



# Emergency Management

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank - Camden

# Situation Update

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

\* 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	1956	453	1451	52
Camden	327	129	193	5

Date:	N.C. Cases:	N.C. Deaths:	N.C. Completed Tests:	Currently Hospitalized:
January 6	582,348	7,076	7,191,700	3,893
December 30	532,830	6,729	6,835,632	3,043
<b>Weekly Impact:</b>	<b>49,518</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>356,068</b>	<b>850</b>
Percentage Increase:	9%	5%	5%	28%

Breakdown by county is available at: [https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkWOSqEQOZSOC\\_0cto#by-counties](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc?fbclid=IwAR1yOdDdvZ1LNEDwr-XITc-gQGYQ1x4qSCj4IX5OEkWOSqEQOZSOC_0cto#by-counties)

\* The rising trends of COVID-19 in North Carolina are troublesome. There are more people going to the Emergency Department with COVID-like illness, record level of hospitalizations, the number of cases being at their highest levels and the percent of positive tests being up and more than 5,000 deaths in the state." Secretary Mandy Cohen

Date:	VA Cases:	VA Deaths:	Total Hospitalizations
January 6:	377,300	5,226	18,636
December 30	344,345	4,984	17,910
<b>Weekly Impact:</b>	<b>32,955</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>726</b>
Percentage Increase:	7%	4%	4%

## Resolved 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 1777 for Pasquotank County

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

**\*\*\*Death count of fourteen (14) is included in the total number of fifty-two (52) for Pasquotank County**

**Resolved Outbreak**

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	27	14	13	23	4

**New Outbreak (3<sup>rd</sup> Outbreak)**

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Elizabeth City Health & Rehab	140	91	49	50	19

**Resolved Outbreak**

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Waterbrooke	31	20	11	17	7

**Resolved Outbreak**

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Brookedale Assisted Living	8	6	2	8	0

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Citadel of EC	23	14	9	0	1

**Pasquotank Correctional Institution (2<sup>nd</sup> Outbreak)**

Facility	Positive Cases	Residents	Staff	Recovered	Deaths
Pasquotank Corrections	23	19	4	0	0

- [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.
- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is partnering with the North Carolina Central University's Advanced Center for COVID-19 Related Disparities (NCCU ACCORD) to ensure comprehensive COVID-19 information is effective in reaching underserved communities in North Carolina. The [partnership](#) aims to help everyone make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccines.

- FEMA Region IV is holding a free two-part virtual OPEN training designed to help volunteer agencies, nonprofits and other community-based organizations stay “open” during disasters. The training covers:
  - Take 10 steps to keep your organization operating in the event of a disaster,
  - Create a disaster response plan,
  - Ensure the safety of workers and clients,
  - Stay strong in the face of emergencies, including a pandemic.

Part 1 will be on Wednesday 13 January from 11a.m. to noon. Register [here](#).

Part 2 will be on Wednesday 20 January from 11a.m. to noon. Register [here](#).
- Vaccinations are occurring across North Carolina and the nation for COVID-19. NCDHHS message to the public is that it is important that everyone take advantage of the vaccine when your turn comes. They stress that these vaccines have been scientifically tested and proved safe and effective and they will help us get back to a sense of normalcy that existed before pandemic so we will once again be able to be with those we love and in the places we most enjoy being with them. The shot is a free and effective way to begin to rebuild our sense of community and the economy. Visit the NC Department of Health and Human Services online to learn more about the [COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Also [Learn More About N.C.'s COVID-19 Vaccine Plan](#).
- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has [added data on people vaccinated](#) to the [NC COVID-19 Dashboard](#). Data will be provided for the total number of people statewide and by county of residence who have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Data for people who have received the second dose of the vaccine will be added in January.
- Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools will delay student’s return following the winter break and operate in remote instruction for all students in an effort to minimize the anticipated surge of COVID-19 after the holidays. Students whose parents have opted to in-person instruction will return to campus according to the following schedule:
  - Pre-K and elementary students will return on Thursday, January 21, 2021, following the regular schedule.
  - Middle school students in Cohort B will return to campus January 21, 2021, and students in Cohort A will return to campus on January 25, 2021.
  - Traditional high school students in Block Three will return to campus on Thursday, January 21, 2021, students in Block Four on Friday, January 22, 2021. Students will resume the regular schedule on Monday, January 25, 2021.
  - ECP Early College students will receive direct communication from Principal Fyffe regarding the return to campus schedule for January 21, 2021
- Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen announced Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> that [North Carolina will begin a Modified Stay at Home Order](#) after a rapid increase in North Carolina’s key COVID-19 trends. The Order requires people to stay at home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and takes effect Friday, December 11 and will be in place until at least January 8, 2021. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for Executive Order 181 are
- also available for review.

- COVID-19 can spread anywhere, even places where you feel safe, like your home. If even one person in your household gets COVID-19, it can spread to others in your home. Learn [how to protect your home from COVID-19](#), how to keep it outside your home, and if it gets in your home, what you can do to keep it from spreading.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced Wednesday December 1st the shortening of the recommended quarantine period for people in the U.S. who have been exposed to COVID-19 from 14 days to seven to 10 days. A person can end a self-quarantine at seven days after exposure if they test negative and have no symptoms and, without a test, a person should self-quarantine for 10 days and monitor themselves an additional four days for symptoms. CDC officials have also said that people should be tested one to three days before traveling and three to five days afterwards. In addition, even with a negative test, they should reduce non-essential activities a full seven days after traveling and, if they chose not to be tested, reduce non-essential activities for 10 days.
- North Carolina is experiencing high levels of community transmission statewide, but the virus is impacting some counties particularly hard. The State established a COVID-19 Alert System on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to give individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials another tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:
  1. Yellow: Significant Community Spread
  2. Orange: Substantial Community Spread
  3. Red: Critical Community Spread

Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county. To be assigned to the red or orange tier, a county must meet the threshold for case rate for that tier AND the threshold for either percent positive OR hospital impact.

NCDHHS will publish an updated COVID-19 County Alert System report the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of every month.

There are critical actions we can all take to slow the spread of COVID-19. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials all have a responsibility to take these recommended actions, in addition to following the requirements in existing Executive Orders and NC DHHS guidance. Red and orange counties need to do even more to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their communities; it is strongly recommended these counties go further and build upon current requirements as recommended by the COVID-19 County Alert System.

You can find the [COVID-19 County Alert System](#) available on the NCDHHS website on the [Dashboard under Reports](#).

- 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>
- Live COVID-19 briefings can be viewed at <https://www.ncdps.gov/news-conference>. Past briefings are archived at <https://www.unctv.org/coronavirus/>
- 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 1:30 – 3:30 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.
- 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](#)
- View all NC Executive Orders at: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-orders>

## **COVID Vaccine Clinic**

\*Please note that this event could end early due to vaccine availability.

Information on Vaccine Clinics including location and dates is currently listed in this [Press Release](#).

If you have any questions or concerns related to this Press Release, please contact ARHS at 252.338.4448.