

Half of NC Adults Have at Least One Dose of COVID Vaccine + Bringing Back Summer Campaign Kicks Off Monday



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

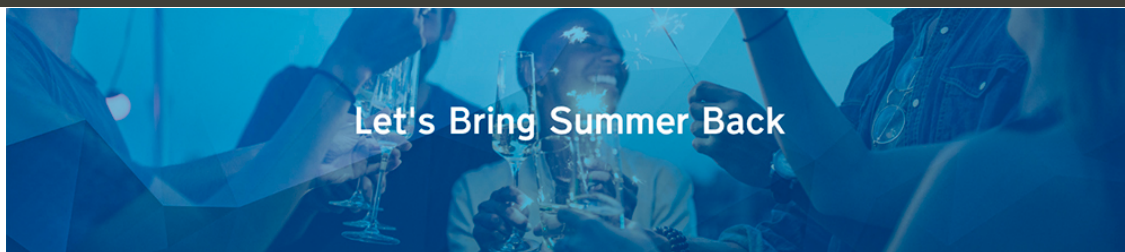
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Half of NC Adults Have Received at Least One Dose of COVID Vaccine

More than 50% of adults 18 and older in the state [have now received](#) at least one dose of [COVID-19 vaccine](#). More than 43% of the adult population is fully vaccinated against the virus.

"This is a significant milestone toward our goal of stopping the spread of COVID-19 and [bringing summer back](#) to North Carolina," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. "I hope you will join the more than 4 million people who have taken their shot and help put this pandemic behind us."

NCDHHS is working to ensure receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is easy and convenient for anyone 16 and older. The vaccine is widely available through a variety of providers, often with no wait time and without the need for an appointment. To find a vaccine in your area, visit [MySpot.nc.gov](#) tool or call 888-675-4567.



NCDHHS will [kick off](#) the [Bringing Summer Back](#) campaign on May 9 with more than 140 partner organizations across the state registered to rally together to promote COVID-19 vaccination in their communities.

The [Bringing Summer Back campaign](#) is a fun, flexible and community-centered approach that creates a space for every organization and individual to roll up their sleeves and do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and get everyone back to the people and places they love. The campaign will run during two weeks in May and two weeks in June.

Registered organizations span over 55 counties and are estimated to involve more than 3,100 volunteers in their efforts, with a total estimated reach of more than 1.2 million North Carolinians.

"While our state continues to make great strides in vaccinating as many people as possible, we still have more work to do to get more people vaccinated, reduce the spread of COVID-19 and bring summer back to North Carolina," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D.

All adults are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in North Carolina. Visit [MySpot.nc.gov](#) to make an appointment and [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#) (English) or [Vacunate.nc.gov](#) (Spanish) for more information about the vaccines, including answers to [frequently asked questions](#). You can also contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center toll-free at 888-675-4567.

[Governor Cooper, Secretary Cohen Visit Vaccine Site in Mecklenburg County](#)

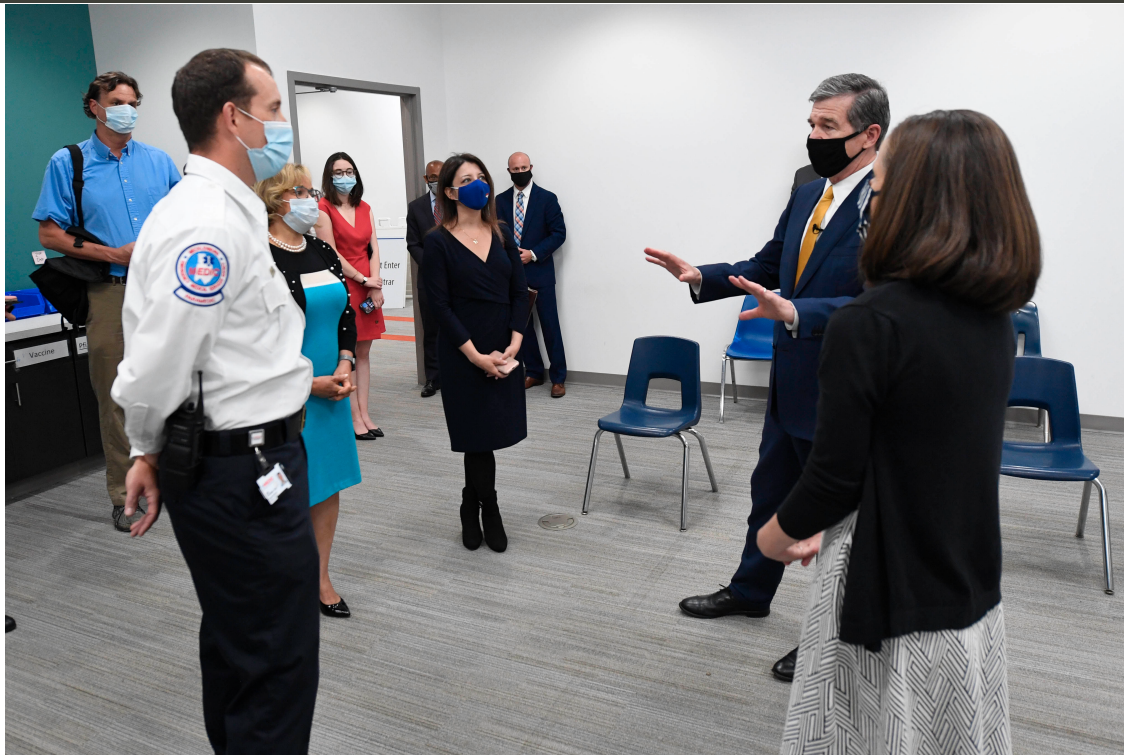


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On May 5, Governor Cooper and NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen [visited](#) the MEDIC Clinic in Charlotte to observe COVID-19 vaccine distribution as the state continues to work to get more North Carolinians vaccinated.

The Mecklenburg County Health Department has partnered with Emergency Medical Services, National Guard and volunteers from Central Piedmont Community College to help distribute vaccines at this site, which is located in one of Mecklenburg County's zip codes with the greatest need.

"Vaccines are the key to putting this pandemic behind us and coming out even stronger on the other side," Governor Cooper said. "Let's continue encouraging our friends and family to get their shot so we can all safely do the things and be with the people we love."

[North Carolina First Responders on the Importance of the COVID Vaccine](#)



Firefighters from Cary and police officers from Chapel Hill [discuss](#) the importance of public safety and why everybody needs to find a spot to take their shot!

[New Interactive Map Helps Ensure Vaccine Equity](#)

NCDHHS has a [new interactive map](#) that can help North Carolina reach its goal of vaccinating as many North Carolinians as quickly and fairly as possible. This map shows census tracts in North Carolina with the highest rates of social vulnerability and the lowest rates of COVID-19 vaccination.

Social vulnerability is measured by [Social Vulnerability Index](#) (SVI); the higher the score, the higher the social vulnerability. The map also includes the ability to see where COVID-19 vaccine providers and community-based organizations are already located that have offered to support vaccine events. The data used to create the map is also now downloadable.

NCDHHS encourages vaccine providers and partners to use this map to help determine where to conduct outreach efforts and where to locate vaccination sites and mobile units. The [map](#) is available on [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#).



NCDHHS: COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Toolkit

You can help people in your community find their spot and take their shot. NCDHHS has created a [one-stop shop](#) for ready-made materials to help you communicate about safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Anyone who is sharing information about the COVID-19 vaccine with their community can use and adapt the [resources](#) to build confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines.

The toolkit is updated frequently with social media posts, graphics and other materials. It is also available in [Spanish](#).

COVID-19 Testing

Testing is just as important as ever to curb the spread of COVID-19. 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](#).

Getting a test has never been easier! North Carolina has upcoming no-cost community testing events scheduled throughout the state, including sites that offer rapid testing. 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](#).
- Check out [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#) to learn more about [finding your spot](#) to get your shot, [videos](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine, and other resources.

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