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Three More COVID-19 Deaths in Anson County

Vaccines are available. Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, September 27 showed 3,637 total Covid-19 cases, with 158 active. There were three additional deaths from Covid-19 since September 20, bringing the total deaths to 75. On Monday, September 20 there were 3,534 total Covid-19 cases, with 282 active and 72 deaths.

Vaccines are available, including walk-in clinics. They are free, and all you have to do is call the Health Department at 704-694-5188 for more information.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, September 27 there were 2,665 new cases, with 16,235 deaths and 3,012 hospitalized. 69% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 64% were fully vaccinated. On Monday, September 13 there were 5,346 new cases, with 15,247 deaths and 3,514 hospitalized. 67% of adults in NC were vaccinated with at least one dose, 62% were fully vaccinated.

Statewide, as of Monday, August 30 there were 4,569 new cases, with 14,412 deaths and 3,509 hospitalized. August 2 there were 2,190 new cases, with 13,670 deaths and 1,359 hospitalized. July 12 there were 562 new cases of COVID-19, with 13,499 deaths and 448 hospitalized. On June 7 there were 359 new cases of COVID-19, with 13,199 deaths and 546 hospitalized. May 3 there were 1,126 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,691 deaths and 1,007 hospitalized. April 5 there were 1,054 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,173 deaths and 907 hospitalized. March 1 there were 862,170 cases of COVID-19, 11,254 deaths and 1,219 hospitalized. February 1: 761,302 cases, 9,342 deaths and 2,781 hospitalized. January 4: 570,111 cases, 6,941 deaths and 3,192 hospitalized. December 7: 404,032 cases, 5,605 deaths and 2,373 hospitalized. November 2: 278,028 cases, 4,390 deaths and 1,146 hospitalized. October 5: 219,754 cases, 3,637 deaths and 971 hospitalized.

COVID-19 history in Anson County: March 31, 2020: 1 case; April 28 - 23 cases (no deaths); May 26: 62 cases (1 death); June 22: 107 cases (2 deaths); July 27: 285 cases (2 deaths); August 31: 440 cases (4 deaths); September 28: 605 cases (4 deaths); October 26: 720 cases (9 deaths); November 30: 937 cases (14 deaths); December 31: 1,444 cases; (28 deaths); January 25: 1,957 cases (42 deaths); February 22: 2,258 cases (53 deaths); March 29: 2,414 cases (56 deaths); April 30: 2,527 cases (56 deaths); May 28: 2,604 cases (56 deaths); June 30: 2,639 cases (57 deaths); July 26: 2,719 cases (58 deaths); August 31: 3,085 cases (63 deaths).

Please note that for more information regarding county/state statistics, refer to www.ncdhhs.gov.

New Safety Guidelines

Enacted for Anson School Games

Please note the following new safety guidelines for Anson County Schools' (ACS) athletic events. These guidelines took effect on September 27.

- All spectators may be subject to a security wand search prior to entry into any athletic facility within Anson Schools.
- All bookbags, satchels, fanny packs, backpacks, athletic bags, tote bags, or other bags will not be allowed in the stadium, gymnasium or any ACS athletic facility. Bags are to be left at home or in the vehicle.
- All attendees may be subject to a security wand search prior to entry into the athletic facility.
- There will be no re-entry to the game after exiting the athletic event.
- The Anson County School District reserves the right to deny entry to any athletic event to any person who fails to comply with these procedures.

Thank you in advance for supporting these new procedures so that Anson County Schools can provide a safe and enjoyable experience while cheering on our student athletes.

Sandhills Center Family Support Programs for October

- October 15: Suicide Prevention for the Transgender/Gender Nonbinary Community webinar will be held virtually from 11:00-12:30 on Friday, October 15th. Dana Cea, PhD will present. To register, contact Adrian Standish at leehar-nettisp@yahoo.com or 910-985-0126. Upon registration, you will be sent the link to the webinar.
- October 21: LGBTQ+ Community in Mental Health webinar will be held virtually from 1:00-2:00pm on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Dana Cea PhD, MS, CPSS (NC), CRC, LCMHC (NC), NCC Vice President, C&C Betterworks, P.A will be the presenter. To register, contact Shirlyn Morrison-Sims at search.family.support.program@gmail.com or 919-906-7103. Upon registration, a link to the web meeting will be sent.
- October 22: Human Trafficking: A Survivor's Story. A webinar will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm via WebEx. Judith Paparozzi, Adjunct Professor at UNC-Pembroke and survivor Lillianna Cox will be the presenters. Contact Suzanne Maness for more info or to register, call (910) 627-1769 or email connectionsfp@gmail.com. Registration deadline is October 20, 2021. Flyer is attached.
- October 28: Current Drug Trends webinar presented by Alcohol and Drug Services will be held virtually from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th. Please contact Charmaine Ford by email at randmontadufsp@gmail.com or 336-870-3802 to register.

Anson Commissioners Meet October 5

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.



Read, Drink and Repeat!

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas has continued its partnership with Morven Elementary School by participating in a "Quench the Thirst" project. On Friday, September 24, 2021, the organization donated 720 bottles of water to meet the needs of Morven Elementary School students.

During the COVID-19 pandemic it is important to avoid high-touched surfaces like water fountains that are typically used multiple times throughout a school day. Research has shown that water gives the brain the electrical energy for all brain functions, including thought and memory processes. By donating bottled water the organization is not only quenching thirst, they are helping improve the quality of life for the students of Morven Elementary School.

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas is a local, nonprofit group that provides educational and other social activities designed to improve the Anson County community. There are fourteen members: Pat McCoy, Elizabeth Kersey, Winnie Bennett, Marilyn Bennett, Joletha Little, Johnnie Pettiford, Judy Simon, Beulah Pratt, Samantha Douglas, Shunee McRae, Arnette Taylor, Kristen Mims, Elizabeth Kilgo and Quantelya Johnson.

Volunteers, Community, Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center and Red Cross Helping to Save Lives

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: On Tuesday August, 17, Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center teamed up with the American Red Cross to save lives through holding a blood drive. The actual event's preparation started at 1: 00 p.m. with a host of volunteers from BRLC, Red Cross and Red Cross staff members. The blood drive was held at BRLC in Burnsville. The drive started at 2:00 p.m. and lasted until 6:30 p.m. This was the second blood drive BRLC hosted this year in partnering with American Red Cross.

The blood drive was coordinated through the efforts of outstanding BRLC volunteer Michele Sarno and the Stanly County Red Cross chapter. Volunteers who assisted Sarno were Wendy Chirokas, Robert and Lizzie Lee, Deloris Hammond, Brenda Benton, Marshall and Treamenda Caple, Alton Jackson, Mitchell Kiser, Sarah Hersey and BRLC Director Carol Smith.

The community really came together to show their support for those in need of blood. There were a total of 24 individuals who showed up to donate. Of the 24 who came to give, there were 14 first time donors. Hallelujah!

Anytime you do anything for the first time there is always a little hesitance or fear, but as you peruse in any area of life you win. That is what happened to all BRLC's donors who came out to give blood for the first time. To you who have donated before, BRLC and Red Cross say thanks and appreciate you for sharing in this special event. Together we are making a huge difference as we overcome obstacles this life brings our way.

BRLC plans to host at least two blood drives a year at this location, and with such a great community of supporters this can be accomplished. Every Day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accidents and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact every two seconds someone need blood in the U.S.

The American Red Cross Shelters feed and provide emotional support to victims of disasters; they also supply about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teach skills that save lives; provide international humanitarian aid; and support military members and their families.

The Red Cross and Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center are not-for-profit organizations that depend on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform our mission.

Pictured above is Michele Sarno who coordinated the blood drive. She is one of BRLC's food transporters. She makes sure that free groceries are available for neighbors two times per month. Volunteer support is important to all the services BRLC provides to neighbors throughout this community and Anson County.



Michele Sarno directed the BRLC blood drive.

Wadesboro Lions Club Returns to Papa Joe's

After many months and meeting in various locations, the Wadesboro Lions Club has returned to Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro, meeting there every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information regarding Lions, membership and their services to our community, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

Protecting Your Online Accounts

As financial technology has evolved, it has given consumers the ability to shop, save, and invest online using their phones, tablets, and computers. These modern financial conveniences, however, come with risk. Scammers always look for new ways to get into a consumer's pocketbook, electronically or otherwise. Investors should be cautious in the way they use the conveniences offered by new and evolving financial technology, especially as they've become more widely used during the COVID-19 pandemic. A bit of caution can keep virtual distance between scammers and your money.

Banks, credit unions, brokerage firms, investment advisers, employer retirement plans, personal retirement accounts, and more all offer consumers electronic access to their accounts through websites and mobile apps. Retail investors can make important financial decisions, day or night, from their mobile phones. Not long ago, this sort of ready-access to the financial markets was the realm of science fiction. No longer. Technology allows us to buy securities, send money and pay bills with the swipe of a finger. These conveniences are unfortunately not counterbalanced with comparable protections from fraud or abuse. Please read the Informed Investor Alert at sosnc.gov to learn more about how your online activities can leave your financial data at risk and how to protect yourself.

Know Your Ws...Wear, Wait, Wash

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is asking people to remember these three things as we stay strong and continue to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

- If you leave home, practice your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. • Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard Updated 09-24-2021

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	8	0	2	0
Anson High School	30	2	8	2
Anson Middle School	25	2	10	1
Ansonville Elementary	4	1	1	0
Lilesville Elementary	12	1	1	1
Morven Elementary	3	1	1	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	10	1	4	1
Wadesboro Elementary	12	4	4	0
Wadesboro Primary	11	0	5	0
District Office	N/A	1	N/A	1
Transportation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	2	N/A	0
Total	115	15	36	6
Total Students + Employees	130		42	

*Student Enrollment as of 09/24/21	2,989	# of Employees	513
*Enrollment changes daily		% of Employees Positive	1.17%
% of Students Positive	1.20%	A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.	

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