

NCDHHS Releases Plan, Data Dashboard Updates for Next Phase of COVID-19 Response



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

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>>> Moving Forward Together:
The Next Phase of
North Carolina's COVID-19
Pandemic Response



Yesterday, Gov. Roy Cooper, NCDHHS Secretary Kody H. Kinsley and NC Department of Commerce Secretary Machel Sanders held a press briefing to look ahead to a [new phase of COVID-19](#). The NCDHHS approach is based on four principles: prioritizing equity, empowering individuals, maintaining health system capacity, and collaborating with local partners.

NCDHHS also [released its plan](#) for the current stage of the pandemic, Moving Forward Together. As part of this new phase, NCDHHS announced upcoming changes to its COVID-19 Data Dashboard. In this next phase, the department will elevate different

metrics to reflect North Carolina's current state.

Beginning on March 23, the [Summary page](#) of the NCDHHS COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated weekly on Wednesdays and will include a focus on seven key metrics: [wastewater testing](#), [COVID-like illness](#) in hospitals, [COVID-19 hospital admissions](#), [COVID-19 reported cases](#), [booster rates](#), [new variants](#), and the CDC's [COVID-19 community levels](#). For more information on the new phase of the COVID-19 response, see the [Moving Forward Together \(Spanish\)](#) plan.

[COVID-19 Tele-Town Hall: Vaccines for Children](#)

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Kids HAVE A SPOT TO TAKE THEIR SHOT.

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COVID-19 Fireside Chat & Tele-town Hall: Vaccines for Children in
Thurs., March 10 from 6 to 7 p

Topics will include:

- COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness for children 5+.
- Ways parents can support their child's mental health.
- Current recommendations for women who are pregnant or may become pregnant in the future (Hint: it's safe!)
- What to know about vaccines for kids under 5 and when they might be available

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Submit questions during the live event via social media or dial (855) 756-7520, Ext. 79570#. [MySpot.nc.gov](#)

NCDHHS hosted a tele-town hall on March 10 about vaccines for children. Topics included:

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- Ways parents can support their child's mental health.
- Current recommendations for women who are pregnant or may become pregnant in the future. (Hint: it's safe!)
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[COVID-19 Testing](#)

You should get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible if you have symptoms, and after five days if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19. Seek medical attention immediately for serious symptoms such as trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face.

- NC Medicaid beneficiaries can [receive free at-home COVID-19 tests](#) from their local pharmacies. Beneficiaries should select an at-home test at their preferred pharmacy and present their NC Medicaid ID card to the pharmacy for no out-of-pocket cost. The pharmacist will be able to bill Medicaid on the patient's behalf.
- Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four, free at-home COVID-19 tests. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them at [covidtests.gov](#).
- To find a PCR testing sites near you, visit [ncdhhs.gov/GetTested](#). With increased demand for testing, try a different community-based site if your normal one is busy.
- For an up-to-date list of no-cost community testing events, visit the [No-Cost Testing Events](#) webpage.

COVID-19 Treatments

Have [symptoms](#)? Don't wait. COVID-19 [treatments](#) can lower your risk of hospitalization or death.

- Talk to your doctor about treatment.
- To find treatment options, go to [covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTreatment](#).
- Call 1-877-332-6585 (English)/1-877-366-0310 (Spanish) to find out more about treatment. The call center can help if you do not have a health care provider.

Treatments are not a substitute for [vaccination](#). Vaccines offer the best protection against COVID-19.

Spread the word about FDA authorized treatments for COVID-19 by [sharing this flyer](#).

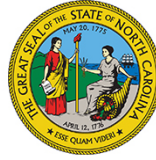
Get the Latest Information

- Visit the [NCDHHS COVID-19 website](#) for information, a [data dashboard](#), [updates](#), [live briefings](#), the [latest guidance](#) 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](#).
- View your vaccine information ([English](#), [Spanish](#)).



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