



# Emergency Management

Elizabeth City · Pasquotank · Camden

## Situation Update

Wednesday, September 16, 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	631	88	513	30
Camden	107	11	93	3

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Currently Hospitalized:
September 16:	188,024	3,149	2,683,384	918
September 9:	179,532	2,958	2,490,113	916
Weekly Impact:	8,492	191	193,271	2
Percentage Increase:	5%	6%	7%	0%

Breakdown by county is available at: [https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkgWOSqEQOZSOC\\_0cto#by-counties](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkgWOSqEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties)

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Total Hospitalizations
September 16:	136,359	2,884	10,389
September 9:	129,289	2,697	10,008
Weekly Impact:	7,070	187	381
Percentage Increase:	5%	6%	4%

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 7<sup>th</sup>. These 46 cases are included in the test count of 631 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	6

### 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 631 for Pasquotank County

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

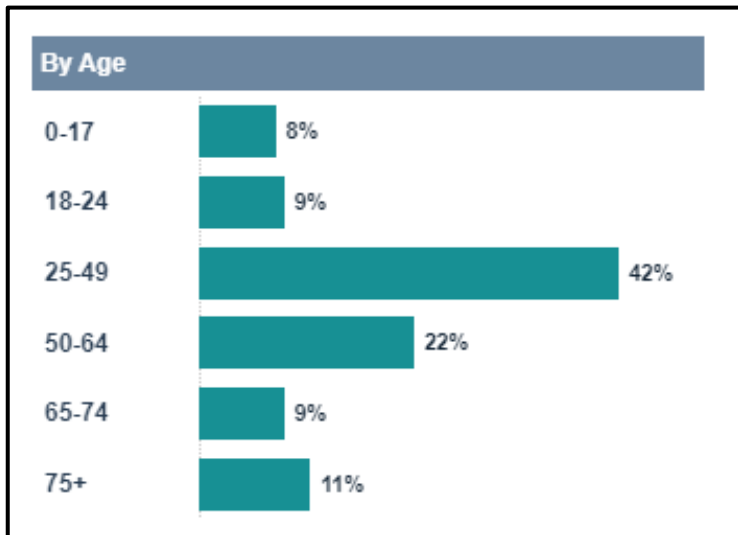
\*\*\*Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of thirty (30) for Pasquotank County

### New Outbreak

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	10	6	4	0	0

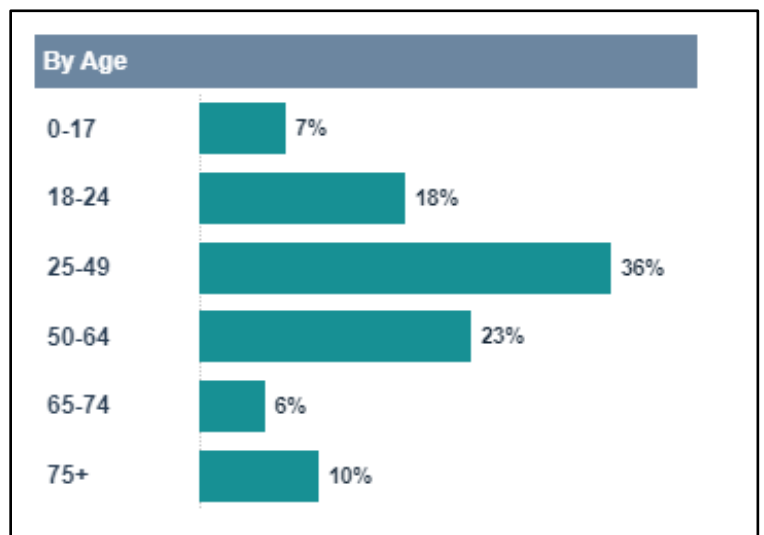
### Pasquotank County

*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 14, 2020 Patients Presumed to be Recovered = 167,257**
- 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](#)

- Interim Guidance for Administrators and Participants of Youth and Amateur Sport Programs was released on September 14<sup>th</sup>. All organizations and programs that gather groups of people should create and implement a plan to minimize the opportunity for COVID-19 transmission. DHHS Recommends limiting sports activities to those in which participants can maintain social distancing, or close contact is limited and brief. Additional information is available at: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NCDHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Youth-Amateur-Sports.pdf>
- Phase 2.5, reopening with some requirements, has allowed Indoor Fitness Centers and Gyms to open at 30% capacity. All businesses and agencies where groups of people may gather in an enclosed space should create and implement a plan to minimize the opportunity for COVID-19 transmission at their facility. [Interim Guidance](#) has been developed to help indoor fitness centers, yoga studios, dance studios, martial arts centers, skating rinks (ice and non-ice), indoor playgrounds, and bowling alleys reduce the spread of COVID-19 in their communities.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended a waiver, nationwide, that enables summer meal operators the ability to continue feeding all children free meals through December 31, 2020. ECPPS provides free meal services from specific school locations and also partners with other agencies such as Girls Inc., Boys and Girls Club and the Albemarle Area YMCA to provide meals for children in their care. ECPPS has recently added an additional partnership to provide free meal services for students enrolled in the Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies (NEAAAT). The goal of this program and partnerships is to reach all children within the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank community and ensure they are not hungry.

- Camden County Schools has created a Plan B Wait List Request Form for Camden families who requested Plan C, but are now interested in their child returning to school under Plan B. A separate form must be submitted for each child requesting to switch from Plan C to Plan B. If space becomes available then the request will be considered and the child's school will contact the parents. This form is available online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSS5KRAI5MOJbFPbUYbSlejOlyNsTrMw22f9ZilhTKVRbAwA/viewform>
- The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A & M has developed the [Long-Term Disaster Recovery Toolkit for Individuals with Disabilities](#). This toolkit is designed for Long-Term Recovery Committees/Groups, disaster case managers, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs), educators, school personnel, Offices of Emergency Management, community-based organizations, disability-related organizations, and individuals with disabilities and/or access and functional needs. It provides information on resources and services available in housing, education, transportation, medical and mental health, as well as five other support areas essential to recovery.
- [Count on Me NC](#) is a public health initiative that empowers visitors, guests and businesses to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19. Business Owners and Operators voluntarily receive training on how to help ensure the well-being of everyone that enter their business, to front staff on how to implement best practices for safely interacting with guests and customers and to back of house staff procedures designed to increase health and safety behind the scenes. All businesses are trained in protocols for cleaning and disinfecting to help keep everyone in their establishment safe. In addition to training, to be designated a "Count on Me" NC business each pledge to:
  - Ensure staff wears cloth face covering if they cannot keep six feet apart.
  - Ensure safe sanitation practices are followed.
  - Administer health checks to all staff prior to shift start.
  - Make sure indoor and outdoor seating meets all physical distancing guidelines.
  - Provide hand sanitizer or handwashing stations at all entrances.
  - Clean and sanitize common areas, bathrooms and high-touch surfaces regularly using the CDC recommendations.
  - Clean and sanitize all tables and hard surfaces after every use.
  - Clean settings, utensils, menus and condiments after every use or provide single-use options

The following Pasquotank and Camden County businesses have currently received training and have pledged "Count on Me NC" that they will do their part to keep their staff and patrons safe. Other businesses are urged to receive this training and also pledge to take steps to support the well-being of their staff and customers:

Andy's Pancake & Steak House  
 Belcross Bake Shoppe  
 Big Daddy's Pizza  
 Bo Jangles  
 Circle II Restaurant  
 Hungry Panda Chinese Restaurant  
 I Hop  
 La Michoacána Jalisco  
 La Tiendita Mexican Restaurant  
 Montero's Restaurant  
 Muddy Waters Coffee House

Paradiso Roma  
 The Sweet Easy  
 The Villa Restaurant  
 Kinderdance By Zaribel & Zaribel's  
 Comfort Inn  
 Grice Fearing House B & B  
 Museum of the Albemarle  
 New Ramoth Gilead Missionary Baptist Church  
 Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools  
 Visit Elizabeth City  
 Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center

Citizens can view business that receive this training and are committed to providing a safe environment for their customers at <https://countonmenc.org/>.

- **ASL Video on NC Phase 2.5:** DHHS Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has produced a new ASL video on NC Phase 2.5.
- **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.
- **Mental Health: Kids, Teachers and Parents:** The extent to which the stress and uncertainty of the pandemic is affecting children's mental health and emotional well-being is dependent on factors such as pre-existing mental-health problems, personal loss and stress in their family. Young people need mental health support in the pandemic. The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration, has [online resources](#) that can be of assistance.



**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 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/Parole 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 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.

➤ **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.