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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, March 26, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

Starting the week of March 29, 2021, ARHS will be initiating appointments for first dose vaccines at each of our local health departments. Appointments will be available to residents of the eight county region who are 18 and older. First dose COVID-19 vaccines will not be offered at drive-thru clinic sites. Please call your local health department to make an appointment to receive your first dose of vaccine.

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

“First and foremost, thank you to everyone who has rolled up their sleeve to receive their vaccine and for those who have not done so yet, we have your spot to take your shot,” states R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. “Our widespread mass clinics have been well received throughout the community but in an effort to utilize resources efficiently, we will start offering first dose vaccine appointments at each of our local health departments. Moving away from first dose mass clinics and integrating them into our normal workflows is just another step in moving forward from this pandemic.”

ARHS will continue to provide drive thru clinics for individuals who need their second doses. If you received your first dose at one of our clinics, regardless of residence status, you will be able to receive your second dose as long as you have your vaccine card with you. Please do not arrive early at sites. You may be asked to leave by law enforcement.

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Second dose clinics are scheduled based on the first dose clinics offered. Additional clinics will be offered in the coming weeks. Based on CDC Guidance, there is no maximum interval between the first and second dose.

Second dose clinics are open to individuals who received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine **on or before Friday, March 5**. 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.

If you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine with another provider such as Walgreens or CVS, you will need to return to that same facility for your second dose.

**ARHS *SECOND* Dose Clinic Monday, March 29, 2021**

County	Location	Monday, March 29
<b>Pasquotank</b>	Elizabeth City Aviation Commerce Park 1049 Consolidated Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909 <i>Please do call the airport for vaccine information.</i>	9- 11 a.m.

**ARHS *SECOND* Dose Clinic Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

County	Location	Tuesday, March 30
<b>Currituck</b>	Maple Park (Near YMCA) 208 Airport Road Maple NC 27956	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Chowan</b>	American Legion 1317 W. Queen St. Edenton, NC 27932	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Gates</b>	Gates County Health Department 29 Medical Center Dr. Gates, NC 27973	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Hertford</b>	Ahoskie Creek Amphitheater 125 Edgewood Dr. Ahoskie, NC 27910	9 - 11 a.m.

**ARHS *Second* Dose Clinic Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

County	Location	Wednesday, March 31
<b>Bertie</b>	Bertie County High School 715 US Hwy 13 North Windsor, NC 27983	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Camden</b>	Camden Intermediate School 123 Noblitt Rd. Camden, NC 27921	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Perquimans</b>	Perquimans Recreation Center 310 S. Granby St. Hertford, NC 27944	9 - 11 a.m.

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ARHS continues to compile a wait list for ALL individuals in our eight-county region who still need their COVID-19 vaccine. If you or someone you know still needs to receive your vaccine please take a moment to fill out your contact information in the link provided so we can contact you. If you previously signed up using a different survey or link and have not received your vaccine, please fill out your contact information again.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARHSCoVIDWaitList>

### Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 42,040

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	10,189	Currituck	7,824
Perquimans	4,112	Bertie	5,154
Camden	2,999	Gates	2,821
Chowan	4,419	Hertford	4,522

### Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 33,791

County	Vaccine Administered	County	Vaccine Administered
Pasquotank	7,850	Currituck	6,107
Perquimans	3,078	Bertie	4,442
Camden	2,271	Gates	2,530
Chowan	3,635	Hertford	3,878

### ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	3,170	25	3,066	79
Perquimans	940	3	929	8
Camden	620	6	609	5
Chowan	1,395	4	1,363	28
Currituck	1,454	24	1,415	15
Bertie	1,693	7	1,641	45
Gates	700	10	678	12
Hertford	1,998	18	1,917	63
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,970</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>11,618</b>	<b>255</b>

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ARHS has received notification confirming one additional death associated with COVID-19 in a Bertie County resident. This individual was in the 50-64 year age range and succumbed to complications from the virus. This death is not associated with a facility outbreak. Pasquotank County is confirming one additional death associated with COVID-19. This individual was in the 50-64 year age range and 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 outbreaks previously reported at Citadel has resolved.

### **COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Facilities**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Bertie Correctional Institution	61	89	0
Heritage Care	2	1	0
Three Rivers	2	5	1

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/>

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