

Alamance County EM
SITUATION REPORT

#196

12/10/2020

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Forecast: Today will be sunny but cool with a high of 64 and low of 37. Warmer temperatures are on the way for the rest of the week. Fridays High is expected to be 64 with a low of 45

North Carolina Numbers: NCDHHS 12/10/2020. Alamance County remains on "RED" on the COVID Alert System map. Laboratory Confirmed Cases: 416,083, Deaths: 5,714, Tests: 5,778,458, Currently Hospitalized: 2,444, New reported cases: 5,556. Daily percentage of positive cases: 10.5 % Number of Counties: 100

NC Executive order #181 Effective Wednesday Dec. 11, 2020 mandating a modified Stay at home order. Certain businesses and facilities are ordered to close to the public between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. (the "Night-Time Public Closure Period"). This includes restaurants (with exceptions for take-out and delivery, as noted below), bars, entertainment venues, parks, museums and aquariums, certain retail establishments, and other businesses and facilities

- Evacuations Sheltering
 Specifics: No evacuations or sheltering in place at this time

EOC Activated: Yes No Monitoring Level: 3 (Partial 7am-5pm)

ACEM: Updates from EM and Partners

The Alamance County COVID19 Call Center is open M-F 8:00am to 5:00pm to answer general questions from the community with the option to transfer callers with medical questions to a public health nurse. As of 12/10/2020, the Call Center has answered a total of 9,995 calls with 5,892 as medical.

- ACEM continues to operate the EOC 0800 to 1700 in support of the COVID-19 crisis.
- Alamance Counties State of Emergency will remain in effect until 12/11/2020
- NCDHHS guidance on Fall Events:
<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NCDHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Fall-Events.pdf>
- Link to: [Phase 3 Guidance](#) and facts.
- **CDC Recommends Flu Vaccine:** The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [recommends](#) routine annual flu vaccination for anyone ages 6 months and older.
- NEW [NCDHHS Safer Holiday Breaks Flyer](#) added to Individuals, Phase 3 and Colleges guidance.
- ACHD is developing plans for administration of COVID vaccine.
- Updated [NCDHHS Interim Update on COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- Winter weather preparedness week December 6 -12. <https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-encourages-residents-prepare-winter-weather>. Please take a moment to share this link with your internal partners and encourage they prepare for future winter weather events.

NO-COST COVID-19 TESTING in Alamance County

Go to <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> for more information and to pre-register. Call (877) 562-4850 if you do not have internet or are registering for a minor.

All times are 0900-to 6:00pm unless otherwise listed.

December 12th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st

Fairchild Community Center

827 S Graham Hopedale Rd, Burlington NC 27217 9:00 am to 6:00pm except the 24th and 31st, on those days it will be 8:00 am to 2:00pm

December 15th, 22nd, 29th

Pleasant Grove Community Center

3958 North NC Hwy 49, Burlington

December 16th, 23rd, 29th 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Mebane Arts Center

633 Corregidor Street, Mebane

December 17th

Schar Center

524 North Williamson Ave Elon

December 11th, 18th

Eli Whitney Community Center

4110 East Greensboro Chapel Hill Rd

December 14th, 21st, 28th

North Park Community Center

811 Sharpe Rd Burlington NC

Town of Elon:

The town of Elon has executed a state of emergency for the town limits in response to COVID 19. The order reduces the number of individuals mass gathering indoors to 10, and outdoor mass gatherings to 25. Playgrounds and the basketball court are open, with limited numbers in compliance with the State of Emergency, and with enhanced cleaning protocols.

Elon University: COVID Dashboard: COVID-19 Alert-Level

LEVEL 3 – High Alert: Limit everyday activities to increase safety: Many cases, including community spread with some undetected cases.

9 new cases reported on today's 12/10/2020 dashboard. <https://www.elon.edu/u/ready-and-resilient/health-wellness/covid-19-dashboard>

Alamance County Public Health: Daily Case Counts as of 12/10/2020

Cumulative Cases: 8,687

Released from Isolation: 7,704

Active cases in isolation 861 of these, 59 are receiving hospital care.

Close Contacts being monitored: 1,521

Released Close Contacts: 14,611

COVID Deaths: 122

There is an increase of **86 cases** since yesterday's report.

It is even more necessary now than ever to continue to practice the 3 W's; Wear a Mask, Washing Hands, and Wait 6 feet Apart. Please see the attached information that can be posted to encourage mask wearing, we are all in this together! We are asking as leaders and important partners in the community for your support in continuing to model the way and protecting our community.

Mask signage can be found here: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/C19-Wear-ENG.pdf>

Updated daily reports are available at: <https://apps.alamance-nc.com/COVID>

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Cone Health Update: 12/7/2020

Major Updates

#MaskUp Pledge

Cone Health has invited our employees to take the #MaskUp pledge by taking a picture of themselves wearing a mask and then challenging five community friends to do the same on social media. We have set a goal of 5,000 pledges to wear a mask.

As a government official, **please consider taking the #MaskUp pledge yourself** to help spread the importance of wearing a mask! More information, including a virtual photo booth, is available at conehealth.com/maskuppledge

Coronavirus Vaccine Distribution Plans

It was announced today that the coronavirus vaccine has been distributed to 11 health systems in North Carolina that have ultra-low temp freezers for staging purposes (prepositioning of assets to speed distribution). Cone Health is in phase one of the distribution plan and will receive vaccine from the prepositioned stockpiles 24-72 hours after final FDA approval.

Cone Health expects to begin offering vaccinations to its employees the week of December 14. The first employees to receive the vaccine has been determined based on the CDC's recommended priority for giving the vaccine, and vaccinations will be optional for eligible employees.

Virus Continues to Spread

Cone Health saw **another record total number of COVID-19 patients** in our facilities over the weekend: 172 for the Friday-Saturday midnight patient census and 173 for the Saturday-Sunday midnight patient census. Approximately 85 patients were at the Green Valley Campus COVID specialty hospital. The rest of the patients were at other facilities.

In anticipation of the potential increase in patients, Cone Health continues to convert more rooms to be able to provide HEPA-filtered negative pressure and continues to carefully monitor the projections for how many rooms we will need for COVID patients.

Cases continue to increase, both throughout North Carolina and in Cone Health's service area. Almost all counties in North Carolina are experiencing a reproduction number greater than 1.0, which means the number of people with the virus is increasing. (As a reminder, an overall reproduction number of 1.0 means that each person with the virus spreads it, on average, to one other person.)

Current reproduction estimates for [Alamance](#), [Guilford](#), [Randolph](#), and [Rockingham](#) Counties appear immediately below and are available at

coviddata.conehealth.com. The "SARS-CoV-2 Spread by County" graphic below shows which North Carolina counties are experiencing an increase (in orange) or decrease (in blue) in the spread of the virus.

Enhanced Enforcement of Visitation Policy

With COVID-19 cases rising, all Cone Health staff have been reminded about the importance of strictly enforcing all aspects of our COVID-19 visitor policies, which are designed to protect our patients and staff, as well as our visitors.

Here are some important considerations:

- **Masks for visitors are required at all times** in all Cone Health facilities, including at all times in patient rooms.
- An adult COVID-19-negative patient may designate a **single visitor or support person** who will be allowed to visit during the patient's hospital stay.
 - Family members may not switch this designated support person at any time over the length of the patient's hospital stay. While we share the anguish of family members unable to visit loved ones, this policy is strictly required for the safety of our patients and staff.
- A designated **visitor may leave and return** to the hospital within the designated visiting hours.
- A designated support person may stay with a hospital patient **beyond 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. visiting hours** only when the patient's attending physician indicates this is necessary for the patient's **cognitive or behavioral safety**.

Exceptions to the above, including for minors, delivering mothers, and patients at end of life, are included on [Cone Health's COVID-19 patient visitation webpage](#).

Please help Cone Health in our efforts to explain these rules, and the need for these rules, to our communities.

Chance of Catching COVID-19 Doubled Over Last Month

The likelihood of catching COVID-19 in the community doubled in the past month, and is *expected to double (again) within another month*. When going out, please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance from others. And please consider limiting your exposure in other ways, if you can, like picking up dinner instead of dining out, ordering groceries for pickup or delivery, and working remotely.

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COVID+ Patient Census

Facility	Total COVID+ Patients	Patients in ICU
Alamance Regional Medical Center	20	1
Annie Penn Hospital	2	0
Green Valley Campus	99	18
Moses Cone Hospital	36	6
Wesley Long Hospital	25	3
Cone Health Total	182	28

Total COVID-19 Tests 179,103	Total Positive Tests 12,216	Total Negative Tests 161,542
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COVID+ Patients Discharged Home 1,672	COVID+ Patients Discharged to Skilled Nursing 290	COVID+ Patients Discharged to Rehab Facility 16
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Data from State		
	Cases	Deaths
Alamance County	7,785	104
Forsyth County	14,729	173
Guilford County	18,149	259
Randolph County	5,882	93
Rockingham County	3,343	23
Statewide	394,990	5,543

ABSS Update: On Monday, October 26, the Alamance-Burlington Board of Education voted for Pre-K and Adapted Curriculum students to return to in-person learning beginning November 18. Pre-K students will attend class 5 days per week and Adapted Curriculum students will attend class based on their personalized learning schedule as determined by parents and teachers. Pre-K and Adapted Curriculum parents may choose for their child to continue on remote learning if that is their preference. All other K-12 students will remain on remote learning (Plan C) through January 15.

<https://www.abss.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01001905/Centricity/Domain/8922/1052020Update.pdf>

ABSS continues to do meal delivery but will not be making deliveries over the Christmas Holidays. There will be no deliveries from December 21 through Jan 1.

ABSS is working to assist community partners at licensed child care centers and additional sites that have signed agreements with us to help serve ABSS families needing access to child care during remote learning. The contact person assisting with this effort is Andrea Edmonds 336 380-7872

ABSS Surpassed 2 million meals served The week on Thanksgiving.

Key Messages continue to be: Please continue to practice the 3 W's. More information is available [on the NC DHHS website](#).

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