



# Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

# Situation Update

Wednesday, August 5, 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>

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

County	Confirmed Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Pasquotank	360	52	289	19
Camden	64	27	35	2

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Hospitalized:	Number of Counties:
August 5:	129,288	2,050	1,873,668	1,167	100
July 29:	117,850	1,865	1,691,434	1,291	100
Weekly Impact:	11,438	185	182,234	-124	0
Percentage Increase:	9%	9%	10%	-11%	0%

Breakdown by county is available at: [https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qScj4IX50EkgWOSqEQOZSOC\\_0cto#by-counties](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qScj4IX50EkgWOSqEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties)

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Hospitalized:
August 5:	95,049	2,274	8,126
July 29:	87,993	2,125	7,738
Weekly Impact:	7,056	149	387
Percentage Increase:	7%	7%	5%

### Pasquotank Correctional Institution

Date	Tests Performed	Negative Cases	Positive Cases	# Recovered
August 4:	677	656	21	19

Nineteen of these cases are the result of inmates being transferred from other Correctional Facilities prior April 7<sup>th</sup>. These 21 cases are included in the test count of 360 for Pasquotank County.

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

- 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. As of July 22<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 mass testing has been completed at 39 prison facilities; to include Pasquotank Correctional Institution.

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 360 for Pasquotank County

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

\*\*\*Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of nineteen (19) for Pasquotank County

- **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. **August 3, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 105,093**
- 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/>
- **Phase 2 Extension and Mandatory Face Coverings:** North Carolina will continue to stay paused in Safer at Home Phase 2 when the governor’s current executive order (Executive Order 147), expired on Friday, July 17. **The order has been extended and additional three weeks until Friday, Aug. 7.** This EO 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.
- Executive Order 151 which extends Phase 2 to August 7, 2020 can be viewed at <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO151-Phase-2-Extension.pdf>.
- **During the Governor’s 4:00pm Press Conference on August 5, 2020 Governor Cooper announced Phase 2 would be extended an additional five weeks – until 5:00 pm, September 11, 2020.**
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 153 ordering restaurants, breweries, wineries, distilleries, and other establishments which serve alcohol for on-site consumption to cease alcohol sales and service at 11:00 pm and not to resume sales until 7:00 am. This Executive Order goes into effect at 11:00 pm July 31<sup>st</sup>. Frequently Asked Questions associated with EO153 are also available for viewing.

## SCHOOLS

- Camden County Schools Board Of Education announced July 24<sup>th</sup> that schools will begin the 2020/2021 school year on Plan C, which is 100% remote learning for students for the first nine weeks grading period. Camden Early College High School will begin classes on August 12 and all other schools on August 17. It was also decided that Grandy Primary School will begin the school year with 100% remote learning with a target date of September 8 to transition to Plan B which is a mix of remote and face-to-face instruction with no more than 50% of students in the building at any given time and some strict safety guidelines in place.
- The ECPPS Board of Education adopted the district plan for re-entry on Monday, July 27, 2020, during their regular meeting via livestream. ECPPS will return in August under a hybrid plan which is Plan B, Option F, from the state's Lighting Our Way Forward: North Carolina. The plan provides the district flexibility in determining what best meets the needs of families and the community. ECPPS will use Option F to begin 2020-2021 under a phased in approach. The first nine weeks will include remote learning for students while providing the opportunity for one-on-one assessment of Exceptional Children students, English Language Learners, and Pre-K. Additional information will be shared on the ECPPS website and social media platforms.  
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources/lighting-our-way-forward>
- ECSU will start and finish the fall semester early in an effort to avoid a potential second wave of the virus in **late fall/early winter. This means students will not receive the normal breaks in their academic schedule for** which they are typically accustomed. **The first day of classes will be on August 11 and classes will be concluded by November 25.** There will be on-campus (face-to-face) instruction, hybrid (face-to-face and remote), and off-campus (online) instruction this fall in each academic department. Classes that will be delivered remotely are specifically identified on students' schedules or can be found when they register for their classes. The majority of classes this year will be remote or offered in a hybrid format. For on campus classes, Academic Affairs has worked with each academic department to determine the ideal classroom configuration with appropriate spacing for all classrooms. Larger campus spaces that allow for physical distancing are also being considered. Classrooms will be reconfigured. Plans for New Student Convocation and Winter Commencement at a later date. ECSU full calendar can be viewed [here](#).

Mid-Atlantic Christian University has developed a comprehensive plan to help maintain the health and safety of her students, staff, faculty, and visitors in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and to be prepared for student to live on campus and classes to begin meeting in early August. The semester has been arranged into two 8-week sessions allowing students to take 2-3 courses per session. This will allow for any sudden changes to our ability to operate in person to be handled more easily as each student will only have to shift 2-3 courses to distance learning at once versus 4-6. This arrangement will also include starting and ending the semester earlier meaning students will not receive the normal breaks in their academic schedule to which they are accustomed. Seating in classrooms has been reduced and arranged to maintain the recommended 6' distance between individuals. It will be required to use face masks in our narrow, highly trafficked hallways but face masks will not be required in classrooms unless the instructor chooses.

- The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the N.C. Department of Public Instruction a [\\$17.6 million grant to develop innovative instructional approaches to better meet student needs during disruptions to schooling such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

[North Carolina is one of 11 states to share in \\$180 million under the federal Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant program to support states' efforts to improve teaching and learning during the current crisis as well as others that may occur in the future. In North Carolina, the grant will fund an initiative to create a statewide "blended" instructional model that will combine both remote and in-person instruction. According to the state's grant proposal, the effort is aimed at stabilizing or improving student achievement during disruptions](#)

to regular school, to better prepare teachers for digital-age instruction and to strengthen preparedness by schools and communities for events that may interrupt student learning. The effort will focus primarily on 45 of the state's most rural and economically disadvantaged communities.

- **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](#)

## **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.
- **Free Drive-Through or Walk-up Coronavirus Testing – No appointment Necessary**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm New Sawyers Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 312 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Camden**  
If you or a member of you household has ONE of these symptoms:
  - Feeling Feverish
  - Cough
  - Shortness of Breath
  - Tired & Not Feeling Well
  - Body Aches
  - Headache
  - Runny Nose
  - Sore Throat
  - Loss of Smell & Taste
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

**Of if you are/have:**

  - Living With or Have Come in Close Contact With Someone With COVID-19
  - An Essential Worker at High Risk for Exposure
  - Attended a large group gather of 20 plus people 10-14 days ago
  - Living or Working in a Group Setting
  - First Responder/Healthcare Worker
  - At high risk of severe illness.
- 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.
- Tyson Foods, which has at least 10 facilities in North Carolina, announced July 30th it is starting a new testing and monitoring program at all 140 of its production facilities. The company will now test its workers for coronavirus weekly, which is one of the most rigorous testing plans in the industry to date. Tyson also created a chief medical officer position and plans to add nearly 200 nurses and administrative support personnel for its new program. The additional nurses will do the on-site testing and help arrange treatment for those who test positive.

- **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.
- **PPP Forgiveness:** Last week, H.R. 7777 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. H.R. 7777 is a companion bill to the Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Forgiveness Act, S. 4117. Both bills provide automatic forgiveness for PPP loans under \$150,000, roughly 86% of all PPP loans, and contain hold harmless language that the banking industry has sought since the launch of the Paycheck Protection Program.
- 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.](#)
- **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.

- 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.
- **Albemarle District Jail** - Effective June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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Statewide COVID-19 Website, NCDHHS COVID-19 Website
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NCDHHS Services for Families (Ongoing and Emergency Benefits)
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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](#)
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Child Care Hotline: 1-888-600-1685, available M-F from 8am-5pm
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**Families who need food assistance can text “FOODNC” or “COMIDA” to 877-877 or look at interactive map to locate nearby meal sites**

- **CBO Assistance COVID-19 Resources:** The US Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response has created [a new resource page](#) providing information for community-based organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources focus on equipping community based organizations (CBOs) to re-open, supporting clients and family caregiving networks, bringing innovation to CBO service, and improving integration.
- Resources for Small Businesses and the Agriculture Industry are available [here](#).
- 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>

- [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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

➤ **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/>

➤ **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.

- 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.