

Bringing Summer Back Vaccine Events in Raleigh, at NC Zoo



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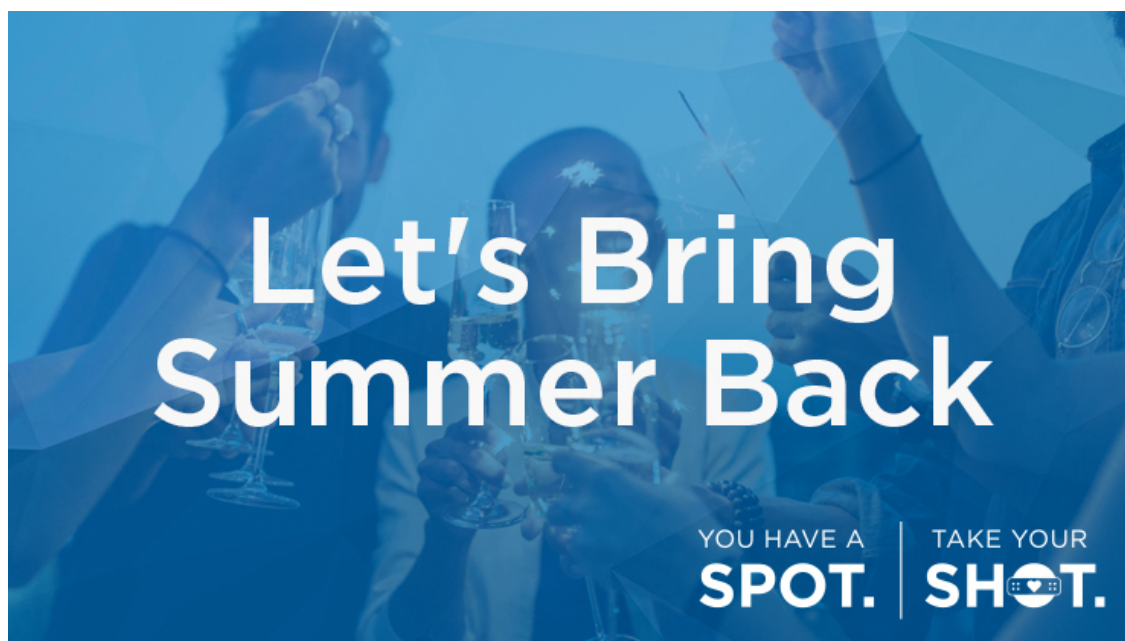
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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

May 21, 2021

**Let's Bring Summer Back: Vaccine Events This Weekend
at Raleigh's Dix Park and the NC Zoo in Asheboro**



COVID-19 vaccines are our best shot to bring back summer and get everyone safely back to the people, places and activities they love. Two vaccination events for ages 12 and up will be held in Asheboro and Raleigh this weekend to help [bring summer back](#) in NC! No

I.D. is required at either event.

NCDHHS, in partnership with the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, is [hosting](#) a vaccine clinic at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 22. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered at the event to anyone 12 and older or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and anyone 18 and older.

The [Vaccine on the Green event](#) at Dorothea Dix Park in Raleigh will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 21 and 22 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 23. Appointments are available [here](#) and walk-ups are welcome! A second dose will be offered at Dorothea Dix Park on June 12 or at WakeMed.

Learn more about these life-saving vaccines by visiting YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

Fireside Chat: COVID-19 Vaccines and Rural Communities



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Fireside Chat: COVID-19 Vaccines

Featuring Dr. Mandy Cohen, Patrick Woodie and Bishop Leeland

Tuesday, May 25 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tune in as the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services hosts a Fireside Chat to help all North Carolinians be informed about COVID-19 vaccine safety and access.

Moderated by Kelly Calabria, this conversation on statewide vaccination efforts will feature NCDHHS Sec. Mandy Cohen and community leaders Patrick Woodie of the NC Rural Center and Bishop Paul Leeland, Resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.



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Featuring:

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NCDHHS will [host](#) a fireside chat for rural communities on [COVID-19 vaccines](#) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on May 25. [Learn more](#) about how you can watch.

You Have a Spot, Take Your Shot



COVID-19 vaccines are our best shot to bring back summer and get everyone safely back to the people, places and activities they love. Find yours today at MySpot.nc.gov and go to our website to learn how you can help us [bring summer back](#) in North Carolina.

[NCDHHS Monitoring Wastewater to Detect Spread of COVID-19](#)

NCDHHS today [expanded](#) its [NC COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to include a new metric – [wastewater monitoring](#). Since January 2021, NCDHHS has been testing wastewater samples to look for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, as part of the [CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System](#).

This new statewide program is a collaboration between 11 wastewater utilities, 8 local public health departments and researchers at the University of North Carolina.

People who are infected with COVID-19 shed viral particles in their feces. This can be measured in wastewater if enough people are infected. Currently, data are reported from 11 wastewater treatment facilities in North Carolina, but the program is expanding to additional sites.

"Wastewater monitoring is a new tool that will help us track the spread of COVID-19 in participating communities even as fewer people are being tested," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Zack Moore. "This can be an early warning system and allow health officials to take actions to stop the spread if trends are increasing."

Other COVID News

- NCDHHS, in partnership with the NC Department of Public Instruction [announced](#) the expansion of the [Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program](#) to provide benefits to eligible children under the age of 6 who are in households receiving Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).
- WATCH: U.S. Senator Thom Tillis [talks about](#) the importance of getting your COVID-19 vaccine to help us end the pandemic and protect our family, our community and our country.



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](#).

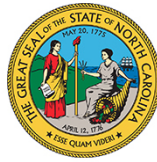
Get the Latest Information

- 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.
- Follow NCDHHS on [social media](#) for advance notice of press briefings and a recap.



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