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## 2,499 Reported Cases of COVID-19 in Anson County

**Vaccines are available. All Ansonians 18+ urged to get vaccinated. Only 22% are fully vaccinated.**

As of Monday, April 23 the Anson County Health Department posted that Anson County had 2,499 reported cases of COVID-19. 42 of those cases were active and 56 deaths. **Health Director Fred Thompson, PhD gave this update,** "Here are some important updates about operations at the Health Department and Covid vaccinations.

We are currently offering the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine to all adults 18 and over on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the EMS Center on Country Club Road. We have capacity for about 100 first doses and 100 second doses each day. Anyone 18 or older can simply fill out a registration form and email it to: [covidregistration@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:covidregistration@co.anson.nc.us) or drop it off at the Health Department. Once we receive the registration form we will contact the individual to schedule their vaccination.

The county has set up a direct link to the registration form on the county government home page, [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us). You can also request the form via email at [covidregistration@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:covidregistration@co.anson.nc.us) or by calling the Health Department at 704-694-5188.

People who do not have an active email account can drop off the completed registration form in the drop box located at the front door of the Health Department, located at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. Or they can call (704) 694-5188, press 1, and provide the information over the phone."

Thompson continued, "Unfortunately, we have hit a wall in our Covid vaccinations. We only have 32 first doses scheduled for today (Tuesday, April 27) and only 7 scheduled so far for this Thursday. Only 27% of Ansonians have received their first dose and only 22% are fully vaccinated. I want to encourage everyone 18 and over to get vaccinated. The vaccines are safe and effective, and getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and all that you are in close contact with every day.

While the number of new Covid-19 cases has come down, we still had 25 new cases last week. Lets work together as a community to increase our vaccination rate and drive the number of new cases in Anson County to zero.

As always, please reach out to us with your questions." The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, April 26 there were 1,334 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,560 deaths and 1,067 hospitalized.

Statewide, as of Monday, April 19 there were 1,380 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,418 deaths and 1,096 hospitalized. April 12 there were 1,469 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,290 deaths and 904 hospitalized. April 5 there were 1,054 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,173 deaths and 907 hospitalized. March 29 there were 1,372 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,085 deaths and 873 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.

**Recent 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 1: 2,298 cases (53 deaths); March 29: 2144 cases (56 deaths); April 5: 2,433 cases (56 deaths); April 12: 2,454 cases (56 deaths); April 19: 2,485 cases (56 deaths).

Please note that for more information regarding county/state statistics, refer to [www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov).

## Annual Golden Sweetheart Celebration is Saturday at BRLC

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center invites all Golden Sweethearts 75 years and older to their special annual celebration. Those who are not in this age group are invited to come also. The event will take place this Saturday, May 1 at the BRLC Center, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All Golden Sweethearts will be crowned as Golden Sweetheart 2021. There will be a variety of foods, different beverages, music from the past, games, and fun for all who attend this celebration.

Each Golden Sweetheart will be recognized for their spiritual wisdom. This celebration will only be successful if you come and participate. Local students, ages 5 to 15 years, are invited to come. They will have the opportunity to serve the Golden Sweethearts.

The Golden Sweet Heart is a sponsored event. BRLC continues to serve families throughout this county and surrounding areas.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737. For more information visit [www.burnsvillele.org](http://www.burnsvillele.org).



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If you would like to become involved BRLC is always accepting applications for volunteers. Call 704-826-8737 if interested.

## Treamenda and Marshall Capel, "Wonderful People Who Believe in Community Service"

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: This is a picture of Mr. Marshall Caple and Mrs. Treamenda Caple from the Ansonville Community. They were high school sweethearts. They have volunteered for several years, helping BRLC neighbors. The Caples are members of the Faith of Zion Baptist Church, located in Ansonville.

BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "The Caple's attitude of volunteer service has been inspirational to others. BRLC was able to serve more than 1,000 free meals to low income children, adults and senior citizens last summer and early fall with their support. Their volunteer support and energy helped to provide services to more than 15,000 individuals in 2019. They each serve in different capacities to help neighbors in this county and surrounding communities."

## Governor Cooper Outlines Timeline for Lifting State's COVID-19 Restrictions

**As vaccinations continue and trends stabilize, NC will lift mandatory social distancing, capacity, and mass gathering restrictions by June 1**

Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. have laid out a timeline for lifting current pandemic restrictions. With stable trends and continued vaccination success, the state expects to lift mandatory social distancing, capacity, and mass gathering restrictions by June 1. The Governor plans to issue an executive order next week outlining safety restrictions for the month of May.

"Each shot in an arm is a step closer to putting this pandemic in the rearview mirror," said Governor Cooper. "North Carolinians have shown up for each other throughout this entire pandemic and we need to keep up that commitment by getting our vaccines."

North Carolina continues to focus on distributing vaccines quickly and equitably. This fast and fair approach to getting shots in arms is the best way to beat this pandemic, protect one another, boost the economy and make it possible for restrictions to be lifted.

To date, the state has administered over 6.5 million vaccines. 46.9 percent of adults are at least partially vaccinated, and 35.1 percent are fully vaccinated. More than 76 percent of people 65 and older have had at least one shot.

With vaccine now widely available across the state - often with no wait for an appointment, all North Carolinians 16 and older can plan to take their shot. The state anticipates lifting the mask mandate and easing other public health recommendations, once two thirds of adult North Carolinians have received at least one vaccine dose and if trends remain stable.

"We are at an exciting moment. We now have enough vaccine for everyone," said Secretary Cohen. "If you are 16 and older, it is your turn to join the more than 3.6 million North Carolinians who have already taken their first shot. It's up to you to get us to the two thirds goal as quickly as possible so we can live with this virus and begin to put this pandemic behind us."

Gov. Cooper and Sec. Cohen urged North Carolinians continue to get vaccinated and exercise good judgment even when restrictions are lifted. Businesses should continue to follow voluntary health recommendations and North Carolinians should continue to take safety measures in order to boost the economy, keep children in schools and protect each other.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released statistics indicating that North Carolina is among the states with the fewest deaths and fewest job losses per capita.

State health officials are continuing to monitor the presence of COVID-19 and its more contagious variants in North Carolina, which is why it is important to continue to follow the state's mask mandate and continue to practice safety precautions, including the Three Ws—wear a mask, wait 6 feet apart, and wash hands often.

## Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets May 4

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 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](http://youtube.com) and search for "Anson Commissioners."

## Free Groceries for Families in Need May 4

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Anson and East Union Missional Network, Anson Crisis Assistance Second Harvest Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 111 Hinson Street in Wingate. Please arrive and register between 8 and 10 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, between 9 to 9:30 a.m. • Be sure to bring your own bags, baskets, boxes or carts to carry your food. • Arrive between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. to be sure you can receive food. • If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445. • You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household. Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email [tschumpert@wnccumc.net](mailto:tschumpert@wnccumc.net). The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

## Visit NC Farms Scavenger Hunt

Are you interested in local foods? Want to win a basket of items from Anson County local farms and businesses?

North Carolina Cooperative Extension - Anson County is organizing a scavenger hunt to support and promote Anson County's local farms. This scavenger hunt will start Monday, May 10 and run through Tuesday, June 1. A winner will be announced on Wednesday, June 2 via Facebook live.

To participate download the free 'Visit NC Farms' app from Google Play or the App Store. A questionnaire about the farms listed on the app will be available June 10 on the Cooperative Extension website ([anson.ces.ncsu.edu](http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu)), Facebook page, or printed out in the office. Each question will be about a different Anson County farm or business that is featured on the app and all questions can be answered by exploring the profiles of each farm or business.

For more information about how you can get involved call the local office at (704) 694-2915. Help support local producers this season!

## Morven Cemetery Membership Meeting

The annual General Membership Meeting of Morven Cemetery, Inc. will be held on Monday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morven Presbyterian Church, located at 312 East Main Street in Morven.

## Collecting Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery History. Can you Help?

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) is spearheading a project of collecting and compiling Poplar Spring Baptist Church Original Cemetery's history: 1860s -1950s.

The community is invited to share in an information session of the history that has been collected so far. This session will be presented by Julia Laure, an intern and student from Wingate University, and Vicki Matlock of the Grave Hunters of Union County.

This special event will take place at BRLC on Wednesday, May 5 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737. For more information visit: [www.burnsvillele.org](http://www.burnsvillele.org).

## Feed My Lambs Yard Sale is Sat.

Everyone is invited to come out to Feed My Lambs for their Outside Yard Sale on Saturday, May 1. It runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will be lots of great items for sale. Want to sell? Open spots are available. Info at 704-695-1820.

They also will have food for sale, including hot dogs, homemade chili and slaw, homemade pound cake and drinks...yum! And, if that is not enough...come and participate in the big \$100 Food Lion Gift Card Raffle.

The Thrift Store will be open too. And, there will be storage unit items for sale, such as furniture, dishes, etc.

Feed My Lambs is located at 2290 Highway 74 West in Wadesboro, across from Atrium. The telephone number is 704-695-1820.

## Get Your Brunch Orders in Now for Mother's Day!

Treat Mom like a queen this Mother's Day with brunch just for her. The Anson County Arts Council will take care of the details for you, providing a delicious menu of crustless quiche (bacon & assorted cheeses), fruit salad, and a rose cupcake, yum! Brunch costs \$20 or serving for two for \$30.

Please text (only) your order in as soon as possible, 704-221-3038. The meals are made to order, so they are sold by reservation only. Pickup will be Friday, May 7 at 12 noon at the Arts Council office, located at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, next door to the Ansonia Theatre.