



6/21/2020 Beaufort County, NC

COVID-19 SITREP

The following information is as of 7pm.

Case Statistics

	Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Current Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Worldwide	7.6 Billion	8,914,528 (+197,543)	4,040,057 (+70,921)	466,527 (+5,321)	4,407,944 (+121,301)
USA	330 Million	2,275,319 (+37,254)	1,533,237 (+35,756)	119,949 (+607)	622,133 (+15,418)
NC	10.4 Million	52,801 (+1,411)	22,442 (+1,411)	1,220 (+5)	29,219 (+5,566)
Beaufort Co.	47,000	57	9 (-1)	0	48 (+1)

Text in red or green indicates positive / negative changes since our last update.

- NC has total 52,801 confirmed cases, with 1,220 deaths. Our state currently has 22,442 active cases and 845 hospitalizations.
- Beaufort County has had a total of 57 cases, with 9 currently active. Nineteen (19) of our positive cases were asymptomatic. (Meaning they experienced no COVID-19 symptoms.) Contact tracing of these known cases have concluded:
 - (32) cases are attributed to direct contact (with another known positive case.
 - (2) cases were related to travel to a known outbreak area.
 - (23) cases are attributed to community spread.
 All active cases are self-isolating.



- Our source for county specific data has not updated since yesterday. Eastern NC counties with total confirmed cases include: Bertie, (136), Beaufort (57), Bladen (262), Brunswick (328), Carteret (52), Camden (16), Chowan (19), Columbus (460), Craven (300), Currituck (16), Dare (27), Duplin (1,317), Edgecombe (268), Gates (25), Greene (140), Halifax (259), Hertford (154), Hyde (6), Jones (26), Lenoir (329), Martin (111), New Hanover (535), Northampton (173), Onslow (206), Pamlico (15), Pasquotank (155), Pender (162), Perquimans (30), Pitt (553) Sampson (865), Tyrrell (5), Washington (37), Wayne (1,622) and Wilson (594). Mecklenburg (8,511), Wake (3,721), and Durham (3,094) counties have the most cases.

Consider This When Comparing Case Numbers

Many of you have undoubtedly noticed an increase in known cases over the past 2 weeks, both locally and across the state. At first glance, these numbers can be concerning. However, it is important that we look beyond a single number or statistic and evaluate all aspects of our COVID-19 data.

Beaufort County, like many across our state, began an aggressive testing and contact tracing campaign several weeks ago. This effort has allowed for more cases to be identified both locally and statewide. An increase in known cases are expected with initiatives such as these. Simply speaking, the more people you test, the more known cases you are likely to find. Especially when you are testing people who have been determined to have had contact with other known cases. Its also important to know that we have identified approximately 28 people with negative results for every positive case within our county. Hence the importance of evaluating the total test conducted instead of simply focusing on a single number. It is comparisons such as these that help us to determine the prevalence, or how common this virus is in our area.

We are currently preparing to increase our testing efforts to yet another level in the coming weeks. This will allow us to monitor impacts within specific communities, while also providing for more data in which to make response, mitigation and preventative decisions.

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ONCE YOU'VE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19...

1. STAY HOME

Self isolate yourself, within your home, from others around you.



2. ANSWER YOUR PHONE



Results should be received within 72 hours. The Health Department will contact you daily to check in on you & will call with your results once they are received.

3. YOUR RESULTS

In addition to you being given your results over the phone, a copy will also be mailed to you.



IF POSITIVE



You are to isolate yourself at home for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** until you can go 72 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication **AND** have an improvement in respiratory symptoms.

IF NEGATIVE

When notified of your test results, the nurse will give you further guidance regarding monitoring, based on your situation



Are Your Glasses Fogging Up?



Mask Tip

TO PREVENT YOUR GLASSES
FROM FOGGING UP...

1. TWIST YOUR ELASTIC BANDS ON YOUR MASKS
2. PLACE OVER YOUR EARS
3. YOUR MASK WILL BE TIGHTER AND HELP PREVENT YOUR GLASSES FROM FOGGING UP.

Re-Opening Timeline / Guidelines

Below is a summary of our states plan for a phased reopening. Please note that these timelines / guidelines are subject to change based on case trends and / or additional executive orders.

Phase II (Will begin at 5pm Friday, 5/22 and continue through June 26, 2020)

Lift the Stay-at-Home order. Restaurants and Personal Care Services must follow safety protocols including the potential need to reduce capacity. (Bar & Fitness Centers will remain closed under Executive Order 141)

Increase number of people allowed at gatherings

Recommend face coverings in public spaces when 6 ft of distancing isn't possible.



Additional information about Phase II can be found using the following link.

<https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19/phase-two-resources>

Additional Business / Employer Guidance can also be found by using the following link.

<https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19/beaufort-county-resources/business-employer-guidance>

The Governor and the N.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association also introduced **Count on Me NC**, a free online training program to help restaurants, hotels, and other businesses learn the best ways to protect customers and employees from COVID-19, which can be found at:

<https://countonmenc.org/>

Phase III (Could begin June 26, 2020 and July 12, 2020.)

Increased capacity at Restaurants, Bars, Other Businesses & Entertainment Venues.

Further increase the number of people allowed at gatherings.

Mitigation Efforts

- Beaufort County's EOC is fully activated to provide support for essential county and municipal functions.
- The City of Washington closed the following city office buildings to the public until further notice:
 - City Hall
 - Bobby Andrews Recreation Center
 - George H. and Laura E. Brown Library
 - Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center
 - Moore Aquatic and Fitness Center
 - Susiegray McConnell Sports Complex
- Beaufort County Schools will remain closed through the end of the current school year. They will continue to serve meals Mon-Friday at the following locations.



The locations for these student meals are :

- Cornerstone Family Worship Center -1918 West 5th Street, Washington Contact: Tiana Payne Church: 252-946-6109
- Temple of Joy -96 Hill Road Chocowinity NC Contact: Apostle Georgette Redmond: Church: 252-975-6580 Cell: 917-7223
- Ware Creek Baptist Church - 2302 Maules Point Road, Blunts Creek Contact: Bishop Charles Smith: Cell: 252-622-1924 Bishop Charles Tyson, Pastor
- Fresh Anointing Church of God - 820 Hwy 33 East, Aurora NC - Cell 252-364-7493

- River Road Estates
- Northeast Elementary School
- Eastern Elementary School
- John Cotton Tayloe Elementary School
- Chocowinity Primary School
- SW Snowden Elementary School
- Belhaven Civic Center parking lot
- Salvation Army parking lot in Washington
- Washington Police Substation at 9th street

Any child can have a breakfast and lunch.

This lunch will be served in a “drive-thru” setting so no one has to leave their car or enter the school building. Parents and family members may pick up these meals for their students whether or not the students are with them. We will just need the names of the students receiving the meals. Any student of any school can pick up a meal at any site.

- Families who need help finding meals for their children ages 18 and younger can text “FOODNC” to “877-877”.
- The following Executive Orders have been issued for North Carolina.
 - EO 144: Extends certain health and human services provisions in previous executive orders.
 - EO 143: Addresses disparities in communities of color that historically have had less access to health care, housing, economic opportunity and more.



- EO 142: Extends the prohibition of utility shut-offs and implements a moratorium on evictions.
- EO 141: Lifts the statewide Stay at Home Order and moves the state to a Safer At Home recommendation. Allows restaurants to resume dine-in services, and Barbers, Salons and Personal Care businesses to open.
- EO 139: Provides additional regulatory flexibility to help ensure capacity in the state's health care system and improve its ability to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- EO 138: Effective 5 p.m. May 8, 2020, eases some restrictions on travel, business operations and mass gatherings.
- EO 135: Extends until May 8, North Carolina's Stay At Home (Executive Order 121) as well as other orders regarding the closures of restaurants for dine-in service, bars and other close-contact businesses
- EO 134: Allows furloughed employees to be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- EO 133: Extends certain provisions in previous executive orders that are related to transportation.
- EO 131: Addresses three issues: requires retail stores that are still operating to implement new social distancing policies to make shopping safer for customers and employees; makes earlier COVID-19 guidelines mandatory for nursing facilities, and recommends other long-term care facilities to do the same; speeds up the process to get benefits to people out of work.
- EO 130: Provides more access to health care beds, expands the pool of health care workers and orders essential childcare services for workers responding to the crisis.
- EO 124: Prohibits utilities - including electric, gas, water and wastewater services from disconnecting people who are unable to pay during this pandemic and prohibits them from collecting fees, penalties or interest for late payment. The order applies for the next 60 days and gives residential customers at least six months to pay outstanding bills.
- EO 121: A statewide "Stay at Home" order has been issued. This order will restrict travel to essential activities only. (ie. Travel for items such as, groceries,



food, medications, household supplies, essential workers, etc.) This order will also limit gatherings to less than 10 people.

- EO 120: Extended school closures through May 15th. This order also imposes restrictions on the following businesses; Bingo Parlors, Bowling Alleys, Indoor Exercise Facilities, Health Clubs, Indoor / Outdoor Pools, Live Performance Venues, Movie Theaters, Skating Rinks, Spas, Gaming and businesses which allow gaming activities.
- EO 119: Lifting restrictions on local Health Departments, childcare facilities, and commerce transport. This order also restricting various functions of DMV to include:
 - Driver's License Office will operate by appointment only.
 - Closing of all Drivers License Office that are on insufficient size to maintain social distancing.
 - Extending office hours at locations that are of sufficient size.
 - Postpone all DMV related hearings for 60 days.
- EO 118: Restricting dine-in services at all restaurants / bars. These businesses will continue to be allowed to provide carry-out and delivery services.

Testing

- There have been 1,686 tests completed in Beaufort County to date, with 1,562 negatives, 53 positives and 71 pending. (These are cumulative numbers and includes test performed at the Health Department and reporting private medical facilities throughout our county.)
Four (4) of our positive cases were tested in other counties but are Beaufort Co. residents.

Resources

“Check My Symptoms”

NCDHHS has created a “Check My Symptoms” tool that will help you check your symptoms online and determine if you will be recommended to be tested for COVID-19. After you enter your symptoms, if it is recommended that you get tested, you will receive a list of nearby testing



sites via email or text. This is an informational tool to help you determine if you may need to be tested; however it is not a physician order. Testing sites may require their own screening. The “Check My Symptoms” tool can be accessed using the following link.

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place>

“Find My Testing Place”

Find testing location near you by using the following link:

<https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/>

We have created a resource page that can accessed at

<https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19>.

This resource page contains guidance for businesses, long term care facilities, families, and more.

We are here to offer support and answer any questions or concerns. We are encouraging all community partners to share accurate information and promote it within your businesses, communities, and elsewhere. Beaufort County’s website and Facebook page are great ways to stay up to date on accurate information.

Thank you,



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