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Legislators,

We have now had 698,099 laboratory confirmed cases in North Carolina. This included 7,187 newly reported cases with a percent positive rate of 10.3%. There are 3,666 people hospitalized with COVID-19. Sadly we have 8,339 confirmed deaths for North Carolina.

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

Vaccine Update
Providers have given 573,130 vaccinations.
https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/vaccinations

Transportation to and from COVID-19 Vaccination Sites
Today the NC Department of Transportation and the NC Department of Health and Human Services announced that approximately $2.5 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding is being distributed to local transit agencies across the state to help pay for rides for individuals who need transportation assistance to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

"Every North Carolinian has a spot and needs to get their shot," said Governor Roy Cooper. "As vaccine supply increases, we are deploying every resource to make sure people have access and are not held back by barriers like lack of transportation."

Each local transit agency will receive a set amount of funding, and the initiative will continue until funds are exhausted for that agency. The funds can be used to offset operating costs associated with transit rides to and from vaccination sites for people who are receiving or assisting someone in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

“Fighting the COVID-19 pandemic is everybody’s business and every organization has something they can do to help,” said DOT Secretary J. Eric Boyette. “We are committed to doing everything we can to help get North Carolinians vaccinated as quickly and easily as possible.”

“Partnerships like this are crucial to make it possible for everyone to be able to take their shot when it’s their spot,” said DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, MD.

People who need transportation assistance to a COVID-19 vaccine should reach out to their local transit agency. You can find your local transit agency online at NC_public_transit.pdf (ncdot.gov). Local transit agencies serve all 100 North Carolina counties.

Some vaccine locations are providing the vaccine by appointment only. For a list of vaccine providers

by county, visit YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

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.

The vaccine prioritization is designed to save lives and prevent spread while vaccine supplies are limited. Everyone has a spot, and you can find yours at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

Thanks,
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