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NC UPDATE

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NCDHHS Launches SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification App

The COVID-19 Exposure Notification app called SlowCOVIDNC from NCDHHS will help North Carolinians slow the spread of the virus by alerting them when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is completely anonymous and does not collect, store or share personal information or location data.

Slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect yourself, your loved ones & your community - simply by using your phone.

Welcome to SlowCOVIDNC

A day after announcing the launch of SlowCOVIDNC, more than 50,000 people had downloaded the app. SlowCOVIDNC, which leverages Google and Apple's Exposure Notification System (ENS), alerts users who have the app if they have been in close contact with an individual who later tests positive for COVID-19. It is voluntary to download and use and designed to enhance the state's existing contact tracing efforts.

Download the free SlowCOVIDNC app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enable Bluetooth and Exposure Notifications. Bluetooth must be on for the app to work.

Learn more about how SlowCOVIDNC works.

Get answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Find out how your privacy is protected.

Use our communications toolkit to help us promote SlowCOVIDNC.



More than 600,000 children will receive additional benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, [NCDHHS announced](#). P-EBT helps families purchase food for children whose access to free and reduced-priced meals at school has been impacted by remote learning this fall due to COVID-19. The program provides a benefit on an EBT card that can be used to buy food at authorized retailers, including most major grocery stores.

For questions, visit www.ebtedge.com or the EBT Edge mobile app or call the North Carolina EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.

More COVID-19 News

- Governor Cooper [announced](#) that North Carolina will move to Phase 3 in the coming days if our COVID-19 key metrics remain stable. That means larger outdoor event venues will be able to open at 7% capacity starting next Friday, Oct. 2. Additional details will be announced soon in a new Executive Order.
- NCDHHS is [adding antigen testing information](#) to the [COVID-19 NC Dashboard](#), including positive COVID-19 cases and deaths diagnosed with an antigen test and the number of antigen tests completed daily.
- A new [NC Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief Program](#) will use federal CARES Act funding to direct \$40 million to small businesses hurt by the pandemic.
- NCDHHS [announced](#) that North Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries on the [NC Innovations Waiver](#) who are attending school virtually due to the COVID-19 public health emergency can now receive waiver support during remote learning.

Get the Latest Information

- Visit the [NCDHHS COVID-19 Response website](#) for information, a [data dashboard](#), [updates](#), [live briefings](#) and more.
- [Go to North Carolina's COVID-19 Information Hub](#) for resources, information and assistance across state government, including the latest [news releases](#).
- Follow NCDHHS on [social media](#) for advance notice of press briefings and a recap.



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