

# NC MedAssist to Give Away Free Medicine in Wadesboro

NC MedAssist is holding a Mobile Free Pharmacy Event in Anson county, NC on Friday, August 7. The event, which is in collaboration with Atrium Health, is open to any individual or family needing over-the-counter medications. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, located at 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Participants must be at least 18 years old to receive medicine. No identification is required.

Unlike previous Mobile Free Pharmacy events, this one will be held as a drive-thru service only. Participants are highly encouraged to order their over-the-counter medicine online at [bit.ly/OTCAanson](http://bit.ly/OTCAanson).

"We have completed revamped our Giveaway Day in order to keep our participants, volunteers, and staff as safe as possible," said Misty Moore, Senior Development Director at NC MedAssist. "We came together with Atrium Health and identified such a need in the Wadesboro community. With so many restrictions in place we had to take a look at how we can still provide this service while keeping everyone safe and healthy."

The Mobile Free Pharmacy events have served upwards of 800 people, at times. In order to comply with local recommended guidelines, all participants will remain in their vehicles while volunteers retrieve their medicine. For those individuals unable to register online, Atrium Health employees will be available to complete registration forms for each person, limiting touch points.

At the event, information will also be available about enrolling in the NC MedAssist Free Pharmacy Program, which mails free prescription medications directly to a patient's home. NC MedAssist's overall goal is to help ease the burden for those in need; it is aiding people who are making the choice between buying food and purchasing life-saving medication. Over the last fiscal year, NC MedAssist distributed over \$74 million in free prescription and over-the-counter medication statewide. Of course, this would not be possible without the numerous, dedicated volunteers.

NC MedAssist is a statewide nonprofit pharmacy, founded in 1997. The organization provides free prescription medication to low-income, uninsured North Carolinians. NC MedAssist offers three programs that address the needs of children and adults: the Free Pharmacy Program, the Mobile Free Pharmacy Program, and the Transitional Job Program. Learn more about NC MedAssist right now at [www.medassist.org](http://www.medassist.org). You can also visit their Facebook and Twitter pages, or contact them to find out how you can help.

## North Carolina Introduces the New [NCcareers.org](http://NCcareers.org)

**One-stop career resource for students, workers, businesses and educators**

On Wednesday, July 15 Governor Roy Cooper introduced the new [NCcareers.org](http://NCcareers.org), an integrated career information system that offers North Carolinians ways to explore careers and job opportunities. Governor Cooper praised the portal during video remarks at the annual Career & Technical Education Conference.

"North Carolinians need resources to navigate the quickly changing job market," Governor Cooper said. "The new [NCcareers.org](http://NCcareers.org) helps people research the education and training options that lead them to find good, high paying jobs available right now across our state."

As the state's economy continues to adapt to the impact of COVID-19, work environments and employers' needs have shifted significantly. The career portal will offer skills and interest assessments for people in all stages of their careers, as well as the ability to explore occupations and local job openings, and the capability to identify education and training opportunities tailored to an individual's career interests.

The core group of partners collaborating over several years to create the portal includes the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Labor & Economic Analysis Division, the North Carolina Community College System, the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services and its Vocational Rehabilitation unit, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the University of North Carolina System, N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Workforce Solutions Division at the Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Business Committee for Education, and J.P. Morgan.

The portal is available now at [NCcareers.org](http://NCcareers.org).

## NCDHHS Spanish Language Website and Tools to Check for COVID-19 Symptoms

On Thursday, July 16 Governor Roy Cooper announced that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) launched new online tools to help Spanish-speaking North Carolinians to determine if they should consider being tested for COVID-19 and help individuals monitor their symptoms if they have tested positive for or been exposed to COVID-19.

The site is: [ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us](http://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us).

"Reliable information is a powerful tool to fight COVID-19. This Spanish language symptom checker will help people identify symptoms and then connect them with resources to know where to get tested. All of this is important to slowing the spread of the disease," said Governor Cooper.

"I am very concerned about the health of our Latinx/Hispanic community who have been hit hard by the pandemic," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "This new tool is one way that we can help our Spanish-speaking community members protect themselves and their families."

North Carolina's Latinx/Hispanic population is being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As of mid-July, our Latinx/Hispanic population represent 44 percent of cases where ethnicity is known, although they make-up 9 percent of the state's population. Many in the Latinx/Hispanic community work in essential industries that North Carolina relies upon, such as construction, child care and food processing. Often, this work is in environments where social distancing can be challenging, health insurance is not provided and for a sick person, staying home could create a significant financial burden.

The new online tools are intended to help people know if they may need a test, how to get a test and how to monitor their own symptoms if advised to do so. These tools include:

- Check My Symptoms (Comprobar Mis Sintomas), a public website that allows people to enter their symptoms to determine if they should consider getting tested for COVID-19. If a test is recommended, they will receive a link to a list of nearby testing sites via email or text.
- Find My Testing Place, a public website that allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online. To view in Spanish, users can select Spanish in the yellow box.
- COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) Tool, a password-protected online software that helps people track their own symptoms if they have been advised to do so by the COVID-19 Community Team.

**Supporting Latinx/Hispanic Community with Linguistically Appropriate Contact Tracing** Through contact tracing, local health department staff and other COVID-19 Community Team members reach out to people who may have recently come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and connect them with the information and support needed to protect themselves and their loved ones. Half of all new hires to the Community Team are bilingual.

"We are prioritizing hiring bilingual staff to support our Spanish-speaking community. We are making progress, but still have work to do," said Secretary Cohen.

All information provided to the Community Team is confidential, and personal information or names will not be released to anyone. Any information that is shared with the COVID-19 Community Team is a private health record and is strictly confidential. Personal information will not be shared with other government agencies, and the names of individuals and contacts will not be released or shared. The Community Team will work to connect anyone who needs additional help as they monitor their symptoms or stay at home with the resources they need. Their name might be shared in this case, with their permission.

The Community Team will never ask for someone's Social Security Number, bank or credit card numbers, or any other financial information. If you are asked for this information, please hang up and call your local health department to report the incident.

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**\*All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.**

# Church News

**JULY 19 - 22**

**Cancelled - Revival And Homecoming** at Henry Grove MBC

**ONGOING Prayer Walk for Revival & Awakening**, 8am every Saturday at Anson County Courthouse by United Hearts on Fire. Praying for county, state & nation

### Virtual Services

At Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Sundays 11-11:30am with Zoom: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) or use Zoom app, click "join a meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 385 789 5966 Password: 699988. Or join via Zoom audio: 646-876-9923, same Meeting ID & Password. Questions & info 704-690-7577

### Noon Day Prayer

Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries Pentecostal. Or call in request 704-270-4021 or 704-690-4900

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# Events

**JULY 23**

### Census Help Day

At Grace Senior Center, 10am-4pm. Seniors invited to come for free help completing their Census. It is important, as it helps determine government funding for many services. Register by calling 704-694-6616. Bring mask or it will be provided. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place

**JULY 25**

### Free Groceries for Families in Need

at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. 12 noon-2pm. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details. Located at 13349 Hwy 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. [www.burnsvillelc.org](http://www.burnsvillelc.org)

**JULY 27**

### Board of Education Regular Meeting

held virtually at 4:30pm. The public is invited to dial in, (571) 317-3122; the access code is 260-361-021

**AUGUST 5**

### Free Groceries

For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at Wingate Baptist Church, located at 109 Elm St in Wingate. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445

**AUGUST 7**

### Free Medicine Giveaway

by NC MedAssist in collaboration with Atrium Health, 9am-2pm at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Ave in Wadesboro. Over-the-counter medications. Must be 18 or older, no ID required. Drive-thru pick up. Please pre-order at [bit.ly/OTCAanson](http://bit.ly/OTCAanson). MedAssist info at [www.medassist.org](http://www.medassist.org)

**AUGUST 29**

### Community Outreach

Free household items & paper products by Lamb of God Church, 10am at 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro. 1st come, 1st served. Info 843-623-3777

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**COME AND JOIN US ON SUNDAYS FOR A MESSAGE OF HOPE ABOUT OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

We are hosting a virtual meeting in Anson County each Sunday from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. to share a message about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All are invited, and we would love for you to join!

To join, go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) or open the Zoom app. Click "Join A Meeting" and enter the following:

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