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**ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES UPDATE ON REGIONAL VACCINE CLINICS**  
**Updated COVID-19 vaccine counts, cases, and outbreaks**

Elizabeth City, NC – Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing updated information on COVID-19 vaccines, lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, and facility outbreaks as of 1 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021 in addition to the weekly surveillance report (attached).

“Since the vaccination rollout began, there have been reports of increased COVID-19-related scams and phishing across the region,” states R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health Director. “It’s important to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from these scams. Be wary of any inbound calls, texts, emails or phony websites that ask for your Social Security number, financial details, or insurance or other personal information.”

You can also take the following steps to stop these scams:

- **Contact a trusted source for information.** Check with your local health department to learn when and how to get the COVID-19 vaccine or schedule an appointment or how to access your COVID-19 vaccine record
- **Don’t open emails, attachments, or links** from people you don’t know, or that come unexpectedly. You could download dangerous malware onto your computer or phone.
- **Don’t share your personal, financial, or health information** with people you don’t know.
- **Watch for unexpected or unusual texts.** Don't click on links – especially messages you didn't expect.

For additional information click here: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-vaccines-scams>

ARHS is continuing to accept vaccine appointments for Moderna and Pfizer, along with Johnson and Johnson. Appointments will be available to residents of the eight county region who are 12 and older. Appointments for third dose vaccines for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals living in the eight-county region are being accepted for Moderna and Pfizer. Booster doses for Pfizer are also available.

Pasquotank County Health Department 252-338-4400	Perquimans County Health Department 252-426-2100	Camden County Health Department 252-338-4460	Chowan County Health Department 252-482-6003
Currituck County Health Department 252-232-2271	Bertie County Health Department 252-794-5322	Gates County Health Department 252-357-1380	Hertford County Health Department 252-862-4054

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## ARHS COVID-19 Vaccines Administered

County	Total First Doses Administered	Total Second Doses Administered	Total Booster /Third Doses Administered
Pasquotank	12,020	10,839	713
Perquimans	4,743	4,319	95
Camden	3,596	3,635	49
Chowan	4,893	4,558	43
Currituck	8,528	8,383	337
Bertie	5,710	5,499	27
Gates	3,575	3,875	67
Hertford	4,952	4,907	68

**Total First Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 48,017**

**Total Second Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 46,015**

**Total Booster/Third Doses of ARHS Vaccine Administered – 1,399**

## ARHS COVID-19 Cases

County	# Lab Confirmed Cases	# Active Cases	# Recovered Cases	Total # of Deaths
Pasquotank	4,994	134	4,753	107
Perquimans	1,496	30	1,449	17
Camden	1,087	23	1,056	8
Chowan	2,247	34	2,172	41
Currituck	2,656	51	2,580	25
Bertie	2,434	45	2,337	52
Gates	1,059	27	1,014	18
Hertford	2,787	48	2,669	70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,760</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>18,030</b>	<b>338</b>

ARHS is reporting one death related to COVID-19 in Bertie County. The individual was in the 50-64 year age. Hertford County is reporting one death related to COVID-19. The individual was over the age of 65. Gates County is reporting three deaths due to COVID -19. Two individuals were in the 50-64 year are range and the other individual was over the age of 65. Perquimans County is also reporting one death. This individual was in the 18-24 year age range. In addition, Pasquotank County is reporting two deaths related to COVID-19. Both individuals were over the age of 65. One death was associated with a long-term care facility outbreak.

## COVID-19 Outbreaks in Congregate Living Facilities

Facility	Staff	Residents	Deaths
Brian Center – Hertford	3	0	0
Currituck Health and Rehab	2	4	0
Edenton House	4	6	0
Elizabeth City Health and Rehab	11	29	3
Heritage Care	3	16	0
Waterbrooke	6	3	0

The outbreak at Bertie – Martin Regional Jail has resolved.

COVID-19 testing is still available by appointments at the local health departments across the region. Tests will be completed through a curbside screening clinic. To schedule an appointment call your local health department directly.

ARHS is collaborating with OptumServe to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing sites in Bertie, Chowan, Hertford, and Pasquotank counties. The Pasquotank site is offering rapid tests along with PCR tests. All other Optum sites offer PCR only. Typically testing is available most days of the week however, times and days may change so please call or check the website prior to going to a site. You may check availability and register to make an appointment for testing by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) 562-4850.

ARHS is continuing to ask our community citizens to be mindful in practicing preventive and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please remember these precautions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Practice social distancing; stay at least six feet away from others, avoid unnecessary travel, avoid handshakes, hugs and other close contact.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public.
- Get vaccinated.

For more information about COVID-19, visit these sites:

Albemarle Regional Health Services - <http://www.arhs-nc.org/> or call **252-338-WELL (9355)** or **1-833-640-SHOT (7468)**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Center for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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