

NC Ranks 6th in Nation for Total COVID Vaccine Doses Administered + NCDHHS Launches "Find My Vaccine Group"



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

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[NC Ranks 6th in Nation for Total Doses of Vaccine Administered](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [ranked](#) North Carolina the 6th state in the nation for total vaccine doses administered, a testament to a phenomenal job done by North Carolina vaccine providers.

The state was also recognized by the [Washington Post](#) as being one of only three states providing thorough reporting on vaccine administration by race. The state's [dashboard](#) will be updated every weekday beginning next week. It is the source for the most accurate and timely information for vaccine data for the state.

Vaccine providers have administered 99% of all first doses in the state, putting North Carolina in a strong position to advocate for more vaccines as they become available. Still, demand for vaccines vastly exceeds supply.

Everyone will be able to get their shot as vaccine supplies increase over the next several months. To see when it's your spot to take your shot, go to the [Your Spot, Your Shot website](#).

NCDHHS Launches "Find My Vaccine Group"



North Carolinians now have a [tool](#) to find out if they are eligible to get their vaccine. [Find My Vaccine Group](#) walks you through a series of questions to determine your vaccine group, and you can sign up to be notified when your group is ready for vaccination.

North Carolina's goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly and equitably as possible. NC is currently vaccinating people in Groups 1 and 2, which include health care workers, those who work and live in a long-term care setting; and anyone 65 years or older.

Detailed information about each group is online at: YourShotYourSpot.nc.gov (English) or Vacunate.nc.gov (Spanish). For more information and to find your vaccine group, visit FindMyGroup.nc.gov.

Modified Stay At Home Order Extended to Continue Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

Governor Roy Cooper and NCDHHS Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen [announced](#) that [North Carolina's Modified Stay At Home Order](#) requiring people to be at home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. will be [extended](#) through at least Feb. 28.

Face covering requirements and restrictions on individuals gathering in both indoor and outdoor settings are still in place. The [evictions moratorium](#) will also be extended to help families stay in their homes, a critical component of slowing the spread of the virus.

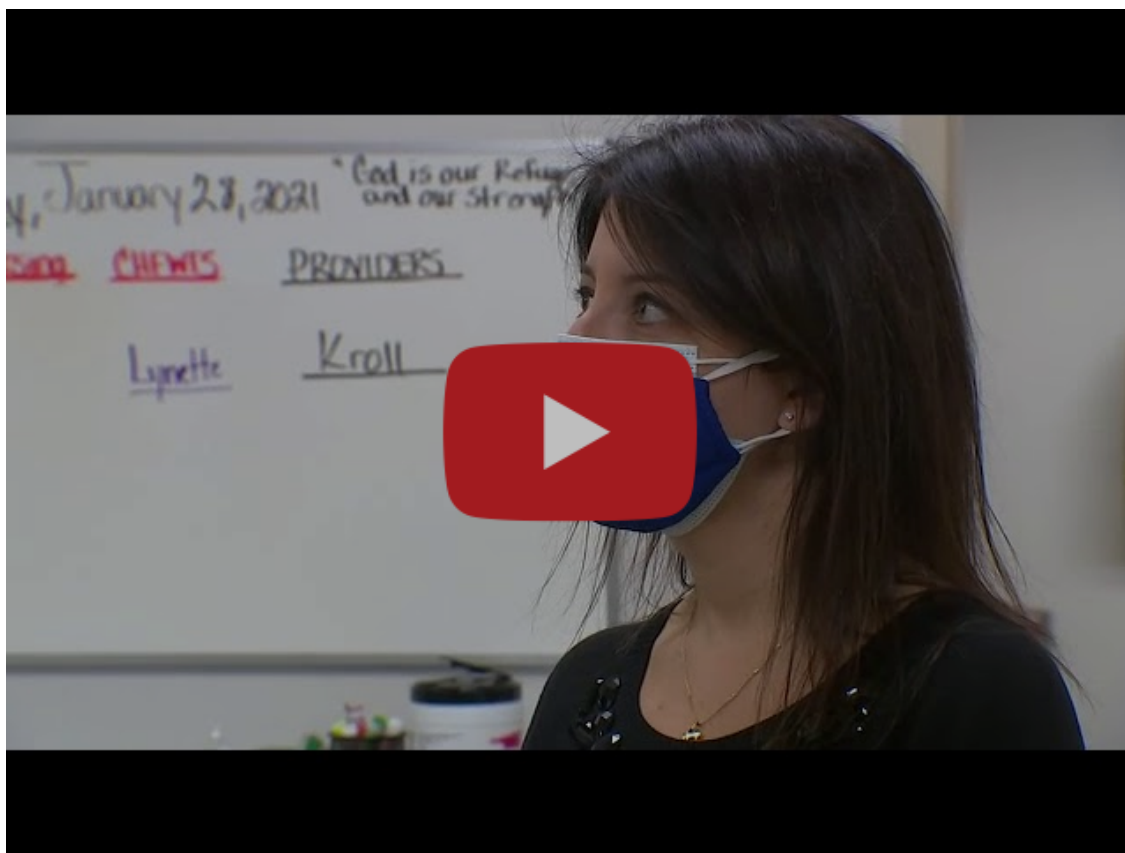
"With more than 3,300 people in the hospital, and the percent of positive tests in double digits, we know this virus is still spreading," said Governor Cooper. "And with at least one

new contagious variant of COVID-19 in our state, we still have work to do. We cannot let our guard down, especially in these cold winter months."

In addition to the Modified Stay at Home Order, the [NCDHHS secretarial directive](#) remains in effect. People should stay home and only leave for essential purposes such as buying food, accessing health care, and going to school or work.

"The [3 Ws](#) are as essential as they have always been," said Secretary Cohen. "Remember people can have COVID-19 and not know it. The best way to protect those around you is to act as if you do have the virus and could be contagious. That means always wearing a mask – over your mouth and nose, always waiting apart from others, and always washing your hands frequently."

[Governor, Secretary Cohen Visit Piedmont Health Senior Care](#)



On Jan. 28, Governor Roy Cooper and NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen [visited](#) the Piedmont Health SeniorCare center in Pittsboro to see people in the Chatham County community receive the vaccine. Piedmont Health SeniorCare is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Program focused on providing care to underserved communities.

[NCHA: You Are the First Line of Defense Against COVID-19](#)



Watch this recent public service announcement from the North Carolina Healthcare Association about your role in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

[Download the SlowCOVIDNC App to Slow the Spread](#)



Our [COVID-19 metrics](#) remain high and we need your help to slow the spread. In addition to practicing the [3 Ws](#) you can download [SlowCOVIDNC](#), the official exposure notification app of North Carolina.

More than 671,000 people have already downloaded [SlowCOVIDNC](#). The app alerts users when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The more people who download and use the app, the more we can slow the spread of the virus.

The app is completely anonymous and does not collect, store or share personal information or location data. Download for free on the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#).

Other COVID-19 News

- On Jan. 23, NCDHHS [reported](#) the first known case in North Carolina of the COVID-19 variant called B.1.1.7, first detected in the United Kingdom in December. Early data suggest this variant may be more contagious than other variants.
- A new [COVID-19 Community Readiness toolkit](#) is [available](#) to help individuals find mental and behavioral health supports and resources in their communities.
- NCDHHS will [continue](#) two programs that help North Carolinians access services, such as relief payments, access to primary medical care, diagnostic testing, food and additional supports during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Testing

Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, has been around people outside of their household or thinks they have been exposed to the virus should get [tested](#). If you are sick, you can use the [Check My Symptoms](#) tool to help you determine if you need a COVID-19 test.

North Carolina has upcoming no-cost community testing events scheduled throughout the state. For an up-to-date list of events, visit the [No-Cost Testing Events](#) webpage. For more details about a specific event, call ahead before you go for a test.

COVID-19 testing is also provided at some local health departments, doctor and clinician offices, hospitals and clinics, many pharmacy sites and retail outlets, and other community locations. You can find testing sites by using the [Find My Testing Place](#) tool online.

Get the Latest Information

- Visit the [NCDHHS COVID-19 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](#).
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