

Second Summer Cash Drawing and Summer Cash 4 College Winners Announced + CDC Highlights NC's Success in Vaccine Equity



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

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**NC Announces Second Cash Drawing & Cash 4 College Winners;
Get Vaccinated to Have a Shot at \$1M**

YOUR SHOT AT \$1 MILLION SUMMER CASH DRAWING

The second winners of the state's [Your Shot at \\$1 Million Summer Cash Drawing and Summer Cash 4 College drawings](#) were [announced](#) this week in Raleigh.

Natalie Everett of Pineville received a \$1 million prize as the state's second Your Shot at A Million Summer Cash Drawing winner. Sixteen-year old high school student Jessica Klima of Greensboro won a \$125,000 scholarship for post-secondary education.

There are two more \$1 million and college scholarship drawings and getting your shot now gets you entered twice for each drawing. Those vaccinated prior to June 10 are entered once.

The next two drawings will occur on July 21 and Aug. 4. New entries will close at midnight on the Sunday prior to the Wednesday drawing.

North Carolinians 18 and over who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, including people vaccinated at a pharmacy participating in the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#), are automatically entered into the drawings for a chance to win a \$1 million cash prize.

Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are automatically entered into the drawings to win \$125,000 toward post-secondary education, awarded by funding a savings account in the NC 529 Plan.

Some eligibility restrictions may apply. See the [official rules](#) for details.

Learn more at [SummerVaxCash.com](#). For more information about COVID-19 vaccines and to find a vaccine location near you, visit [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#) or call 1-888-675-4567.

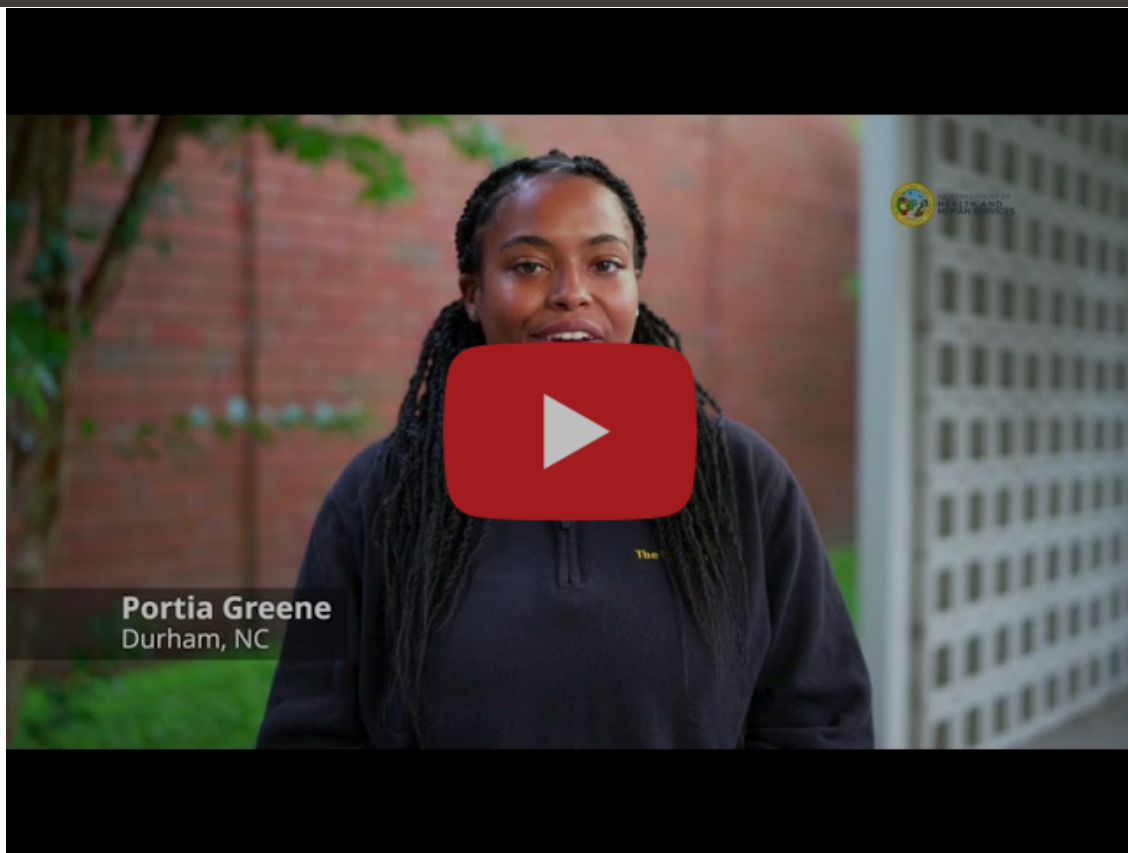
CDC Highlights North Carolina's Success in Vaccine Equity

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [a report](#) highlighting how North Carolina's [focus on equity](#) in administering vaccines increased COVID-19 vaccination rates in Black and Hispanic communities.

Between December 2020 and April 2021, the proportion of vaccines being distributed to Black North Carolinians increased from 9% to 19% and the proportion going to Hispanic North Carolinians increased from 4% to 10%.

North Carolina's vaccine equity work has been recognized nationally in several publications and Bloomberg News has also consistently ranked the state [as best in the nation](#) on race and ethnicity data quality. For information about the state's strategies and metrics to promote equity during the COVID-19 pandemic, go to the [NCDHHS vaccine equity report](#).

COVID-19 is Still Spreading



COVID-19 is still spreading and getting the shot is your best way to prevent serious illness or death. Find your spot at myspot.nc.gov

77% of Staff in State Operated Healthcare Facilities are Vaccinated

NCDHHS [announced](#) that as of July 1, 77% of staff at the 14 state-operated health care facilities are fully [vaccinated](#), which comprise more than 10,000 employees. In addition, 93% of residents in the state's six congregate living facilities are fully vaccinated.

NCDHHS' Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities (DSOHF) set the goal of having 75% of facility staff vaccinated earlier this year, consistent with a target established by leading national health care and long-term care associations. Nationally, staff vaccination rates vary across health care settings. Among long-term care facilities, the national average is below 56%.

Vaccination in these facilities is voluntary. DSOHF continues to work with staff and residents to help those who want a vaccine to get one and to provide information for those wanting more information about the vaccines. More information about DSOHF and each facility can be found [here](#).

How Summer Camps Can Reduce COVID-19 Risk



SUMMER CAMP

There are [steps](#) summer camps can take to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. These include:

- Requiring that all staff and eligible campers get vaccinated. Getting a vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and protect others.
- Asking unvaccinated campers and staff members to engage in a two-week prearrival quarantine that includes physical distancing, wearing a mask when not at home, avoiding unnecessary travel, and refraining from indoor social gatherings with people outside of their households.
- Asking campers and staff who are not fully vaccinated to provide proof of a negative viral test taken no more than three days before their arrival.

For more steps, see the [Summer Camp Guidance flyer](#). See more guidance on topics ranging from child care to businesses on the [COVID-19 Guidance page](#).

COVID-19 Testing

You don't have to wonder if it's allergies, a cold, or COVID-19. Be sure and get tested. 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 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 details about a specific event, call ahead before you go for a test.

NCDHHS also [expanded](#) the availability of its at-home COVID-19 test collection. All North Carolina residents may request a COVID-19 PCR Test Home Collection Kit shipped

overnight directly to their homes at no cost.

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.

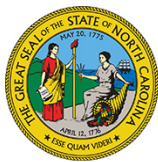
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- Visit the [NCDHHS COVID-19 website](#) for information, a [data dashboard](#), [updates](#), [live briefings](#) and more.
- Go to [North Carolina's COVID-19 Information Hub](#) for resources, information and assistance across state government, including 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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