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Legislators,

We have now had 575,396 laboratory confirmed cases in North Carolina. This included 5,285 newly reported cases with a percent positive rate of 16.2%. There are 3,781 people hospitalized with COVID-19. Sadly we have 6,996 confirmed deaths for North Carolina.

Our full data dashboard can be found at the link below:
https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/

Vaccine Update

The North Carolina National Guard has been mobilized to assist with the vaccine effort. They are coordinating with NCDHHS and North Carolina Emergency Management to provide vaccination and logistics support. NCDHHS is also enrolling more providers and sending updated guidance today to vaccine providers to help them administer shots more quickly.

Local health departments and hospitals will begin offering vaccines to the Phase 1b, group 1 population over the next week. This group encompasses those that aged 75 years of age or older. Vaccine supplies are limited, and people may have to wait. Because supplies are very limited right now, most doctors cannot provide vaccinations in their offices. We will be adding more information tomorrow afternoon to YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov with contact information for local vaccine providers. We will also be standing up a 1-800 number for people to call to get contact information for local providers. Those that fall into Phase 1a of vaccine prioritization will continue to be vaccinated.

There are an estimated 435,000 people in Phase 1b, group 1, those aged 75 and older.

Thanks,
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