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Legislators,

We have now had 650,926 laboratory confirmed cases in North Carolina. This included 9,853 newly reported cases with a percent positive rate of 11.1%. There are 3,990 people hospitalized with COVID-19. Sadly we have 7,825 confirmed deaths for North Carolina.

All of our information can be found on the dashboard at the link below:
https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/

Below is the link to all of the community testing sites across NC.
https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place/pop-testing-sites

Prioritization update:
Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible given the limited supply of vaccines. Today, we shared that vaccine providers that are ready to expand may vaccinate all health care workers and anyone 65 years and older.
North Carolina moves through vaccination phases by aligning to federal priorities while empowering local health departments and hospitals with flexibility to move to the next priority group as they complete phases and have vaccines available. It is the responsibility of all vaccine providers to ensure equitable access to vaccines. This will mean taking intentional actions to reach and engage historically marginalized communities.
As always, we rely on you as a trusted messenger to help people make informed decisions and take action. NC DHHS has created a suite of communications materials to help you be a spot for accurate information. You can use these resources to keep your networks and communities informed about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines, as well as direct them to information that will help them find local vaccination sites. Available in both English and Spanish, the materials include general information about COVID-19 vaccinations and North Carolina's ongoing rollout that can help you inform people of all ages.
In addition, we now have video testimonials that we hope you will use and share!

- Older North Carolinians, You Have A Spot, Take Your Shot (English / Spanish / Captioned)
- Governor Jim Hunt on the importance of taking the COVID-19 shot
- Reverend Darryl Warren Aaron of Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro on the importance of taking the COVID-19 shot.
- More videos are online.

Our website, YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov, has flyers, fact sheets, postcards in English and Spanish that we ask you to post, print and handout in places where people visit, and share in newsletters. Check the website often for new materials.

Large-Scale Vaccination Events

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is partnering with health systems, local health departments and community health centers across the state to host large community vaccine events for people currently eligible to be vaccinated. More than 45,000 vaccines are expected to be given through these events.

"The state will continue to support our local health departments and hospitals to get shots in arms faster," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "These partners were selected because they were able to rapidly increase the number of vaccines they could deliver as part of this effort."

Partners were selected based on their ability to administer a large number of vaccine doses or to provide access to vaccine doses to marginalized communities. NC Emergency Management and the National Guard are also providing support in some locations. Vaccine events will be held in the following counties:

- **Bertie County:** Bertie County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Buncombe County:** Buncombe County Health Department in partnership with Western North Carolina Community Health Services, and Western Carolina Medical Society
- **Cabarrus County:** Atrium Health
- **Camden County:** Camden County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Chatham County:** UNC Health
- **Chowan County:** Chowan County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Currituck County:** Currituck County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Durham County:** Duke Health
- **Forsyth County:** Forsyth County Department of Public Health
- **Gates County:** Gates County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Guilford County:** Cone Health
- **Henderson County:** Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Henderson County Department of Public Health, Mountain Area Health Education Center, Pardee Hospital (UNC Health)
- **Hertford County:** Hertford County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Johnston County:** UNC Health
- **Madison County:** Hot Springs Health Center, Madison County Health Department, Mountain Area Health Education Center
- **Mecklenburg County:** Atrium Health
- **Orange County:** UNC Health
- **Pasquotank County:** Pasquotank County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Perquimans County:** Perquimans County Health Department (Albemarle Regional Health Services)
- **Pitt County:** Vidant Health
- **Wake County:** UNC REX Healthcare, Duke Raleigh Hospital, and WakeMed in partnership with community-based physician practices, Advance Community Health, NeighborHealth and others

Some locations are providing the vaccine by appointment only. To learn more about the events, visit the websites of the providers listed above. Their websites can be found, listed by county, at

covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available per the state's rollout plan and free of charge, regardless of access to health insurance or legal status. As the vaccine rollout moves to next phases, those within earlier prioritization groups will remain eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

We are having robust conversations with a number of other sites regarding additional high volume events. As more of those come online we'll be sure to share that information.

Thanks,
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