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ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES TO OFFER COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Elizabeth City, NC – Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout the community on Wednesday, January 6 and Thursday, January 7, 2021. Vaccines will be available to anyone in the following categories:

Current Phase- Phase 1a: Health care workers fighting COVID-19 and long-term care staff and residents - Hospitals and local health departments are vaccinating health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19 and those giving vaccines. In addition, the federal government is vaccinating long-term care residents and staff.

Phase 1b: Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers.

- **Group 1:** Anyone 75 years or older regardless of medical condition or living situation. People do not have to have a chronic health condition.

County	Location	Wednesday, January 6	Thursday, January 7
Bertie	Bertie County Health Department	9 a.m. -12 p.m.	9 a.m. -6 p.m.
Camden	Camden County Health Department	9 a.m. -6 p.m.	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Chowan	Chowan County Health Department	9 a.m. -4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Currituck	Maple Park	9 a.m. - 4p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Gates	Gates County Health Department	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Hertford	Ahoskie Creek Amphitheater	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Pasquotank	College of the Albemarle	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Perquimans	Perquimans County Recreation Center	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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ARHS staff and county partners will be operating drive through clinics during these times and vaccine will be available first come first serve, as long as vaccine is available. There will be no cost for the vaccine, however if you have insurance, we will be asking for that information. Individuals will be asked to provide vaccination registration information and wait for 15 minutes following the vaccine as per standard protocol. Information on the vaccine and a card will be provided that will remind you of when your second dose is due, approximately 3-4 weeks following the first dose.

“ARHS is mobilizing all of our public health resources to meet the demand we are experiencing and serve individuals in phase 1A and 1B Group 1,” said R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. “We ask our residents to review these guidelines and allow these priority groups to be served on these dates. As additional supplies are made available and we begin to move to vaccination of other phases, we will offer additional clinics across the district. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we respond to this pandemic.”

Please note that once vaccinated, protection is NOT immediate. The two-dose series is needed then it will take 1 to 2 weeks following the second dose to be considered fully vaccinated. CDC also notes that no vaccine is 100% effective. Given this information, vaccinated persons should continue to follow all guidance including:

- Wearing a mask
- Staying at least 6 ft. away from others
- Avoiding crowds
- Washing hands often
- Following CDC Travel Guidance
- Following isolation guidance if sick
- Following quarantine guidance if exposed
- Following workplace and school guidance if applicable

If you have any questions, please contact your local health department:

Pasquotank County Health Department 252-338-4400	Perquimans County Health Department 252-426-2100	Camden County Health Department 252-338-4460	Chowan County Health Department 252-482-6003
Currituck County Health Department 252-232-2271	Bertie County Health Department 252-794-5322	Gates County Health Department 252-357-1380	Hertford County Health Department 252-862-4054

For more information about COVID-19, visit these sites:

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

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, at 252-338-4448 or aunderhill@arhs-nc.org.

Albemarle Regional Health Services is dedicated to disease prevention and the promotion of a healthy environment to reduce morbidity, mortality, and disability through quality service, education, and advocacy.

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