

HOPE Program Application Period Open + National Month of Action for Vaccination



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

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[HOPE Program Application Period Open](#)



The [N.C. Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions \(HOPE\) Program](#) is [open](#) for a second application period to assist very low-income renters that are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

The program helps prevent evictions and utility disconnections to promote housing stability during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The HOPE Program serves renters who meet certain eligibility requirements in [88 North Carolina counties](#). Visit the [HOPE Interactive Map](#) to find the program that serves your area.

To find out more about the program, learn about eligibility requirements, [apply](#) and see a list of frequently asked questions, go to the [HOPE program's website](#).

[National Month of Action for Vaccination](#)

President Joe Biden [announced](#) a National Month of Action to mobilize an all-of-America sprint to get 70% of U.S. adults at least one shot by July 4th, so that more people can get the protection they need to be safe from a pandemic that has taken the lives of nearly 600,000 Americans.

This National Month of Action will mobilize national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people, and thousands of volunteers. Initiatives include:

- **Free child care for individuals getting vaccinated:** Four of the nation's largest child care providers will offer free child care to all parents and caregivers getting vaccinated or recovering from vaccination from now until July 4th.
- **Extended hours at pharmacies across the country in June to offer more flexible appointment availability:** Starting next week, thousands of pharmacies nationwide, including CVS and Walgreens, will stay open late every Friday in June, and offer services throughout the night to make sure Americans can get their shot. These extended hours will ensure that those with less flexible work hours have the opportunity to get vaccinated at times convenient to them.

[Read more](#) about the other initiatives the National Month of Action will include to make it easier for everyone to get vaccinated and to advance equity.

[It's Time to Get Your Shot so We Can Bring Summer Back](#)



Across the state, we can bring back summer safely with vaccinations. It's time for you to find your spot for a COVID-19 vaccine at MySpot.nc.gov.

[7 Things You Should Know About the COVID-19 Vaccines](#)



1. **No serious side effects were reported in clinical trials.** Temporary reactions after receiving the vaccine may include a sore arm, headache, feeling tired and achy for a day or two, or, in some cases, fever. In most cases, these reactions are good signs that your body is building protection.
2. **Scientists had a head start.** The vaccines are built on decades of research on vaccines for similar viruses.
3. **You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.**
4. **Concerns about safety are taken seriously.** The CDC and FDA are constantly

monitoring safety and updating North Carolinians with the best safety information.

5. **A hundred million people in the U.S. have already received their COVID-19 vaccine.**
6. **It works.** The vaccines are proven to help prevent COVID-19 and are effective in preventing hospitalization and death.
7. **The vaccine does not affect fertility.** Vaccination for those who are pregnant or wanting to become pregnant is recommended by numerous medical groups.

If you have more questions, [read our FAQs](#) or call the NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center at 888-675-4567.



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](#).

Other COVID News

- More than 80% of adults 65 and older in the state have [received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine](#).
- North Carolina has been approved to [continue](#) Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) food assistance program through Summer 2021, providing \$450 million in food assistance to an estimated 1.2 million children and families.

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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