

2020 Covid-19 Regional Situation Report #193



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<p>Agency Operational Status:</p> <p>CapRAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully operational - Asking any partners experiencing difficulties in identifying additional surge space (total of 50% increase above licensed bed capacity), staffing for identified surge space, difficulty in the discharge (related to outside of your internal process) or transfer of patients (related to outside your internal process) to contact NiThorpe@WakeMed.org or JanisBrown@wakemed.org <p>Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully operational <p>EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully operational <p>Healthcare Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various hospitals have started to ration elective surgeries, strategic schedule elective surgeries, and few have cancelled elective surgeries - Various hospitals are going back to restricting visitors and patient support members - All hospitals are reworking dining areas and employee break areas to lesson any potential Covid exposure - Can begin to allow 1 visitor per person per day so long as the facility has not had a positive case in the last 14 days, not currently testing as a result of an outbreak/exposure AND the county has less than a 10% positivity rate according to CMS tracking – Positivity rate tracking document https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf - Fully operational <p>Hospital EOC's Activated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All hospital EOC's and Incident Management teams are partially activated <p>Franklin County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drive through testing on Tuesdays and Thursday from 8:30am – 9:30am – Appointment is required, call 919-496-2533 - Joint information Center activated and can be reached at 919-496-8113 for Covid related issues <p>Harnett County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools returning to a plan B blended option for K-5th grades - All agencies operating normally <p>Johnston County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools returning to virtual learning on Monday - Providing drive through testing opportunities <p>Lee County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing drive through testing and Flu Clinic opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lee County Community Covid Testing, Call 984-368-2112 to register for an appointment 		

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Wake County

- EMS Covid Vaccine Update - [EMS COVID Vaccine Update - Dec 15th, 2020 \(granicus.com\)](#)
- Schools will be virtual the first two weeks after winter break
- Tuesday-Saturday 9am-4pm Covid testing available without prior registration, but online appoint and ID are needed <https://covid19.wakegov.com/testing/>
- Wake Support to provide assistance for the cost of childcare during Covid-19 <https://covid19.wakegov.com/wakesupports/>
- Launching House Wake! A Covi-19 eviction prevention program for more information see <http://www.wakegov.com/housing/Pages/default.aspx>
- Drive through testing occurring on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's, Friday, and Saturday's from 10am to 3pm. Must register prior to showing up via <https://covid19.wakegov.com/testing/>

North Carolina Emergency Management

- Presidential Declaration of Emergency
 - o North Carolina Approved for the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, to help families receive the benefit in the coming weeks.
 - o FEMA is providing funding for hotel and dorm use for individuals at the discretion of the local Department of Health or for individuals who are front line providers/responders
 - o The Strategic National Stockpile has been depleted
 - o NC granted a Major Disaster Declaration for all 100 counties
 - o NC granted Small Business Disaster Declaration for all 100 counties
- State of Emergency Declared for all 100 counties
 - o State Emergency Operation Center starting to scale back day to day operations
 - Offering expedited funding to increase Community Non-Congregate Shelter Operations
 - **Governor's 2-1-1 hotline has been activated to help with covid-19 questions and assistance**
 - **Help Line for child care up to 12 years old 1-800-600-1685; 8am – 5pm daily**
[https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/C/COVID-19 Parent Application for Financial Assistance for Emergency Child Care 04012020.pdf?ver=2020-04-01-085539-233](https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/C/COVID-19%20Parent%20Application%20for%20Financial%20Assistance%20for%20Emergency%20Child%20Care%2004012020.pdf?ver=2020-04-01-085539-233)
 - o Governor's Orders:
 - New executive order
 - Governor and Secretary of Public Safety Hooks sent letters to encourage local officials and law enforcement to enforce statewide Covid-19 orders
 - Modified Stay at Home Order in effect at 10pm on Friday, December 11
 - o Encourages everyone to stay at home from 10pm to 5am
 - o Nonessential commerce must close by 10pm
 - o Bars must close by 9pm
 - Pausing at phase 3
 - Reducing indoor gatherings to 10 people
 - Bars, movie theatres, amusement parks with 30% 100 people whichever is less
 - No new changes to high school athletic schedules currently
 - Statewide order for all persons to wear face coverings in public
 - Some inmates under specific conditions will serve the remainder of their sentence in the community under community correction officer supervision

NCDHHS

- Covid-19 County Alert System - <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/COVID-19-County-Alert-System-Report.pdf>
- There are multiple programs available to support providers who are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers can receive much needed funds to help cover COVID-19 related primary care services and expenses. A [fact sheet](#) and [chart](#) listing other supports available are on the [DHHS COVID-19 Response - Providers, Hospitals and Labs webpage](#) under *Resources to Support NC Providers Responding to COVID-19*.
- [Extension of Temporary Suspension of Immunization and School Health Assessment Requirements](#)
- [Using, Interpreting, & Responding to COVID-19 Antigen Tests Flowchart](#)

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- Facilities that experience a new outbreak must fall back to previous restrictions as defined in Secretarial Order 3 for the restriction of visitors for 28 days. Order number three restrictions are <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/Secretarial-Order-3.pdf>
- Guidance on Visitation, Communal Dining and Indoor Activities for Larger Residential Settings <https://files.nc.gov/covid/guidance-on-visitation-communal-dining-indoor-activities-for-larger-residential-settings-oct-16-2020.pdf>
- Launched new “Slow Covid NC” app to alert app users when they have been exposed to Covid-19 using Bluetooth technology; the more people that download it and use it the better
- Mandating all long-term care facility staff to be tested for Covid every 14 days regardless of any signs or Covid
- Most waivers for the use of surge space are set to expire 7/31, hospitals should follow up on these waivers and not assume they will remain in place
- Remember the 3 W’s – Wear a mask in public – wait six feet apart from each other in public – wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds
- Nursing homes must notify local health department of any/all identified covid or suspected covid residents
- Death Certificates can be obtained via County Register of Deeds or the State Vital Records Office
- Asking all hospitals to plan for increasing their bed capacity by at least 30% within their facility, and if possible, plan for an additional 20% utilizing alternative space within/on facility owned property (based on total licensed acute care beds)
- **Hope4Healers mental health line for first responders, childcare providers/teachers and healthcare workers 919-226-2002**
- **Hope4NC mental health line for everyone 1-855-587-3463**

Staffing Issues:

CapRAC

- Fully staffed at Garner Warehouse
- 156 interested individuals have attended Capital Medical Reserve Corps Orientation
 - o 76 new members have been onboarded
 - o 156 volunteers have been engaged in Covid-19 activities (training and deployments)
 - 124 volunteer service hours have been recorded
 - Estimated value of \$5,870.31

Hospitals

- Hospitals are having staffing concerns and are working to establish plans for flexing medical staff as patient demands increase (both covid and non-covid related)

Public Health

- No staffing issues currently

EMS

- No staffing issues currently

Long Term Care Facilities

- Struggling to maintain minimum staffing levels
- To assist in addressing staffing shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CMS is waiving the requirements that a facility may not employ anyone for longer than four months unless they meet certain training and certification requirements. This waiver allows nursing centers to temporarily employ individuals who have completed alternative training paths, as long as they are competent to provide relevant nursing and nursing related services.

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Equipment/Supply Issues:

NCOEMS

- Counterfeit Update
 - o 3M 1860 respirators entering North American over the last 8-10 weeks have been found to be potential counterfeits if you have concerns about your 3M products contact Mike Gannon at 3M at mgannon@mmm.com
 - If you need more assistance in determining if your 3M product could be counterfeit email JanisBrown@WakeMed.org to receive more information to help you determine the validity of your 3M respirators
- Reported supply shortages
 - o Chemo rated medical gloves
 - o Antigen testing supplies
 - o Medical gloves
 - o Face shields
 - o Procedure Masks
- NCOEMS will manage the receiving, vetting, and distribution of all PPE resource requests from the state warehouse, it is expected that requests for resources will be shipped directly to the requesting facility within five days of receiving the request. **Healthcare agencies should continue to utilize the resource request link found online at: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/requesting-ppe>**
- To request Covid-19 testing supplies facilities should utilize the following link <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/requesting-specimen-collection-supplies>

CapRAC

- Actively recruiting SMAT-800 and CMRC volunteers to support a staff mission at a Long Term Care Facility in Harnett County
- All equipment is available upon request
- To-date has distributed 161,078 items of PPE to state, regional, and local partners

Healthcare Facilities

- According to State Medical Examiner's Office, Non-Medical Examiner decedent cases can be transferred from one hospital's morgue to another inside or outside the county in accordance to the Statewide Hospital Mutual Aid Agreement. For Medical Examiner decedent cases, local and/or state medical examiner offices must be contacted prior to the transfer of any decedent from one Hospital's morgue to another inside or outside the county
- Facilities have implemented critical resource conservation initiatives

Public Health

- All agencies have implemented critical resource conservation initiatives

EMS

- All EMS agencies have implemented critical resource conservation initiatives

Suggested Vendors (we do not endorse these vendors; these were brought to our attention as being successful in being able to push out commodities to some of our healthcare partners)

- Medline, McKesson, Nufabrx and Manufacturing Solutions Center, Bossong Medical, Amazon, Brookdale Corporation, Pro Customer Advisory Council, Saab Barracuda Lillington, FroggToggs

Facility/Infrastructure Issues:

Statewide Hospital Data (all data as of 12pm on December 17, unless otherwise noted) – 97% Reporting

- 20,997 (+53) total inpatient bed capacity before surge
 - o 16,506 (+15) inpatient beds currently occupied
 - 2,804 (-7) covid patients currently hospitalized
- 2,490 (+29) total ICU bed capacity before surge
 - o 2,065 (-6) ICU beds currently occupied
 - 620 (-26) ICU beds occupied by Covid patients
- 3,543 (-8) total number of ventilators
 - o 1,142 (+26) ventilators currently in use

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CapRAC Hospital Data (all data as of 12pm on December 17, unless otherwise noted) – 100% Reporting

- 1,151 (+8) total inpatient bed capacity before surge
 - o 973 (+23) Inpatient beds currently occupied
 - 190 (-4) Covid patients currently hospitalized
- 169 total ICU bed capacity before surge
 - o 136 (-13) ICU beds currently occupied
 - 43 (-6) ICU beds occupied by Covid patients
- 200 total number of ventilators
 - o 63 (+8) ventilators currently in use
- Influenza Like Illness Data for the RTP Area 4 via NC Detect (*next update 12/23/20*)
 - o Emergency Department Visits 417 (-10)
 - o Hospital Admissions 96 (+96)

Congregate living/facility outbreaks (Nursing, Residential, and Prison facilities) (2 or more infected patients)

(all data as of 12pm on December 17, unless otherwise noted)

- 546 (+12) current outbreaks in North Carolina
 - o 82 (+3) ongoing outbreaks in the CapRAC Region and counties surrounding Wake County
 - 30 in Wake County
 - 18 (+1) in Durham County
 - 9 in Harnett County
 - 9 in Granville County
 - 8 (+1) in Johnston County
 - 4 (+1) in Lee County
 - 2 in Franklin County
 - 2 in Nash County
 - o 553 new cases reported today
 - 38,094 Total Reported Cases
 - o 2,983 (+30) Deaths reported

Utilities Issues:

- Updated Cybercrime Threat to Healthcare information - <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-302a>
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Ransomware Website - <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/Ransomware>
- The Healthcare and Public Health Sector is seeing an increase of ransomware attacks across the sector. Please take all necessary precautions to mitigate the risk of being impacted. Ransomware attacks involve using a type of malware that encrypts the victim's data, making the system inaccessible until a ransom is paid. Oftentimes, the attacker will not bother to unlock the user's data even after a ransom is paid. Please see the following resources from HHS Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3), DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and from the FBI for additional information:
 - o [FBI Flash \(May 5, 2020\)](#)
 - o [Ryuk Update \(January 30, 2020\)](#)
 - o Quick reference infographic on ransomware, [click here](#).
 - o CISA Insights which summarizes key mitigation steps, [click here](#).
 - o CISA's comprehensive library for ransomware has a number of products ranging from training to mitigation best practices, [click here](#).
- NCAG warning about Covid-19 scams across multiple platforms (phone, cell, email, etc.)
- U.S. EPA warns that Facebook, Ebay, Alibaba, and others are selling illegal disinfectant from various dealers (*link for approved disinfectants can be found in "resources"*)
- Reports of Zoom accounts and passwords are being offered for sale online
- Internet and cell speeds have been reported to slow as more and more people work remotely and stay home
- "Zoom-bombing" is when hijackers disrupt Zoom sessions with graphic images and profanity
- WebEX and some other teleconferencing providers experiencing intermittent disruptions
- **CapRAC can facilitate a free telemedicine app/program to connect patients and healthcare workers/facilities upon request**

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Other issues, comments, or notes:

Covid-19 Update

Statewide (all numbers reflect Molecular PCR Positive cases)

- 4,590 new cases reported today
 - o 423,821 total reported cases
 - Daily positive rate is 11.7% (-.8%)
- 5,788 (+74) total reported deaths
 - o 341,041 total reported recoveries

CapRAC Region (all numbers reflect Molecular PCR and Antigen numbers)

**Next county and regional positivity rate update will be 12/29/2020*

- 462 new cases reported today
 - o 56,642 total reported cases
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 10.28% (+4.4%)
- 580 (+1) total deaths reported
 - o **Franklin County – Orange Status**
 - 25 new cases reported today
 - 2,557 total reported cases
 - 37 total reported deaths
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 9.7% (+2.5%)
 - o **Harnett County – Red Status**
 - 68 new cases reported today
 - 5,111 total reported cases
 - 88 Total reported deaths
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 13.7% (+4.7%)
 - o **Johnston County – Red Status**
 - 121 new cases reported today
 - 9,649 total reported cases
 - 90 total reported deaths
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 10.6% (+1.6%)
 - o **Lee County – Orange Status**
 - 36 new cases reported today
 - 2,987 total reported cases
 - 37 (+1) total reported deaths
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 12.2% (+3.5%)
 - o **Wake County – Orange Status**
 - 212 new cases reported today
 - 36,338 total reported cases
 - 328 total reported deaths
 - Fourteen (14) day positivity rate 8.2% (+2.5%)

Surrounding Area

- **Chatham County – Orange Status**
 - o 12 new cases reported today
 - 2,635 total reported cases
 - o 65 total reported deaths
- **Durham County – Orange Status**
 - o 96 new cases reported today
 - 13,162 total reported cases
 - o 129 total reported deaths
- **Granville County – Orange Status**
 - o 41 new cases reported today
 - 3,177 total reported cases
 - o 60 total deaths reported
- **Nash County – Orange Status**
 - o 31 new cases reported today
 - 5,266 total reported cases
 - o 116 (+2) total reported deaths

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Testing Data (data is as of 12pm on December 17, unless otherwise noted)

- 6,149,645 (+43,443) Tests Completed via State and Private Labs
 - o Average turnaround time for testing is 3.3 days
- FDA approved Lucira Health's home based Covid-19 test when prescribed by a physician
- MAKO has developed a CovFlu-19 test that includes two strands of flu from a single swab
- Risk Factors for Severe Illness from Covid-19 <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Risk-Factors-for-Severe-Illness-from-COVID-19.pdf>
- Average age of covid cases is 35 years old
- New dates added to Pop-Up Testing Sites <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place/pop-testing-sites>
- American Red Cross offering free Covid-19 Antibody test with every blood donation
- Widespread community transmission is expected throughout the state
- At Risk Categories: 65 and older, Underlying Medical Condition, Pregnant Women

Covid-19 Treatment Update

- CDC says that quarantine can be cut to 7-10 days
- FDA Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers EUA of Casirivimab and Imdevimab [treatment-covid19-eua-fact-sheet-for-hcp.pdf \(regeneron.com\)](#)
- FDA Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers EUA of Bamlanivimab [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) of Bamlanivimab \(fda.gov\)](#)
- FDA issues EUA for casirivimab and imdevimab
- FDA Grants EUA for Baricitinib in Combination with Remdesivir <https://www.fda.gov/media/143822/download>
- FDA granted emergency use authorization (EUA) for the use of the unapproved product bamlanivimab for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing who are 12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg, and who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization.
- FDA approves Veklury for use in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) - Here is a link to the [FDA EUA website](#) where you can find the most current versions of the EUA fact sheets for Healthcare Providers, Patients/Parents/Caregivers, and an FAQ document. Here is a link to the [Veklury homepage](#) where you can find the FDA approved prescribing information and a link to the [official FDA press release](#).

Covid-19 Vaccine Update

- FDA is reviewing EUA for the Moderna vaccine today
- Harnett Health has received the vaccine
- UNC Rex has received vaccine
- FDA has indicated that facilities should not use any leftover vaccines from multiple vials to create an additional dose
- There are reporting requirements that must be followed prior to administering any additional vaccine doses after the 5th dose is administered from a single vial
- WakeMed received vaccine
- UNC Medical Center received vaccine
- Cape Fear Valley Medical Center received vaccine
- Vaccine may be given to individuals ages 16 and older
- Duke Health received vaccine
- Atrium Health has started vaccinating front line workers
- Vaccines have been shipped and have started to arrive at predesignated locations nationwide
- FDA approved EUA the use of Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine
- CDC meeting this weekend to make a recommendation for who should receive the vaccine first
- It is recommended that healthcare workers should be staggered to avoid any staffing shortages due to any side effects to the vaccine
- Vaccine will be free (paid either through personal health insurance, provider, and/or the Federal Government)
- Estimates about how much vaccine we will receive in NC as part of our initial allocations continue to fluctuate. However, the current estimate provided by CDC/OWS is approximately 85,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine in week 1
- Ancillary Kits are expected to be shipped with all Pfizer and Moderna vaccine, but these kits will NOT include sharps containers, bandages or gloves.
- CDC Covid-19 Vaccine Training Module: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers [COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules \(cdc.gov\)](#)

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- NCDHHS Carolina Interim Covid-19 Vaccination Plan Executive Summary [NC-COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-with-Executive-Summary.pdf](#)
- CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling toolkit [Vaccines Storage and Handling Toolkit | CDC](#)
- First batches for Covid-19 vaccines are being to be distributed via charter flights
- Moderna has asked the US and EU for EUA for their Covid-19 vaccine
- Pfizer has asked for a EUA for their Covid-19 vaccine
- BioNTech has asked for a EUA for their Covid-19 vaccine
- AstraZeneca has asked for a EUA for their Covid-19 vaccine
- Vaccine side effects include flu like symptoms
- Vaccine will be provided in two doses; recipients must receive both doses from the same manufacturer
- Some Vaccines will need ultracold storage
- Advance EMT's and Paramedics approved to administer Covi-19 vaccine, any other provider will be based on specific county medical control leadership and physician oversight/approval
- NCDHHS Suggesting all jurisdictions to begin planning for mass vaccination operations
- Federal Government suggests that vaccines will be prioritized for those most at risk for Covid
- Federal Government suggests that vaccines should be made free to everyone

For the Pfizer Vaccine Candidate:

- EUA Application has been submitted to FDA. VRBPAC (FDA) meeting to review/discuss application is scheduled for 12/10
- If EUA is granted, the first shipment of Pfizer vaccine is expected to arrive in NC the week of 12/14

For the Moderna Vaccine Candidate:

- EUA application has been submitted to the FDA. VRBPAC (FDA) meeting to review/discuss application is anticipated to be scheduled for around 12/17.
- If EUA is granted, the first shipment of Moderna vaccine is expected to arrive in NC the week of 12/21

North Carolina Vaccine Allocations:

- NC's week 1 vaccine allocation is 85,800 doses of Pfizer vaccine. Please remember that the Pfizer vaccine has a minimum ship quantity of 975 doses. Fifty-three different hospital locations have already been notified that they will be receiving Pfizer vaccine in week #1 of the allocations.
- Week 1 vaccine will all be allocated to hospitals due to the limited quantity and hospitals being better equipped to handle the specific storage requirements associated with the Pfizer vaccine. There is not enough vaccine in our week 1 allocation to allocate to all hospitals, so some hospitals will receive 0 vaccine in week one.
- Vaccine is expected to be allocated to NC on a weekly basis for both products once they become available.
- In Week 2 we expect to receive both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine. Vaccine in week 2 will be allocated to hospitals and local health departments. By week 2 all hospitals and local health departments should receive vaccine.

North Carolina COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Prioritization Framework:

- Attached to this email you will find the most current NC Vaccine Distribution Prioritization Framework.
- EMT/Paramedics who are at high risk for COVID-19 exposure are considered part of the Phase 1A priority population
 - o Please note high risk is defined as caring for COVID-19 patients, cleaning areas where COVID-19 patients are admitted, performing procedures at high risk of aerosolization, handling decedents with COVID, or administering vaccine in initial closed or targeted vaccination clinics.

EMS Access to Vaccine in North Carolina:

- EMS systems will likely gain access to COVID-19 vaccine in two ways:
 - o By partnering with their Local Health Department and having the LHD provide vaccination services to EMS professionals
 - o By partnering with their local Hospital and having the hospital provide vaccination services to EMS professionals.
 - o Hopefully EMS systems have already been planning with their local health departments and hospitals. If not, EMS systems are highly encouraged to do so ASAP, so that local health departments and hospitals can incorporate EMS personnel into their Phase 1A planning as necessary.
 - o Some EMS systems may be capable of providing vaccination services to their own EMS personnel. In order to do this the EMS system must be enrolled as a NC Vaccination Program Provider and must be able to meet all of the requirements outlined in CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. EMS Systems that are interested in enrolling as their own COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider will be given the opportunity to

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enroll in the near future. More information will be provided once our CVMS provider enrollment portal goes live.

- **NOTE: EMS systems only need to enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Program if they wish to receive their own vaccine.** EMS systems that are planning to assist local health departments or hospitals with their vaccination efforts DO NOT need to enroll.
- Everyone who receives the vaccine will receive a wallet that will show when their next dose is due
 - CDC is passing out and suggesting people who receive the vaccine should wear a button or a sticker saying they received the vaccine
- Pfizer BioNTech have received a EUA under the British National Health System
- North Carolina is expecting 84,800 doses of Pfizer vaccines within days of it gaining a EUA from the FDA
 - According to Governor Cooper the vaccines will be priorities:
 - Hospitals
 - Long Term Care Settings
 - People with comorbidities (heart disease, diabetes, etc.)

Resources

- NETEC
 - Webinar, October 16, 1pm – Pediatric Perspective in a Pandemic - https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pjXdz9ukSZab2fPhLNmlqw
 - Webinar, October 2, 1pm – God Masks? PPE Compliance and Fatigue in First Responder Realms https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rnLrcjGqSV6-K41ZhM0GdQ
 - Webinar, September 25, 1pm – Covid: Current State of the Pandemic https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8TbGXiUVSmW0RdPwk8AFfg
 - Webinar Friday, June 19, 1pm – Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned: Covid-19 in EMS https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PoZtZzKR_CaQ8_I10Tu4w
 - N95 Respirator Training <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/phpr/docs/NCDPHRespiratoryProtectionGuidanceMarch2020.pdf>
 - NETEC webinar on the use of HICS for Covid-19 Resilience and Recovery recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYLYlc56KM&feature=youtu.be>
 - NETEC Covid-19 Webinar Slides: N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation Process for Decontamination and Reuse <https://repository.netecweb.org/files/original/b4429fece6a2b967c9fd64696833865e.pdf>
- CDC
 - Cloth masks help protect you and those around you
 - Covid-19 Vaccine Information Website - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/vaccination.html>
 - CDC redefines Covid-19 close contact, adds brief encounters - <https://www.wral.com/coronavirus/cdc-redefines-covid-19-close-contact-adds-brief-encounters/19347160/>
 - CDC Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated with Covid-19 https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00432.asp?deliveryName=USCDC_511-DM28431
 - CDC Flow Chart for reopening https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/ReOpening_America_Cleaning_Disinfection_Decision_Tool.pdf
 - CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CMS
 - CMS Granted North Carolina an 1135 Waiver <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/federal-disaster-resources/?entry=54036> (does not include EMTALA)
 - Current CMS Waivers in response to Covid-19 <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>
- State Agencies
 - DHSS County on me campaign <https://countonmenc.org/?hl=en>
 - North Carolina Community Health Center now a partner in providing community testing
 - Latinx Community Testing Information Dashboard <https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/es-ES/>
 - Guidance on Congregate settings visitation <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Guidance-on-Outdoor-Visitation-for-Larger-Residential-Settings.pdf>
 - <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Guidance-for-Smaller-Residential-Settings-Visitation-Communal-Dining-Group-Outside-Activities.pdf>
 - YouTube Messages to reach historically marginalized populations about Covid-19 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw5kLIHIJZPjetMjbjLSHQg>

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- Updated Covid-19 Testing Guidance <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/COVID-19-Provider-Guidance-Final.pdf>
- Non-Clinical community members can now administer and collect Covid-19 tests so long as they have been trained and are properly supervised <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/NCDHHS-Guidance-on-Collecting-COVID-19-Samples-for-Non-Clinical-Community-Partners.pdf>
- New Covid-19 Dashboard with regional surge data information included <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/hospitalizations>
- University of Minnesota – Resources for Developing Mass Vaccination Clinics - <https://www.mass-vaccination-resources.org/>
- NCDHHS Risk Factors for Severe Illness for Covid-19 <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Risk-Factors-for-Severe-Illness-from-COVID-19.pdf>
- Alabama Public Health – Addressing the Needs of Consumers with Substance Use Disorder in the Age of Covid-19- <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/alphnt/ondemand/2020/06-24.html>
- Alabama Public Health – Addressing the Needs of Older Adults in the age of Covid-19 - <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/alphnt/ondemand/2020/06-10.html>
- “When Should I Be Tested?” Resource added to Farm and Meat Plant Worker Toolkit <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/info-for/businesses/Why-Should-I-Be-Tested.pdf>
- NC Care 360 – Statewide infrastructure connecting healthcare and human services <https://nccare360.org/resources/>
- Improved App for Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services <https://epass.nc.gov/>
- NCDHHS Webinar – Hurricane Season and Covid-19: How Families of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Can be Prepared, July 29, 11am <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5657866/Hurricane-Season-and-COVID-19-How-Families-of-Children-and-Youth-with-Special-Health-Care-Needs-Can-Be-Prepared-July-29th>
- Secretary of State has provided guidance for temporary emergency video notarizations https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/notary/Emergency_Video_Notarization
- NC Secretary of State warning of illegal online pharmacies, to verify the legitimacy of an online pharmacy visit www.verifybeforeyoubuy.org
- Phase 2 to begin at 5pm on Friday, May 22 <https://governor.nc.gov/news/key-indicators-remain-stable-north-carolina-moves-safer-home-phase-2>
- Tool to track Covid-19 Symptoms and help in making the decision to get tested and where to get tested <https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/>
- Updated State Testing guidance <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/COVID-19-Provider-Guidance-Final.pdf>
- Formed the Carolina Community Tracing Collaborative with partnerships with Community Care of NC and the NC Area Health Education Centers to train and hire 500 new tracers statewide, more information can be found at www.communitycarenc.org to apply <https://www.communitycarenc.org/carolina-community-tracing-collaborative>
- NCDHHS Mental Health Resources <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/managing-your-overall-health>
- Joint Statement North Carolina Board of Nursing and Office of Emergency Medical Services, Alternative Practice Settings for EMS Personnel <https://www.ncems.org/pdf/OEMS-BON-Joint-Position-Statement-on-APS.pdf>
- National Certification Council for Activity Professionals <https://www.nccap.org/covid-19-activity-director-resources>
- NC Department of Health and Human Services What to do if you feel sick <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/C19-PatientGuidance-3.23.20-FINAL--003-.pdf>
- New SC2 EMS protocol: <https://ncems.org/latest/latest-sc2-respiratory-disease-uneditable.pdf>
- Recommendations on visitation in long term care facilities to reduce risk of transmission of covid-19 <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/pdf/memo/NCDHHS-COVID-19-VisitationGuidance-for-LTCFacilities-2020-03-13.pdf>
- Covid-19 in North Carolina, Hospital Capacity and the Covid-19 Epidemic in North Carolina: Preliminary Estimates <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/NC-Covid-Brief-1-4-6-20.pdf>
- NC Detect is now tracking Covid-19 <https://ncdetect.org/>
- NC Department of Health and Human Services Covid Case Tracker <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc>
- NC Department of Health Website for guidance updates <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/providers.html>

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- Medicaid Guidance Update Affective March 13 <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/about-us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-and-nc-medicaid>
- NC Department of Health and Human Services Information page <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina>
- NC Department of Information Technology Affordable/Free high Speed Internet Provider Map <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/covid19broadband/>
- Other Federal Agencies
 - Strategies for Managing a Surge in Healthcare Provider Demand - [Strategies for Managing a Surge in Healthcare Provider Demand \(hhs.gov\)](#)
 - ASPR TRACIE Hospital Operations Toolkit for Covid-19 [Hospital Operations Toolkit for COVID-19 | ASPR TRACIE \(hhs.gov\)](#)
 - HHS Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing on Covid-19 Response and Vaccine Distribution Best Practices - <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/national-governors-association-questions-on-vaccine-distribution-planning.pdf>
 - HHS Expands Relief Fund Eligibility and Updates Reporting Requirements - https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/22/hhs-expands-relief-fund-eligibility-and-updates-reporting-requirements.html?utm_source=news-releases-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=october-25-2020
 - FDA approved Pixel Covid-19 at-home tests, LabCorp will begin selling them for \$119 at the recommendation of healthcare providers and a completed questionnaire
 - ASPR Maintaining Healthcare Safety During the Covid-19 Pandemic Webinar slides - <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/maintaining-healthcare-safety-webinar-ppt-prachand.pdf>
 - ASPR Covid-19 Optimizing Healthcare Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies Webinar Slides - <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-optimizing-healthcare-ppe-webinar-ppt-final.pdf>
 - Building a More Resilient Strategic National Stockpile - <https://www.phe.gov/about/sns/Pages/sns-next-generation.aspx>
 - ASPR TRACIE Webinar July 28, 2pm-3:15 = Use of Telemedicine in Alternate Care Sites <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6169046790557289485>
 - FEMA's Public Assistance Disaster Specific Guidance - <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/187108>
 - FEMA Webinar – Covid-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for 2020 Hurricane Season (various days and time options) <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/188203>
 - ASPR empower AI: Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence to Drive Data to Frontline Emergency Responders <https://www.phe.gov/ASPRBlog/pages/BlogArticlePage.aspx?PostID=380>
 - ASPR's Protecting Community Hospitals and Providing Effective Patient Care during Civil Unrest <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-ta-hospitals-and-civil-unrest-resources--6-1-2020.pdf>
 - HHS Announces New Laboratory Data Reporting guidance for Covid-19 Testing https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/04/hhs-announces-new-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance-for-covid-19-testing.html?utm_source=news-releases-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june-07-2020
 - New FDA Guidance <https://www.fda.gov/media/138326/download>
 - ASPR TRACIE Covid-19 Healthcare Delivery Impacts <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/covid-19-healthcare-safety-webinar-flyer.pdf>
 - NIH Treatment Guidelines for Covid-19 <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/expert-us-panel-develops-nih-treatment-guidelines-covid-19>
 - FAQ on Diagnostic Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (To include information about Antibody Testing) <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-diagnostic-testing-sars-cov-2>
 - EPA List of Disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2 <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
 - Webinar "Covid-19: Healthcare System Operations Strategies and Experiences," Power Point <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/covid-19-healthcare-system-operations-webinar-ppt-final.pdf> and recording <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/1619994450926416140>
 - Portal to File claims with the Health Resources and Services Administration for the testing and treatment of uninsured Covid-19 patients <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/>
 - FEMA's Covid-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for 2020 Hurricane Season <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/188203>
- University/Education Agencies
 - UNC Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology <https://spice.unc.edu/>
 - IHME Covid-19 Projections <https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>

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- **Accreditation/Consulting Organizations**
 - o Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals Webinar Cyber Security in Healthcare November 18 - <https://www.ahepp.org/event/cyber2020>
 - o Joint Commission Position Statement on Preventing Nosocomial COVID-19 Infections as Organizations Resume Regular Care Delivery <https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/covid19/position-statement-on-preventing-nosocomial-infections.pdf>
 - o Joint Commission Infographics and Posters https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19?utm_source=marketo&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRrM00ySXhOV1ExTVRJMilsluQioiJOQnhxWFppS3QwZjZVXC9vYXR1ZUJRVO9SRGIwY0tCbTNSbEUrWVVSMdy4Q0pvU0JSQjBucmZQSjhxamtLSVZoVTgzboDMZHFPK0RwOXM5bng1MjJ1dkF2SVlxbW9SeGwyVWJwbGRvXC8zRWFBRk9iNVJYMGVWNlFia2xBTmNFY0dmln0%3D
 - o ACCUMEN Utilizing Regional Testing for Covid-19 Webinar <https://accumen.com/resources/webinar/utilizing-regional-testing-capacity-to-fight-covid-19/>
- **Other Agencies/resources**
 - o WHO updates guidelines for utilizing corticosteroids for severe Covid-19 patients - <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Corticosteroids-2020.1>
 - o American College of Medical Toxicology – Covid19 Webinar Series: Modeling; Wednesday, August 12 3pm https://acmtevents.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=acmtevents&service=6&rnd=0.158418447725793&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Facmtevents.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000042aef8d5cdd47e3f49d7ad7aafed2c87c2a695ce5b845e1a87d2f78d0338e90281%26siteurl%3Dacmtevents%26confViewID%3D165670764368920018%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAADWfg2qU3m0ZKLIDPrjElKXpR6jOfPcAKbIDRDzaLLw2%26
 - o Washington State Department of Health – Infection Prevention for Funeral Homes Handling Deceased Cases of Covid-19 <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/FuneralHome.pdf>
 - o Healthcare Worker Exposure Response and Outcomes (HERO) <https://heroesresearch.org/>
 - o Social Distancing Scoreboard <https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard>
- **News Articles**
 - o Pfizer says early data shows coronavirus shot may be 90% effective <https://abc11.com/health/pfizer-early-data-shows-covid-vaccine-may-be-90%25-effective/7795715/>
 - o Wearing a neck gaiter may be worse than no mask at all, researchers find https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Flifestyle%2Fwellness%2Fmask-test-duke-covid%2F2020%2F08%2F10%2F4f2bb888-db18-11ea-b205-ff838e15a9a6_story.html&data=02%7C01%7CNITHORPE%40wakemed.org%7Ce808e1b4953b4faf121a08d83e2d2654%7C4045d2238b314c15b863ee20f3303bb8%7C0%7C0%7C637327711278469251&sdata=MymQWHCQKt6XDFSa%2FNe3NFB7le%2BobbgzWeipeKHGRM%3D&reserved=0
 - o Know your Risk During Covid-19 https://www.texmed.org/uploadedFiles/Current/2016_Public_Health/Infectious_Diseases/309193%20Risk%20Assessment%20Chart%20V2_FINAL.pdf
 - o Multiple organizations are offering various COVID tests for healthcare workers. CapRAC partners may wish to discuss testing with their medical leadership so that providers and systems can make informed decisions regarding whether to be tested. (Recommended article on this issue <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/14/health/coronavirus-antibody-tests-scientists/index.html>)
 - o Re-Opening and Related Testing Concepts, article from “The Atlantic” <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/04/pandemic-summer-coronavirus-reopening-back-normal/609940/>

Commercial Sector

- Starbucks offering free coffee to healthcare workers for the month of December
- Walgreens has partnered with CDC for administering Covid-19 vaccinations
- NC State has canceled spring break
- Pfizer says it won't seek vaccine authorization before mid-November
- Advance Care is offering rapid tests in 15 locations across the triangle
- MedFirst is offering 5,500 rapid tests at 7 locations across the state
- CVS offering Covid-19 testing to children 12 years and older at all 159 drive thru testing sites
- LabCorp will be rolling out a new test to detect Covid-19 and influenza A/B, or RSV before the onset of flu season
- Clinical trial participant registration <https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org/clinical-study-locations/>
- StarMed Urgent care opening free Covid testing sites in 7 counties (all of them are outside of the CapRAC region)
- Carolina Theatre will not be hosting live performances of the Nutcracker this year

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- From October 15-25 22 local fair vendors will offer take out food from 10am to 8:30pm
- Campbell University will not participate in football even if Big South decides to play in the spring
- NC State will allow 4,000 spectators split between students, parents, and fans
- Polar express train has been canceled
- Meadow Lights' Christmas event canceled
- Pullen Park Christmas Holiday Express cancelled
- Duke Gardens closed through the end of 2020
- All Raleigh events cancelled through the new year to including first night Raleigh
- UNC has moved all classes to virtual
- Big10 and Pac12 football seasons are expected to be cancelled
- Annual Dogwood Festival Cancelled
- Raleigh Christmas Parade to be virtual
- State Fair Cancelled
- It has been recommended to us that Award Company of America (ACA) is offering a good price and quality on face shields, more information can be obtained at www.AwardCompany.com or by contacting Kevin Crawford at 205-872-0935
- Ticket sales for Raleigh's Holiday Express cancelled
- Durham Bulls Minor League baseball season has been cancelled
- FDA Recall on Hand sanitizer <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-consumers-not-use-hand-sanitizer-products-manufactured-eskbiochem>
- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos will open at 6am on Thursday with a 30% capacity
- Triangle Town Center will open 11am to 7pm Monday-Saturday, 12pm-6pm on Sundays
- Uber safety policy prohibits front seat passengers, and driver and passenger must wear mask
- Chipotle is offering healthcare workers a chance to receive a free burrito if you sign up at <https://ir.chipotle.com/2020-04-20-Chipotle-Launches-4HEROES-Buy-One-Give-One-Program>
- Circle K is offering free coffee, tea, and polar pop to first responders, healthcare workers and to their frontline store employees <https://www.circlek.com/covid19>
- Snickers is offering to send essential workers a coupon for a free snickers bar valid at Walmart <https://sendasnickersfromhome.com/>
- Steak n' Shake is offering free fries at the drive through only at participating locations
- Crocs is giving away free shoes to healthcare workers every Monday-Friday at 12pm https://www.crocs.com/COVID19-REQUEST.html?irgwc=1&adid=affiliate_impact_454865&siteID=207195-&clickid=3-GVu9U-LxyOR3mwUx0Mo3YSUKizrCXOExb30g0&afid=mediapartner_207195
- Airbnb providing free or subsidized temporary housing for healthcare professionals, relief workers, and first responders <https://news.airbnb.com/airbnb-to-help-provide-housing-to-100000-covid-19-responders/>
- Talkspace is offering a free month of therapy for doctors, nurses, social workers and front line workers <https://www.talkspace.com/covid-resources>
- Adidas is offering 40% off purchases on their website for verified medical professionals, first responders, nurses, and military members <https://www.adidas.com/us/discount-programs>
- Hooters offering 20% off all food takeout orders every day for healthcare workers, first responders and military
- Mrs. Fields is offering 25% off their heroes collection <https://www.mrsfields.com/categories/Heroes-Collection/>
- Nike is offering a 20% discount for eligible medical professionals and first responders <https://www.nike.com/help/a/first-responder-discount>
- National list of discounts for healthcare providers <https://nurse.org/articles/offers-freebies-discounts-healthcare-workers/>
- Starbucks expected to open today – All Employees will be screened and required to wash their hands every 30 minutes – Some facilities will only allow one person in at a time
- Costco is limiting the amount of meat products that can be purchased at one time – only people wearing masks will be allowed to enter their facility