

Phase 1 remains in effect, more time needed to watch key indicators

On Thursday, May 14 Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen shared an update on North Carolina's key COVID-19 indicators. The data and trends show that North Carolina remains stable nearly one week into Phase 1.

"Our COVID-19 decisions are guided by the data and the science," said Cooper. "We will use the time in this phase to keep a careful eye on the data and the indicators before we are ready to announce the start of Phase 2. North Carolinians should continue to stay home if they can and take precautions to keep themselves safe."

"Continued stability in these trends is a real positive for our state. While we remain on a good path for the 14-day trends we need to see to move to Phase 2, our progress as a state is still dependent on our individual actions," said Dr. Cohen. "We need to continue to protect our loved ones and our neighbors. If you leave home, practice three Ws - wear, wait and wash."

Governor Cooper and Secretary Cohen also announced that DHHS now has a list of testing locations on the DHHS website. The list includes more than 200 sample collection sites in 54 counties, with more being added as they are verified. The list is comprised of health care providers, pharmacies and retail locations, local health departments and others that are providing testing for COVID-19. Some of the sites that are federally funded do not cost anything for the individual being tested. Doctors and clinicians may also provide testing at their offices.

Based on the metrics laid out last month by Governor Cooper and Secretary Cohen, officials need to continue watching the trends before announcing a shift into Phase 2.

- Secretary Cohen reported North Carolina remains stable on the following key metrics:
- **Trajectory in COVID-Like Illness (CLI) Surveillance Over 14 Days** North Carolina's syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is decreasing.
 - **Trajectory of Lab-Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days** North Carolina's trajectory of lab-confirmed cases is slightly increasing.
 - **Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days** North Carolina's trajectory in percent of tests returning positive has been decreasing and is starting to level.
 - **Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days** North Carolina's trajectory of hospitalizations is level.

In addition to these metrics, the state continues building capacity to be able to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread. These areas include:

- **Laboratory Testing** - North Carolina has doubled the daily testing rate from approximately 2,500-3,000 to more than 6,000
- **Tracing Capability** - The Carolina Community Tracing Collaborative has already hired close to 100 new contact tracers adding to the 250 already working at our local health departments.
- **Personal Protective Equipment** - Supply chains continue to improve with the exception of gowns.

The Phase 1 executive Order remains in effect until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 22. However, the end of this Order does not necessarily mean the state will move to Phase 2. Phase 2 will only start if data and indicators remain stable.

May Mobile Food Pantry Information

Margot Barnes, Director of Anson Crisis Ministry has released statistics from the May Mobile Food Pantry which was held on Wednesday, May 13 at Wingate United Methodist Church.

Six pasetors and volunteers provided the Food Pantry.

- Total Families: 90
- Children & Youth up to Age 18: 69
- Youth & Adults Ages 19-64: 112
- Adults Over Age 65: 361

"Anson Crisis Ministry received 1,529 pounds of undistributed food that is continuing to be given out," added Barnes. "We are experiencing increased requests for food because of the current crisis."

Information about the next Mobile Food Pantry and Atrium Health Bus visit will be published in The Express when the date is set.

The Crisis Ministry is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445, email is ansoncrisisministry@windstream.net and the website is ansoncrisisministry.org.

On July 25, 2019 Anson County Water received a Continuous Monitoring Violation from May and June of 2019. This violation was a result of equipment failure.

PUBLIC NOTICE

You may see the entire notice at nc-ansoncounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/507/Public-Notice-About-Drinking-Water-PDF

If you have any Questions you may Call Amy Dawkins at 704-848-4849.

Church News

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

MAY 31
100 Women in Hats Fundraiser at New Life Trinity Church, 2:30pm for Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition with Min Peggy Hubbard of West Rocky Ford Baptist Church in Wadesboro

JUNE 14
Family & Friends Day

At New Life Trinity Church, 2:30pm. Theme "Value Your Family & Friends"

JUNE 27
Community Outreach
 Free household items & paper products by Lamb of God Church, 11am at 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro. 1st come, 1st served. Info 843-623-3777

ONGOING
Prayer Service
 Intercessory Prayer at Voice of Evangelism Church every Sat 9am & Sun 8am

Schedule
 At New Hope Methodist Church, Hwy 742 South. Preaching 1st & 3rd Sun, 9:45am. Sun School 1st & 3rd Sun, 10:45am - 2nd & 4th Sun, 9:45am

Come Worship With Us
 At New Life Church, 600 Camden Road in Wadesboro w/Pastor Chris Jackson. Sun-10:30am & Wed-6:30pm

Bible Study
 At Voice of Evangelism Church every Wednesday & Friday at 7:30pm

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 Wednesdays, at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 6:30pm

Bible Study/Prayer
 Every 3rd Saturday at noon, Faith Believers of Deliverance Holiness Church, 215 Brown Creek Rd, Wadesboro

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MAY 23
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.burnsvillec.org

JUNE 5
Reveal Party
 For the new season at the Ansonia Theatre. Invitation only for sponsors to have first dibs on seats, performance dates & the reveal of the 2020-21 season. To become a sponsor or for info, call 704-694-4950 or visit ansoniatheatre.com

JUNE 8
Morven Cemetery Board Meeting, 7:30pm at Morven Baptist Church. Info 704-695-1912

JUNE 17
Bach's Lunch
 Takeout only, 11am-1pm at the Drake Gallery, 108 South Rutherford St in Wadesboro (next to the Ansonia Theatre). Menu is chicken salad lunch with sides, dessert & drink. Please call now (704-694-4950) & leave your name, number & how many plates you want as this will help with planning. Walk-up plates will also be available

JUNE 27
Community Outreach
 Free household items & paper products by Lamb of God Church, 11am at 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro. 1st come, 1st served. Info 843-623-3777

ONGOING EVENTS
Food Pantry
 Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries
 Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

Food Commodities
Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups
 Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

Lions Club Welcomes New Members
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