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**ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES UPDATE ON
REGIONAL CASE COUNTS AND OUTBREAKS**

COVID-19 testing appointments available at local health departments

Elizabeth City, NC – Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing updated data of lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases as of 11 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2020 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached). ARHS cases include:

Pasquotank County – 128 lab confirmed cases – 22 active, 92 recovered, and 14 deaths

Perquimans County – 29 lab confirmed cases – 6 active, 21 recovered, and 2 deaths

Camden County – 3 lab confirmed cases – 0 active and 3 recovered

Chowan County – 19 lab confirmed cases – 2 active and 17 recovered

Currituck County – 15 lab confirmed cases – 0 active and 15 recovered

Bertie County – 134 lab confirmed cases – 12 active, 118 recovered, and 4 deaths

Gates County – 23 lab confirmed cases – 3 active, 19 recovered, and 1 death

Hertford County – 143 lab confirmed cases - 20 active, 117 recovered, and 6 deaths

ARHS continues to work on multiple outbreaks at local facilities. Elizabeth City Health and Rehabilitation (ECHR) currently has 50 residents and 21 staff members with lab-confirmed positive cases and thirteen deaths.

ARHS staff are also continuing to monitor the outbreak at the Ahoskie House. At the present time, there are 50 residents and 21 staff members with lab-confirmed positive cases and four deaths.

Bertie Correctional Facility presently has 12 staff and 10 inmates with lab-confirmed positive results.

Outbreaks at Ahoskie Assisted Living consist of two positive cases in residents and Chowan River Rehabilitation and Nursing has one resident and one staff member with lab-confirmed positive cases.

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Outbreak at Rivers Correctional Institution, Pasquotank Correctional Institution, and Three Rivers Health and Rehab have all resolved.

As noted previously, NCDHHS considers an outbreak to be 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.

ARHS is expanding the availability of COVID-19 testing at local health departments across the eight-county region. Testing clinics will begin on Monday, June 15 from 1-3 pm. Testing will be available for those meeting criteria by appointment only. ARHS does encourage residents to call their primary care provider for an assessment or information on testing availability before calling the local health department as it is always encouraged to go through your primary care home. If someone does not have a primary care home, ARHS does offer primary care services. For more information on criteria for COVID-19 testing or appointments, call 252-338-9355 or your local health department directly.

Pasquotank County Health Department 252-338-4400 Testing available: Thursday 1-3pm	Perquimans County Health Department 252-426-2100 Testing available: Tuesday 1-3pm	Camden County Health Department 252-338-4460 Testing available: Thursday 1-3pm	Chowan County Health Department 252-482-6003 Testing available: Monday 1-3pm
Currituck County Health Department 252-232-2271 Testing available: Wednesday 1-3pm	Bertie County Health Department 252-794-5322 Testing available: Wednesday 1-3pm	Gates County Health Department 252-357-1380 Testing available: Monday 1-3pm	Hertford County Health Department 252-862-4054 Testing available: Tuesday 1-3pm

ARHS is continuing to ask our community citizens to be mindful in practicing preventive and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

These precautions include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Practice social distancing; stay at least six feet away from others, avoid unnecessary travel, avoid handshakes, hugs and other close contact.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public when social distancing measures are hard to maintain.

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For more information about COVID-19 visit these sites:

Albemarle Regional Health Services - <http://www.arhs-nc.org/> or call **252-338-WELL/9355**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Center for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

For more information, please contact Amy Underhill, ARHS PIO at 252-338-4448 or aunderhill@arhs-nc.org.

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