https://www.unctv.org/coronavirus/>

Due to key COVID-19 indicators remaining stable and decreasing in some areas, Governor Cooper announced September 1, 2020 that the state is moving to Safer at Home Phase 2.5 on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 5 p.m.

It is effective until October 2, 2020 at 5 p.m. View [Executive Order 163](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

Phase 2.5 means the following for North Carolina:

- Mass gathering limits will increase to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors from the current limit of 10 indoors and 25 outdoors.
- Playgrounds may open.
- Museums and aquariums may open at 50% capacity.
- Gyms and indoor exercise facilities, such as yoga studios, martial arts, and rock climbing, as well as skating rinks, bowling alleys, indoor basketball, volleyball etc., may open at 30% capacity.
- Bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, indoor entertainment facilities, amusement parks, dance halls will remain closed.
- Large venues remain subject to the mass gathering limits.

Technical amendments have been made to Executive Order 163 (Phase 2.5) to clarify some provisions in the document.

1. The defined term "Amusement Park" has been clarified.
2. The definition of "Bar" now precisely matches the text in the Phase 2 Executive Order and Executive Order No. 153.
3. References in the order to customers, patrons, and spectators now all use the new defined term "Guest." This new term includes customers, patrons, spectators, and any other people who are on another person's property and are not workers.
4. Section 3.3 now states that employers should provide Face Coverings not only if they become soiled or wet, but also if they are torn.
5. The draft now consistently uses the phrase "fitness and physical activity" facilities instead of "gyms and other fitness" facilities.
6. Changes in Section 6.8(a) and 8.1(a) clarify that the same rules apply whether or not a facility is conducting organized or league play.

[Executive Order 163 with Technical Corrections](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has launched [SlowCOVIDNC](#), the official COVID-19 Exposure Notification app. People who test positive for COVID-19 can anonymously share their result on the app. Using Bluetooth technology; the app leverages Google and Apple's Exposure Notification System (ENS), and alerts users who have the app if they have been in close contact with an individual who later tests positive for COVID-19. This enables users to act quickly and protect themselves and their community. Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#).
- Governor Cooper and Dr. Mandy Cohen announced September 22nd that effective October 2nd large outdoor venues with seating over 10,000 will be permitted to open at 7% capacity with key safety precautions in place. NCDHHS will continue to analyze data and indicators across North Carolina to determine when the state can begin to ease other restrictions in other areas.
- Governor Cooper has announced a \$40 million relief program to help offset fixed costs like rent, mortgage interests and utility bills for small businesses. The [N.C. Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief \(MURR\)](#), administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, can provide up to \$20,000 in relief funds per qualifying business location. Business applicants from certain industry sectors that have not been able to operate during the COVID period may apply for up to two of their business locations. The Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications soon. Businesses can learn more about the MURR program by registering for one of the free educational webinars offered by the Department of Commerce over the next two weeks. For the webinar schedule and additional information on the program, visit www.nccommerce.com/murr.
- Governor Cooper announced September 17th that after several weeks of stable COVID-19 trends and continued low virus spread in school settings, North Carolina public school districts and charter schools can choose to implement Plan A for elementary schools (grades K-5) starting October 5th. Plan A continues to include important safety measures like face coverings for all students, teachers and staff, and symptom screening. But schools will not be required to reduce the number of children in the classroom to meet social distancing of 6

feet. School Districts will still have the flexibility to select Plan A, Plan B, which allows children to attend school in person but requires fewer children in the class room or operate under Plan C – all remote learning - based on their unique needs. Read the [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit](#) to learn more about the requirements under each plan. More information about this decision can be found [here](#).

- Guidance documents have been updated for [Fall Events](#), [COVID-19's impact on children](#), and [Youth and Amateur Sports](#). New guidance documents were recently created for [Administrators and Participants of Youth and Amateur Sports](#) and [Employers Requiring Negative tests](#). You can find all the NCDHHS guidance [here](#).
- Applications are now open for \$32 million in pandemic-related GREAT grant funding to expand internet access to rural areas. Applications for this 2020 Special Supplementary Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Grant round will be accepted through October 14th. Click [here](#) to learn more. Internet service providers and electric membership cooperatives are eligible to apply.
- North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) announced it is accepting applications for \$335 Extra Credit Grants through October 15th. The program, which Governor Roy Cooper signed into law earlier this month as part of the Coronavirus Relief Act 3.0, will help families with qualifying children pay for virtual schooling and child-care costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information can be found [here](#).
- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets and sinks) with household cleaners and [EPA-registered disinfectants](#) that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product. For electronics follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products. Consider use of wipeable covers for electronics. If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or spray containing at least 70% alcohol to disinfect touch screens. Dry surfaces thoroughly to avoid pooling of liquids.
- The North Carolina Medical Society is now offering **FREE PPE to independent practices** across NC. To be eligible for **FREE PPE** provided by the NCMS via a \$5 million appropriation from the NC General Assembly, each practice must certify that they meet all the following criteria:
 1. Your practice is organized in accordance with [North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 55B](#) and registered with the North Carolina Medical Board as a professional corporation or professional limited liability company with the purpose of practicing medicine.
 2. Your practice currently provides or contracts for professional medical services.
 3. Your practice is *not* owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by an entity defined in [G.S. 131E-76\(3\)](#).
 4. Your practice is *not* managed by a practice management company unless the practice management company is majority owned by North Carolina licensed physicians.

The Independent Practice confirmation Form is available at:

<https://ncmedsoc.wufoo.com/forms/z14tmda315i6p3f/>

Once the confirmation form is completed, PPE will be shipped to the office location provided. Items included in your **FREE PPE** package will include N95 masks (as available), KN95 masks, procedure masks, gowns, gloves, sanitizers/disinfectants and sanitizing wipes (as available).

- NC Department of Public Safety announced September 18th the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice will resume limited visitation at all the state's prisons and in its juvenile justice facilities effective Oct. 1 with

significant restrictions due to the pandemic. A list of the temporary conditions and precautions for visitation in prisons, which are subject to change, can be viewed at <https://www.ncdps.gov/news/press-releases/2020/09/18/limited-prison-juvenile-justice-facility-visitation-resumes-covid-19>.

- **Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN):** FEMA launched OPEN [Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations](#). OPEN includes both a web-based, self-guided training, and a downloadable instructor kit that will guide participants on how to identify risks, locate resources, and take preparedness actions. When Community-Based Organizations, such as food pantries, daycares, and non-profits, are unable to sustain operations during an emergency incident, individuals who rely on them are exponentially impacted. Because of their importance in keeping the community going, OPEN is designed to empower these organizations to better prepare for incidents. The OPEN training provides an overview of the 10 preparedness actions and creates a path forward for organizations to develop their own disaster response plan.



Food Bank of the Albemarle
Fighting Hunger in Northeast NC
FEEDING AMERICA

Volunteer Today!

The Food Bank of the Albemarle is dedicated to fight hunger and poverty in our 15-county area in northeast North Carolina. They work with 100 hunger-relief partners operating 145 programs across 15 counties in northeastern North Carolina. Each one is dedicated to the mission of ending hunger in their community. The Food Bank of the Albemarle serves as a regional clearinghouse for donated and sourced food, the food pantries distribute the food directly to those in need. In addition, the Food Bank of the Albemarle takes great pride in distributing approximately 1 million pounds of fresh produce annually.

To meet the increased need, Food Bank of the Albemarle is now distributing an additional 20% of food to all mobile pantries and active food pantries. It takes **volunteers** to help with these efforts, both at the Food Bank and Mobile Pantries in the counties, to meet this need and feed people every day. **Please consider volunteering with the Food Bank of the Albemarle and the Mobile Food Pantries.**

In addition to the regular volunteer hours between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm there are also some evening and weekend hours available. Please visit: <https://afoodbank.org/volunteer/> to see how to get started volunteering with the Food Bank of the Albemarle. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

- According to Feeding America, the increase in the number of people turning to food banks for help nationwide is 60% or more on average. Please continue to support the Albemarle Food Bank. This is an important facility which is working hard to support the residents of our region who have found themselves with little or no income and are in need of additional assistance. While they are doing a great job, they are seeing such a surge in usage that they could use some additional support.
- September 1, 2020 NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen issued a [Secretarial Order](#) allowing for outdoor visitation at nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities. To participate, nursing homes must meet several requirements, including, but not limited, not having a current outbreak, having a testing plan and updated written Infection Control or Preparedness plan for COVID-19, and having adequate personal protective equipment. **The Secretarial Order is effective as of September 4 at 5 PM and remains in effect through September 22, 2020.**
- August 31, 2020 in an effort to continue slowing the spread of COVID-19, Governor Roy Cooper signed [Executive](#)

[Order 162](#) to extend the limited hours on the sale of alcoholic drinks in North Carolina. As the state continues to fight the spread of COVID-19, the Order requires restaurants to end the sale of alcoholic beverages at 11 pm. This Order will remain in effect through October 2, 2020. View [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

- **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

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.

- [Special Needs Registry](#) – You are now able to complete this form online – This registry should be considered strongly for all people who have special medical needs. Please visit <https://www.pasquotankcountync.org/special-needs-registry> for more information.





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. Testing is available at Pasquotank (252-338-4400) and Camden (252-338-4460) Health Departments on **Thursdays 8:30 – 10:00 am**. 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.
- The COVID-19 pandemic will add additional challenges and changes to the 2020 hurricane season, which runs until Nov. 30. [Find out what you need to know to be prepared](#).
- **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.

- 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**

- Resources for Small Businesses and the Agriculture Industry are available [here](#).
- [N.C. Pandemic Recovery Office](#)
- [Status of NCDMV offices](#)
- [Court calendar](#)
- [North Carolina state parks](#)
- [Election 2020 updates](#)
- View all NC Executive Orders at: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-orders>
- Below is information regarding the reopening of Elizabeth City Facilities in **Phase 2**:
 - All tennis courts and (City docks, basketball courts and skate park will be open. (The Splash pad is open). The 25-person restriction will apply in all these areas.
 - All City 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** - Monday, July 13th the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners approved a requirement for face coverings for the public in all county facilities in conjunction with Executive Order 147, which did not apply to local facilities.
- 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** - 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.
- **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**.
 - Visitors 12 and under are prohibited from the hospital.
- 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.