



Emergency Management

Elizabeth City · Pasquotank · Camden

Situation Update

Wednesday, September 9, 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	606	110	469	27
Camden	102	15	84	3

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Hospitalized:	Number of Counties:
September 9:	179,532	2,958	2,490,113	916	100
September 2:	170,553	2,779	2,315,310	858	100
Weekly Impact:	8,979	179	174,803	58	0
Percentage Increase:	5%	6%	7%	6%	0%

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

* The bulk of NC activity statewide is attributed to colleges and universities; COVID like illness in Emergency Departments are trending downward.

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Hospitalized:
September 9:	129,289	2,697	10,008
September 2:	122,542	2,641	9,678
Weekly Impact:	6,747	56	330
Percentage Increase:	5%	2%	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 606 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	17	8	0	3

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 606 for Pasquotank County

**Thirteen Staff are residents of Pasquotank County.

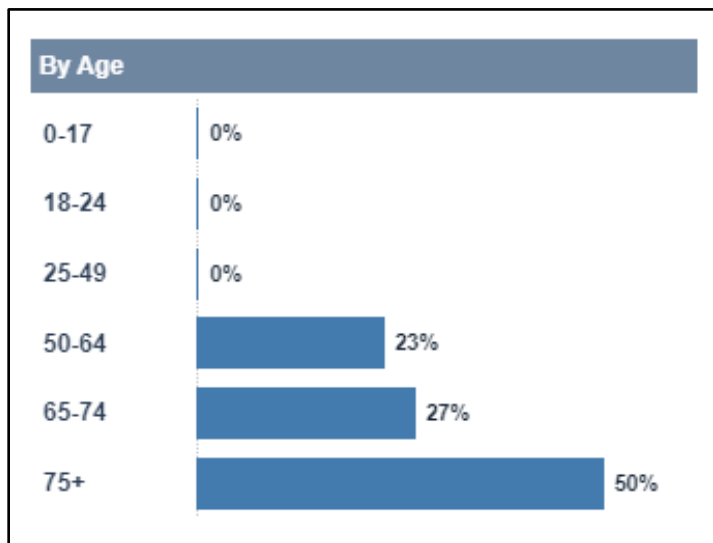
***Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of twenty-seven (27) for Pasquotank County

New Outbreak

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	4	3	1	0	0

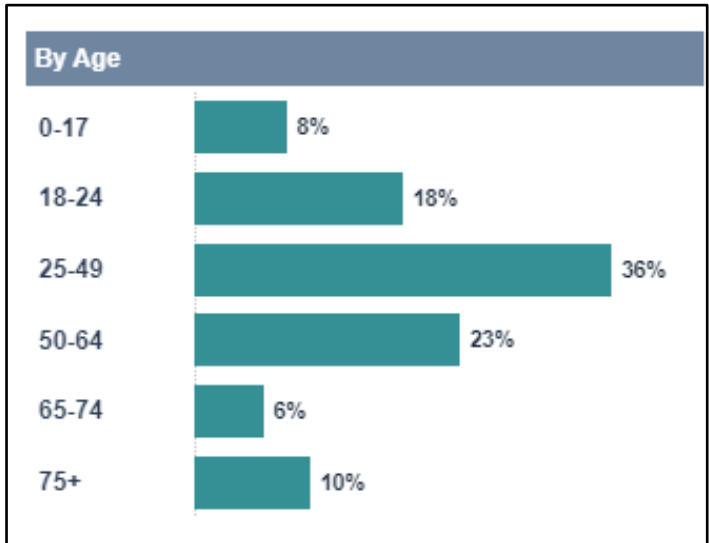
Pasquotank County

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 7, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 156,652**
- 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.
- Phase 2.5 is now in effect. There were some technical amendments made to [Executive Order 163](#) to clarify some provisions in the document
1. The defined term “Amusement Park” has been clarified. (Under Executive Order No. 163, any establishment defined as an “Amusement Park” must remain closed.) Under the revised definition, an “Amusement Park” is a place where guests’ primary purpose is to use types of attractions defined in a state statute, such as a roller coaster. Simply having an attraction in a museum or other establishment, on its own, does not make that place a closed “Amusement Park.”
 2. To avoid any perception that the treatment of bars is changing in Phase 2.5, 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. Specifically:
 - a. A rewritten bullet point in Section 8.1(a) makes clear that “entertainment facilities” include places “where the purpose is to engage in games of cards.” There has been no change to the “entertainment facility” definition: “places where the purpose is to engage in primarily passive forms of entertainment and any fitness benefit is largely incidental.”
 1. A new bullet point in Section 6.8(a) states the reverse of the “entertainment facility” definition, indicating that any facility for sports leagues for a “fitness activity or physical activity with a non-incidental fitness benefit” is open.
7. A change in Section 6.8(d) clarifies how it works together with the other provisions on spectators at sporting events, Sections 7 and Section 9.2. As stated in all three of those sections, the Mass Gathering limit applies to any spectators.

- NCDHHS is developing a COVID-19 Exposure Notification app called [‘SlowCOVIDNC’](#) that will launch across the state this month. The app will help North Carolinians slow the spread of the virus by alerting them when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Users that have the app will be alerted if they have been in close contact with an individual who later tests positive for COVID-19. The app is completely anonymous and does not collect, store, or share personal information or location data. **SlowCOVIDNC** is voluntary to download and use and designed to enhance the state’s existing contact tracing efforts. The app, which is currently in Beta testing, will be free of charge and available to download through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

- [LabCorp announced Tuesday, September 8th the launch of the first testing method to simultaneously detect COVID-19, influenza A / B, and respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\).](#) The single-panel test, which detects multiple types of infections, can help doctors diagnose patients and make decisions about treatment options. The test is available to patients through doctors, hospitals, and other authorized healthcare providers nationwide. LabCorp has also submitted an application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to offer the combined test through its Pixel by LabCorp™ at-home test collection kit, which would offer added convenience and accessibility.

- NCDHHS has launched the NC Medicaid Optional COVID-19 Testing program, which will reimburse Medicaid providers for costs associated with COVID-19 testing of people without insurance. Federal funding will be available to cover 100% of costs directly related to COVID-19 testing, including both viral and serological or antibody tests, through the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. In North Carolina, Medicaid-enrolled providers may file directly with NC Medicaid for reimbursement for testing eligible uninsured individuals. Costs for COVID-19 tests will be covered retroactively up to three months if people were uninsured at the time of the test. Read more [here](#).

- 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.
- On Friday, August 21st the North Carolina Division of Employment Security (DES) was approved for \$321 million in federal funding for the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program. The \$321 million will provide a weekly \$300 LWA payment to eligible beneficiaries for three weeks. In order to distribute funds quickly to eligible beneficiaries in North Carolina, the DES has been setting up the accounting process necessary to access grant funds.

The following eligibility requirements must be met for a person to receive the \$300 in LWA:

- The claimant must be eligible for at least \$100 per week in unemployment benefits from programs including state unemployment insurance, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Extended Benefits.
- The claimant must be unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The DES will provide additional information about Lost Wages Assistance in North Carolina as it becomes available. Other helpful resources can be found [here](#).




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.

- August 31, 2020 U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the [USDA will extend free meals to all children through December 31, 2020](#). This unprecedented move will help ensure children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and Camden County Schools will be providing free meals for all children up to age 18. Visit [ECPPS](#) and [Camden County Schools](#) websites for additional information.
- **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](#)
- **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. 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.
- 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

- **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](#).
- [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.