



6/4/2020 Beaufort County, NC

COVID-19 SITREP

The following information is as of 5pm.

Case Statistics

	Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Current Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Worldwide	7.6 Billion	6,588,761 (+143,304)	3,355,795 (+57,704)	388,416 (+5,965)	2,844,550 (+79,635)
USA	330 Million	1,867,595 (+25,966)	1,280,422 (+9,357)	107,915 (+1,219)	479,258 (+15,390)
NC	10.4 Million	32,075 (+1,086)	12,254 (+1,086)	1,013 (+33)	18,860 (+3,906)
Beaufort Co.	47,000	43 (+2)	7 (+2)	0	36

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

- NC has total 32,075 confirmed cases, with 1,013 deaths. Our state currently has 12,254 active cases and 659 hospitalizations.
- Beaufort County has had a total of 43 cases, with 7 currently active. Our six (6) most recent cases have been attributed to a single event that occurred over Memorial Day weekend. Fifteen (15) of our positive cases were asymptomatic. (Meaning they experienced no COVID-19 symptoms.) Contact tracing of these known cases have concluded:
 - (22) cases are attributed to direct contact with another known positive case.
 - (2) cases were related to travel to a known outbreak area.
 - (19) cases are attributed to community spread.

All active cases are self-isolating.



- Eastern NC counties with total confirmed cases include: Bertie, (127), Beaufort (43), Bladen (132), Brunswick (115), Carteret (39), Camden (3), Chowan (17), Columbus (349), Craven (216), Currituck (15), Dare (22), Duplin (915), Edgecombe (214), Gates (24), Greene (84), Halifax (197), Hertford (132), Hyde (1), Jones (28), Lenoir (222), Martin (74), New Hanover (225), North Hampton (165), Onslow (117), Pamlico (10), Pasquotank (115), Pender (93), Perquimans (29), Pitt (326) Sampson (531), Tyrrell (4), Washington (32), Wayne (1,212) and Wilson (403). Mecklenburg (4,842), Wake (1,977), and Durham (1,830) counties have the most cases.

Hurricane Preparedness & COVID-19

June 1, 2020

Washington, NC –

Today officially begins hurricane season. We have already seen two formations of Tropical Storms with Arthur and Bertha. We in Beaufort County are very acquainted with hurricanes, but that doesn't mean we need to be relaxed in regard to hurricane season. We need to be prepared!

There are important tips you and your family can do before, during, and after a storm to be the most prepared and remain safe.

Before:

- Talk to your insurance representative or independent agent and be sure that you are properly covered.
- Make a family communications plan.
- Listen for weather advisories and stay informed.
- Repair loose boards, shingles, shutter, down spouts that could become greater problems in high winds or torrential rain.
- Unclog or clear all outdoor drains, rain gutters, and downspouts.
- Stock emergency supplies (battery powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, medicines, first aid kit, a week's worth of non-perishable food and water).
- Charge your cell phone and fill your car with gas.
- Program all emergency phone numbers in your phone.
- Turn your fridge to the coldest setting so food will last longer if the power goes out.



During:

- Listen to a radio, or if possible, TV for information.
- Secure your home (close storm shutters and secure furniture or things outside that could blow away)
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Stay away from windows.
- Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water to use for sanitary purposes, such as cleaning and flushing toilets.
- If flooding begins, turn off electricity.
- If advised to evacuate, go as soon as possible.
- Do not burn anything larger than candles inside your home without providing adequate ventilation to the outside.
- Do not use a generator inside your home, garage, crawl space, or other enclosed areas.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **TURN AROUND! DON'T DROWN!** (Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.)
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- If you go to a community shelter:
 - Follow the latest guidelines from the CDC and local health officials regarding protecting yourself from COVID-19.
 - Bring cleaning and disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces you may need to touch regularly.
 - Maintain at least 6 feet between you and persons not part of your immediate family while at the shelter.
 - Anyone over 2 years old should use a cloth face covering while at these facilities.

After:

- Continue to listen to the radio for any updates
- If you have evacuated, **DO NOT** return until officials say it's safe.
- Avoid playing or wading in flood water, which could contain dangerous debris.
- Keep away from loose power lines and report them to your local power company.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you know it isn't contaminated.
- Take pictures for insurance purposes to document property damage that occurred.

Hurricane season is here. Prepare now, not when the storm hits.

For more information regarding hurricanes preparedness and safety visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.



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Please Remember and Practice “The 3 Ws”

Wear Face Coverings

Wait 6’ Apart

Wash Your Hands Often

Opening Beaufort County – A Message from Beaufort County’s Health Department

Beaufort County’s Health Department has created a quick informational video that shares tips and safety measures to assist in the safe reopening of our local businesses. This video can be viewed using the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPse42FID40>

We will continue to provide additional guidance as our state progresses through its tiered reopening plan.

How to Properly Wear a Face Mask



**IF YOU CHOOSE TO WEAR A MASK,
ENSURE IT'S WORN CORRECTLY!**

CORRECT



The mask should extend from the bridge of the nose to below the chin.



Glasses are to be worn on top of the face mask, over the bridge of the nose.

WRONG



The mask should NOT sit above the chin, leaving the mouth exposed.



The mask should NOT sit under the bridge of the nose, leaving the nose exposed.

Wearing Gloves Doesn't Mean More Protection From Germs





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 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 1,084 tests completed in Beaufort County to date, with 1,000 negatives, 39 positives and 45 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.



Free Wi-Fi Locations

Please see the message below from Wilkes Communications / Riverstreet Networks.

Wilkes Communications/ Riverstreet Networks Installs Free Wi-Fi Hotspots to the Community

Wilkesboro, NC, March 26, 2020 - Wilkes Communications/Riverstreet Networks is committed to the well-being of our customers, our employees, and our community. As we continue to actively monitor developments related to coronavirus (COVID-19) we want to assure you that we are taking all necessary health and safety precautions in accordance with the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and local and state health officials for our customers, employees and the community.

We are dedicated to serving our valued customers and ensuring they maintain reliable access to the online resources and information they want and need. To ease the strain in this challenging time, we have opened several Wi-Fi hotspots in the communities we serve. We currently have over 100 free Wi-Fi hotspots at 70 locations in North Carolina and Virginia. This will enable students and employees who may not have internet access to be able to complete coursework and work remotely. This free service can be accessed from the safety of your vehicle. Please visit wilkes.net or myriverstreet.net for a listing of our hotspot locations.

Wilkes Communications/RiverStreet Networks would like to thank the businesses for allowing us to install this equipment on their premises. This partnership illustrates how much they care about their community and its well-being. Our network and communications services are crucial to the people we serve in not only keeping them informed but allowing the social distancing required to slow down the spread of the virus through the population.

Our communities, our country, and our world are resilient places. Together, we'll see our way through this situation and be stronger because of it. Thank you for helping us all stay healthy. Free Wi-Fi access can be found at the following locations within Beaufort County:

- Pantego Community Fire Department | 25673 US 264 Hwy E, Pantego NC 27860
- Pinetown Volunteer Fire Department | 7262 N Boyd Rd, Pinetown NC 27865
- Pungo Christian Academy | 983 West Main Street, Belhaven NC 27810
- Northeast Elementary School | 21000 US-264 Pinetown, NC 27865



- Bath Elementary School (Behind Cafeteria) | 110 King St, Bath, NC 27808
- St. Clairs Church | 9814 NC 99, Bath, NC 27808
- Allgood Church of God | 1891 Mill Hole Rd, Washington, NC 27889
- Union Grove Church of Christ | 6889 NC-99, Pantego, NC 27860
- Life Gate Free Will Baptist Church | 52 Old Pamlico Beach Rd, Belhaven, NC 27810
- Pungo Fire Department | 40 Pike Rd, Pantego NC 27860
- Everett's Crossroads Church of Christ | 48 South White Post Rd, Pinetown, NC
- Terra Ceia Christian School | 4428 Christian School Rd, Pantego

Please refer to the following link for a complete list of Wi-Fi locations in NC and VA:
[See A List of FREE Community Wi-Fi LOCATIONS - NC and VA by Clicking Here](#)

Resources

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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