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ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES UPDATE ON REGIONAL VACCINE CLINICS
Updated COVID-19 vaccine counts, cases, and outbreaks.

Elizabeth City, NC – Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing updated information on COVID-19 vaccines, lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, and facility outbreaks as of 1 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

“As we continue to navigate our way through the pandemic and vaccine response, we cannot thank our community and partners enough for their ongoing patience and support,” states R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA, Health Director. “We had another successful week vaccinating our community with the help of our host agencies and churches. We were able to vaccinate an additional 1505 individuals with first doses and 3256 with second doses. Moving forward, communication and education is an important piece to this process and we continue to gain feedback from community members and our partner agencies to help improve our efforts. Our team has put together a list of questions we have received and we hope to continue to expand this list. I hope that the frequently asked question below will help provide additional information about the vaccine process.”

COVID – 19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to register for a vaccine?**
You do not have to register for a vaccine. Currently ARHS is working with community partners to target priority groups since allocations for first doses have been reduced.
- **I have read that allocations have been cut, will I be guaranteed my second shot?**
Vaccine allocations have gotten smaller but second dose vaccines are guaranteed in weekly allocation shipments.
- **My card says I am scheduled for a certain date for my second dose. How will I know I have an appointment?**
Appointments are not needed for second doses. You can enter your contact information on the ARHS website under second dose information to be notified when the second dose clinic you need to attend will be held.
- **I got an email from the COVID Vaccine Management System (CVMS) telling me when my next shot will be. Is that my appointment?**
The date sent by CVMS is the suggested date of when you can receive your second shot. CVMS is managed by the state and ARHS cannot send messages through that system. This system records proof of your vaccination.

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- **I wasn't able to make it to the clinic that was scheduled for my second shot. What do I need to do?**
If you were unable to make it to the clinic for your second shot, you can attend the next scheduled clinic.
- **Do I have to go to the same county or clinic to get my second shot?**
It is important to attend the clinic in the same county you received your first vaccine if you possibly can. Second dose vaccine allotments mirror the first dose allotments.
- **I have not heard anything about when my second shot is scheduled or when that clinic will be offered. When do you share this information and where can I find it?**
On Friday afternoons, ARHS publishes a weekly press release with the vaccine schedule for the following week that is often in the local newspapers. Weekly vaccine schedules are also updated on Friday afternoons on the ARHS website at - <https://www.arhs-nc.org/information/COVID-19/vaccines/>, on the ARHS Facebook and Twitter accounts, or by calling the vaccine line at 1-833-640-7468.

This timeline ensures we have a solid count of all vaccine that will be available and have secured all clinic locations.

- **Will I get a call reminding me of when my second shot is due?**
Individuals who have entered their contact information on the ARHS website for second doses may be notified by the county's automated call system letting them know when the next second dose clinic is available for them to attend. Please note, if you signed up to receive a call about the clinic offering, you may be asked to attend during a specified block of time. Emergency Management has done this to try to keep wait times and lines down.
- If you are not registered or do not receive a call, you will need to check the ARHS website or call the vaccine line at 1-833-640-7468 to find out when the next clinic is scheduled.
- **Why is the clinic scheduled for my second shot two days before what my card says?**
Due to logistics and schedules of staff and partner agencies, second dose clinics are not always held on the exact date written on your vaccine card. The date on your card noting when your second dose is due is the **suggested date** you should receive your second dose. It can be administered after that date, or four days prior to that date. If you miss your second dose clinic, CDC guidance allows people to receive their second dose up to 6 weeks after the first dose.

First Dose Clinics:

With reduced allocations of vaccine for the week of February 15-18, ARHS will be utilizing 1300 first doses to target our vaccine clinics within the priority groups throughout the region.

Second Dose Clinics:

Albemarle Regional Health Services and county partners will hold drive through Moderna second dose clinics as noted on the schedule below.

First dose vaccinations will NOT be provided at these clinics. Clinics are open to individuals who received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine **on or before Friday, January 22**. The date on your card noting when your second dose is due is the **suggested date** you should receive your second dose. It can be administered after that date, or four days prior to that date. The series will not need to be restarted if you receive it after that date.

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Please plan to attend the clinic in the county where you received your first dose. You will need to bring the vaccine card you received with your first dose with you to this clinic. If you do not have your card, you may experience additional delays, or may be turned away and rescheduled because we have to verify your first dose for your safety.

Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, and Pasquotank counties have clinics scheduled for Monday and Tuesday to accommodate the large volumes of second doses that need to be administered. You may attend either day. Please note, if you signed up to receive a call about the clinic offering, you may be asked to attend during a specified block of time. Emergency Management has done this to try to keep wait times and lines down, however if that does not work for your schedule the following times are available.

ARHS SECOND Dose Moderna Clinics Monday, February 15, 2021

County	Location	Monday, February 15
Bertie	Bertie County High School 715 US Hwy 13 North Windsor, NC 27983	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Camden	Camden County Library 104 Investors Way Camden, NC 27921	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Chowan	American Legion 1317 W. Queen St. Edenton, NC 27932	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Currituck	Maple Park (near YMCA) 208 Airport Rd. Maple, NC 27956	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Gates	Gates County Health Department 29 Medical Center Rd. Gates, NC 27937	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City Aviation Commerce Park 1049 Consolidated Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909 *Please do not call the Elizabeth City Regional Airpark for vaccine information.	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.

ARHS SECOND Dose Moderna Clinics Tuesday, February 16, 2021

County	Location	Tuesday, February 16
Bertie	Bertie County High School 715 US Hwy 13 North Windsor, NC 27983	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Chowan	American Legion 1317 W. Queen St. Edenton, NC 27932	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Currituck	Maple Park (near YMCA) 208 Airport Rd. Maple, NC 27956	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Hertford	Ahoskie Creek Amphitheater 125 Edgewood Dr. Ahoskie, NC 27910	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City Aviation Commerce Park 1049 Consolidated Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909 *Please do not call the Elizabeth City Regional Airpark for vaccine information.	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Perquimans	Perquimans County Recreation Center 310 Granby St. Hertford, NC 27944	9 -11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.

Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 32,511

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	7456	Currituck	5814
Perquimans	3330	Bertie	4370
Camden	2168	Gates	2182
Chowan	3652	Hertford	3539

Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 10,929

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	3458	Currituck	2191
Perquimans	1470	Bertie	810
Camden	665	Gates	680
Chowan	717	Hertford	938

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ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	2,905	90	2,742	73
Perquimans	837	24	807	6
Camden	518	38	475	5
Chowan	1,305	109	1,171	25
Currituck	1,226	67	1,146	13
Bertie	1,587	28	1,518	41
Gates	611	43	556	12
Hertford	1,875	58	1,759	58
Totals	10,864	457	10,174	233

ARHS has received notification confirming two additional deaths associated with COVID-19 in Bertie County residents. Both individuals were over the age of 65 and succumbed to complications from the virus. These deaths are not related to a facility outbreak. Chowan County is also confirming one death associated with COVID-19. This individual was over the age 65 and succumbed to complications of the virus and is associated with the facility outbreak at Chowan Rivers. In addition, Hertford County is confirming one death associated with COVID-19. This individual was over the age 65 succumbed to complications from the virus. This death is not related to a facility outbreak.

NC DHHS continues to focus on testing capacity at congregate living facilities therefore resulting in a number of recent outbreaks across the region. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases in a facility. When an outbreak is identified, additional contact tracing and testing is required in order to manage exposures and ensure proper steps are taken to protect both staff and residents. This often times identifies additional cases more quickly, including asymptomatic cases. The outbreak at Citadel has resolved.

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Facilities

Facility	Staff	Residents	Deaths
Ahoskie Assisted Living	10	19	3
Albemarle District Jail	0	9	0
Bertie Correctional Institution	31	70	0
Brian Center - Hertford	10	26	0
Brookdale	0	2	0
Chowan Rivers	22	27	0
Elizabeth City Health and Rehab	49	123	24
Pasquotank Correctional Institute	3	35	0
Rivers Correctional	13	38	0
Three Rivers	1	2	0
Waterbrooke	2	6	0

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Although we are moving into the vaccine phase of the pandemic, COVID-19 testing is still available for those meeting criteria by appointment only at the local health departments across the region. ARHS encourages residents to call their primary care provider for an assessment or information on testing availability before calling the local health department. If someone does not have a primary care home, ARHS does offer primary care services.

All tests will be completed through a curbside screening clinic at the local health department. For more information on criteria for COVID-19 testing or appointments, call 252-338-WELL/9355 or your local health department directly.

ARHS is collaborating with OptumServe to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing sites in Bertie, Hertford, Gates, and Chowan counties. Typically testing is available Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 1 – 5 p.m. You may check availability and register to make an appointment for testing by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) – 562-4850.

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

- 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.

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

Albemarle Regional Health Services - <http://www.arhs-nc.org/> or call **252-338-WELL or 1-833-640-SHOT**

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 Public Information Officer 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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