COVID-19 County Alert System
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WHAT'S NEW IN THIS COUNTY ALERT

- **61 of North Carolina counties are currently red.** There are now 61 red counties, 33 orange counties and 6 yellow counties. In comparison, the previous County Alert from Jan 21st showed 86 red counties, 13 orange counties, and 1 yellow county.

- North Carolina launched new tools to help people know **when they are eligible** for **the COVID-19 Vaccine**, and a tool to help **people find vaccine locations** near them

- Individuals in all counties should continue to stay home, limit public interactions to essential activities, and avoid gathering with others from outside their household in accordance with the January 6th **Secretarial Directive**.
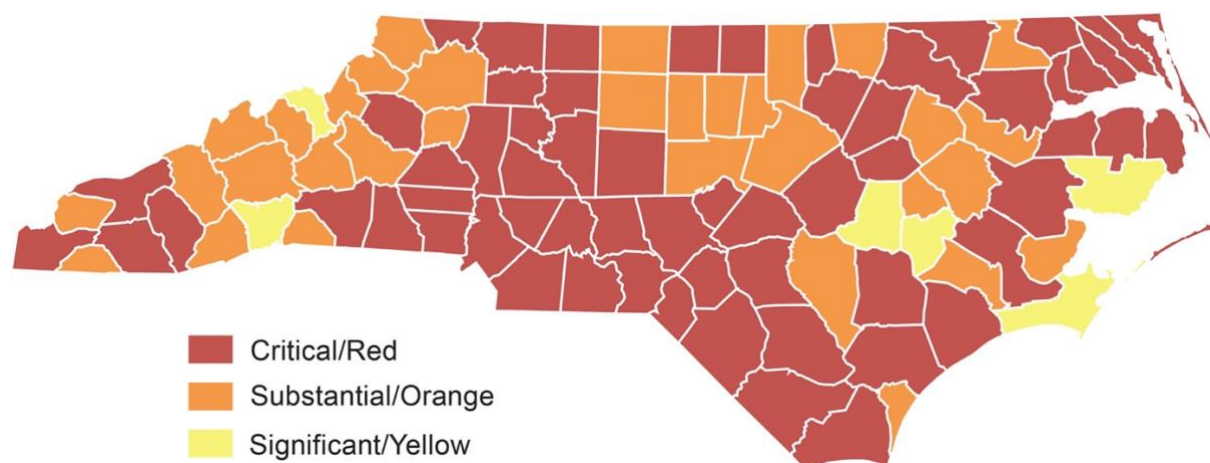
Introduction

North Carolina is experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 cases reported each day, people being hospitalized with COVID-19, people in the intensive care unit, and the percent of tests that are positive, indicating very high levels of viral spread across the state. The COVID-19 County Alert System gives individuals, businesses and community organizations, and public officials a tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to take slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:

1. **Yellow:** Significant Community Spread
2. **Orange:** Substantial Community Spread
3. **Red:** Critical Community Spread

Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county.

NC Counties by Tier: Data from January 17 through January 30, 2021

Critical/Red
Substantial/Orange
Significant/Yellow

A complete list of counties and their metrics is listed at the end of the report, including the previous tier and current tier.

County Metrics

The COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of metrics to determine whether a county meets criteria to be in the red or orange tier. These metrics provide information about the amount of viral spread and hospital impact in the county.

How Tiers are Determined:

To be assigned to the red or orange tier, a county must meet the threshold for case rate for that tier **AND** the threshold for either percent positive OR hospital impact.

- **Case Rate:** The number of new cases in 14 days per 100,000 people
- **Percent Positive:** The percent of tests that are positive over 14 days
- **Hospital Impact:** A composite score based on the impact that COVID-19 has had on hospitals including percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations, COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department, staffed open hospital beds, and critical staffing shortages over 14 days

	Counties must meet:	And meet one of these:	
	Case rate	Percent positive	Hospital Impact within the county*
Critical (Red)	>200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 42 cases in 14 days.	>10%	**High Impact on county hospital(s)**
Substantial (Orange)	101-200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 21 cases in 14 days.	8-10%	**Moderate Impact on county hospital(s)**

*Counties without a hospital are assigned the average hospital impact score from the county where the highest percentage of their inpatient hospital admissions occurred.

Counties that do not meet criteria for the red or orange tier are categorized as being in the yellow tier (significant community spread) and should continue to be vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Recommended Actions for Individuals, Businesses and Community Organizations, and Public Officials

There are critical actions we can all take to slow the spread of COVID-19, regardless of whether your county is currently in the yellow, orange, or red tier. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials all have a responsibility to take these recommended actions, in addition to following the requirements in existing **Executive Orders** and **NCDHHS guidance**, and the **Secretarial Directive**. Red and orange counties need to do even more to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their communities; it is strongly recommended these counties go further and build upon current requirements as outlined in the recommendations below.

Note: If more than 25% of cases are linked to outbreaks in congregate living settings, different and additional outbreak mitigation steps may be recommended. Congregate living setting outbreaks are often linked to spread in the community through staff who are exposed in the community and bring the virus into the setting or vice versa.

Individual Actions

ALL INDIVIDUALS

Individuals in all counties should take the actions listed below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

Follow all actions in the Jan 6, 2021 **Secretarial Directive** to slow the spread of COVID

Masks and physical distance
- Wear a mask at all times and maintain physical distance (at least 6 feet) from people when outside your home to the maximum extent possible.
- Do not enter any indoor public spaces where anyone is unmasked or when you see crowds of people who are not physically distanced.

Stay Home
- Stay home. Limit your public interactions to essential activities such as going to work or school, for health care purposes, to care for family members or to buy food
- Avoid leaving your home if you are over 65 or at **high-risk for developing serious illness.** Use delivery services or alternative pick-up methods for food and retail to the greatest extent possible to avoid in-person interaction with individuals you do not live with.
- Remain at home between 10pm and 5am, unless an exception as set forth in the Governor's **Executive Order 181,** and extended by **Executive Order 189**, applies

Gatherings
- Avoid gatherings with individuals you do not live with. Multiple households should not comingle. If you cannot avoid **gathering,** keep the gathering strictly outdoors and as small as possible. Wear a mask at all times and avoid activities such as eating that require the removal of your mask.
- Avoid settings where people may congregate in large numbers, such as entertainment venues.

Testing and Tracing
- Assume you have become infected if you have gathered with individuals that you do not live with and get tested. Most likely, you will not have symptoms; however, you are dangerous to others, and you must isolate away from anyone at increased risk for severe illness and get tested.
- Get **tested** if you think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Get tested if you have **symptoms of COVID-19**
- Answer the call and participate in contact tracing to protect against further spread if you receive a call from the COVID-19 Community Team.
- Download the **SlowCOVIDNC app** and share with friends and family; if you test positive, enter your pin into the app to notify close contacts to get tested.

Vaccine
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you. Visit YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov for more information.
- Use tools to **know when you're eligible** and **where to find vaccine locations**
- Get a flu shot.

Businesses & Community Organization Actions

ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Many businesses close at 10pm, in accordance with **Executive Order 181, and extended by Executive Order 189.**

- Share messages about vaccines with your employees and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.

- Promote the NC COVID-19 vaccine help center 1- 888-675-4567 for general COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccine questions

- Share messages about the importance of wearing a mask, **practicing the 3Ws, and getting the vaccine** when it is available

- Post **signs about 3Ws at entrances** in accordance with Executive Order 189.

- Provide face coverings to employees and patrons (resource: certain organizations can **request PPE**)

- Support employees to stay home when sick (resource: **Check My Symptoms**)

- Strongly encourage all employees download and use the **SlowCOVIDNC app**

- Follow **general guidance for businesses and organizations** as well as **industry-specific guidance**

- Take actions from the **business toolkit**

  Community and religious organizations are strongly encouraged to hold meetings, events, and/or services online/virtually.

BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

Businesses and community organizations in red and orange counties should take actions listed for All Businesses and Community Organizations AND actions below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

- All businesses are strongly encouraged to implement teleworking the greatest extent possible and cancel any non-essential work travel

- Promote **Find My Testing Place** website to employees

- Require all employees to participate in **Count on Me training**

- Manufacturing, construction, food processing, farms – request a consultation from NCDHHS on reducing workplace transmission (919-707-5900)

- **Institutes of Higher Education**

  - Adopt regular testing of students and staff

  - Adopt strict restrictions on student gatherings and events on-campus and off-campus

  - Close indoor dining and move to grab and go

  - Consider moving to single occupancy dorms or other single occupancy living arrangements

Public Officials

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ALL COUNTIES	PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

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- Share messages about vaccines with your employees, your constituents, and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.

- Promote the NC COVID-19 vaccine help center 1- 888-675-4567 for general COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccine questions

- Role model and actively **promote 3Ws**. Always wear a mask when you are with people you do not live with

- Post **signs about the 3Ws** in all public buildings

- Work with local media to share messages about the importance of wearing a mask, **practicing the 3Ws, and getting the vaccine when it is available**

- Have all public employees download and use the **SlowCOVIDNC app**

- Promote **no-cost testing** to residents

- Help residents understand when **they are eligible for the vaccine** and **connect them to vaccine providers** when they are eligible

- Ensure equitable access to vaccine for people from historically marginalized populations by employing strategies such as proactive outreach to populations, partnering with community organizations, locate vaccine sites in trusted places, and providing transportation

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

Public officials in red and orange counties should take actions listed for Public Officials in All Counties AND actions below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

- Meet with State officials to discuss plans for mitigating spread

- Work with the state to expand availability of **no-cost testing** to residents

- Work with the state to increase availability of non-congregate housing

- Increase messaging on the risk of serious disease for older individuals and individuals in all age groups with certain underlying medical conditions **identified by CDC,** and recommend those individuals stay at home as much as possible

- Adopt ordinances that allow for the use of civil penalties for enforcement of the statewide restrictions

- Increase enforcement of mass gathering limits and masks with local law enforcement or other local regulators or inspectors such as the fire marshal

- Consider adopting local ordinances with additional restrictions for public facing businesses

State Resources for Counties

The State can provide additional resources to support counties. Public officials from counties that are in the red or orange tier, in coordination with their local health departments, should contact the State to meet to discuss plans for mitigating spread. Our intent is to prioritize resources for counties in red and orange tiers as we make resource allocation decisions.

Prevention communications

- Targeted promotion of prevention campaigns/communications, including to specific sub-populations in the county
- Direct outreach to stakeholder groups through webinars/town halls
- NCDHHS leadership can speak on local media outlets about prevention
- Utilize communication resources around vaccines available at **https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines**

Enforcement

- Department of Public Safety outreach to local law enforcement
- NCDHHS to issue warning letters to establishments not complying with the Governor's Executive Order
- NCDHHS Secretary to issue imminent hazard abatement orders to establishments where there is an imminent threat to the public health
- Increased communications to Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE)/Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission, and other regulatory groups to enforce

Ramp up testing

- Deploy state and/or federally sponsored testing vendors, if not already present in county, to host community testing events
- Deploy rapid, point-of-care antigen tests for targeted testing
- Assist in identifying additional capacity for specimen processing
- Help county plan local testing event(s), including finding additional local partners to engage

Ramp up support to Local Health Departments

- Surge staff for data entry, case investigation, and contact tracing
- Provide technical assistance on case investigation and contact tracing
- Provide technical assistance on reducing workplace transmission at manufacturing, construction, food processing plants, and farms
- Provide support for vaccine administration, including support with data entry staff, event planning, coordination across community partners, pairing volunteer workforce to support vaccinators and registration assistance, administrative support, and communication materials.
  - Data entry
  - Event planning
  - Coordination across community players.
  - Pairing volunteer workforce, including vaccinators and registration assistance
  - Help answering the phones
  - Materials to help inform people about the vaccine

Wrap-around services

- Provide technical assistance on setup, funding, and reimbursement for non-congregate sheltering
- Help promote Support Services program (relief payments, food assistance, COVID-19 supplies, transportation, and medication delivery) in counties with services available

Frequently Asked Questions

If my county is in the red or orange tier, what can I do to help my county move out of the red or orange tier?

Individuals, business leaders, community leaders, and public officials all have actions they can take to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community (outlined on page 3 of this report).

How were these metrics selected?

The selected metrics align with the White House Coronavirus Task Force for cases per 100,000 individuals and for percent positive. Hospital stakeholders were consulted on how to best measure the impact of the pandemic on individual hospitals.

What is a case rate and how is it calculated?

To compare counties with different populations to one another, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a case rate. This is the same case rate measure that the White House Coronavirus Task Force uses to compare counties and states. It shows how many new cases there are per 100,000 people in the county over a 14-day period.

How is percent of tests that are positive determined?

The percent of tests that are positive is the number of positive COVID-19 molecular (PCR) test results divided by the total number of molecular (PCR) test results during the period of interest. This calculation only includes results from laboratories that electronically report both positive and negative results to NCDHHS. Antigen tests are excluded from percent positivity calculations to align with **current CDC definitions used to calculate percent positivity**.

How is hospital impact measured?

Hospital impact is based on a composite score of four measures:

1. Percent of hospitalizations from COVID-19
2. COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department
3. Total number of open beds for which the hospital has people to staff*
4. Critical Staffing Shortages

*Patients cannot be placed in an open bed if there are not the necessary number of staff to provide support.

What if my county doesn't have a hospital or has more than one hospital?

Counties without a hospital are assigned the average hospital impact score from the county where the highest percentage of their inpatient hospital admissions occurred. Counties with multiple hospitals received the average composite score from all the hospitals in the county.

What happens if my county's case rate, percent positive, or hospital impact measures fall into different tiers?

A county must meet the criteria for case rate AND either percent positive or hospital capacity to be in a red or orange tier. For example, if a county meets the orange tier criteria for case rate but meets the red tier criteria for percent positive and hospital impact, then the county will be assigned to the orange tier. Alternatively, if a county meets the red tier criteria for case rate, but meets the orange tier criteria for percent positive and hospital impact, then the county will be assigned to the orange tier.

Frequently Asked Questions (CONTINUED)

Why doesn't the COVID-19 County Alert System use Emergency Department visits for COVID-Like Illness?

Emergency department (ED) visits for COVID-Like Illness are closely tracked at the state and regional level, but are less useful at the county level particularly for counties with smaller populations and fewer ED visits. Instead, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses the numbers of COVID-19 -related ED visits that are directly reported daily by hospitals.

What if my county's case rate is high, but there are only a small number of cases?

Many small counties may have a high case rate, but a relatively small number of cases because the county has a smaller population. To account for this, there is a minimum number of cases that counties must have to be categorized as red or orange (42 cases in last 14 days for red tier; 21 cases in last 14 days for orange tier).

What if a large number of my county's cases are associated with a congregate living setting outbreak?

Congregate living setting outbreaks (including long-term care and correctional facilities) are often linked to spread in the community through staff who are exposed in the community and bring the virus into the setting or vice versa. Cases in congregate living settings are included in the case rate. Different response measures may be needed to mitigate the outbreaks in counties where a large proportion of cases are in congregate living settings.

How often will the COVID-19 County Alert System be updated?

NCDHHS will publish this report every other week.

How can I see how my county is doing after this report is published?

County metrics are published on the NCDHHS public dashboard. You can go to the **NCDHHS COVID-19 dashboard** to monitor your county's **case rate** and **percent positive**. County officials can engage with their local hospitals to understand where and how they need support.

What should schools/school districts do if they are in a county that is in the red or orange tier?

School leaders should continue to work with their local health departments to determine the best plan for their district and/or school. Schools may continue to stay open according to plans allowed by the State (as of November 17, elementary schools can open in Plan A and middle and high schools can open in Plan B). Strict adherence to the prevention strategies in the **Strong Schools Toolkit** are critically important. Additional information on CDC Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making found at **https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html**

What should counties do if they are in the yellow tier?

All Executive Orders apply to all North Carolina counties and their residents. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials in counties in the yellow tier should:

- Follow Executive Orders
- Continue prevention messaging
- Take recommended actions outlined on pages 3-5

Metrics by County

Metrics are based on data from January 17, 2021 to January 30, 2021.

* Counties that did meet the case rate threshold, but did not meet the minimum number of cases for the red tier (42 cases) or orange tier (21 cases).

^ Percent Positivity estimates in this table are rounded to the nearest decimal place. Tiers are assigned based on unrounded percent positivity estimates.

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (1/21)
Alamance County	Substantial/Orange	678.4	9.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Alexander County	Substantial/Orange	541.4	9.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Alleghany County	Critical/Red	440.0	11.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Anson County	Critical/Red	989.9	13.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Ashe County	Substantial/Orange	371.3	8.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Avery County	Substantial/Orange	421.5	9.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Beaufort County	Critical/Red	746.9	10.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Bertie County	Critical/Red	548.9	11.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Bladen County	Critical/Red	950.4	10.4%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Brunswick County	Critical/Red	607.1	10.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Buncombe County	Substantial/Orange	500.8	6.3%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Burke County	Substantial/Orange	754.8	7.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Cabarrus County	Critical/Red	782.6	11.0%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Caldwell County	Critical/Red	668.1	10.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Camden County	Critical/Red	441.7	15.0%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Carteret County	Significant/Yellow	480.8	7.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Caswell County	Critical/Red	911.3	12.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Catawba County	Critical/Red	876.8	12.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Chatham County	Substantial/Orange	474.0	7.2%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Cherokee County	Critical/Red	699.0	15.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Chowan County	Critical/Red	1276.6	14.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Clay County	Substantial/Orange	480.8	8.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Cleveland County	Critical/Red	836.2	11.6%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Columbus County	Critical/Red	962.0	15.0%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Craven County	Critical/Red	776.4	10.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Cumberland County	Critical/Red	729.9	11.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (1/21)
Currituck County	Critical/Red	637.5	16.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Dare County	Critical/Red	564.7	10.0%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Davidson County	Critical/Red	942.1	14.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Davie County	Critical/Red	779.5	11.4%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Duplin County	Critical/Red	529.4	6.8%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Durham County	Substantial/Orange	502.4	7.7%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Edgecombe County	Substantial/Orange	489.6	8.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Forsyth County	Critical/Red	714.1	10.4%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Franklin County	Critical/Red	752.0	11.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Gaston County	Critical/Red	845.8	12.9%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Gates County	Critical/Red	657.3	14.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Graham County	Substantial/Orange	414.6*	2.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Granville County	Substantial/Orange	597.3	6.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Greene County	Substantial/Orange	868.6	9.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Guilford County	Substantial/Orange	720.6	9.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Halifax County	Critical/Red	1025.8	14.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Harnett County	Critical/Red	681.7	11.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Haywood County	Substantial/Orange	683.6	8.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Henderson County	Significant/Yellow	519.5	7.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Hertford County	Substantial/Orange	612.4	9.4%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Hoke County	Critical/Red	595.6	14.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Hyde County	Significant/Yellow	506.4*	6.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Iredell County	Critical/Red	898.2	14.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Jackson County	Critical/Red	623.6	11.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Johnston County	Critical/Red	590.4	10.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Jones County	Substantial/Orange	764.4	7.0%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lee County	Critical/Red	731.6	12.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Lenoir County	Significant/Yellow	750.7	6.5%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lincoln County	Critical/Red	997.5	14.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Macon County	Critical/Red	694.4	13.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Madison County	Substantial/Orange	661.9	8.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (1/21)
Martin County	Substantial/Orange	641.7	9.0%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
McDowell County	Substantial/Orange	786.8	8.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Mecklenburg County	Critical/Red	818.7	11.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Mitchell County	Significant/Yellow	380.9	7.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Montgomery County	Critical/Red	997.3	15.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Moore County	Critical/Red	732.6	10.4%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Nash County	Critical/Red	923.7	11.6%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
New Hanover County	Substantial/Orange	957.9	9.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Northampton County	Critical/Red	918.7	11.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Onslow County	Critical/Red	645.7	11.6%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Orange County	Substantial/Orange	486.3	2.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pamlico County	Substantial/Orange	840.8	7.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pasquotank County	Critical/Red	695.6	12.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Pender County	Critical/Red	897.6	12.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Perquimans County	Critical/Red	564.5	15.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Person County	Critical/Red	742.0	12.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Pitt County	Substantial/Orange	784.0	10.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Polk County	Substantial/Orange	550.1	8.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Randolph County	Critical/Red	971.0	13.0%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Richmond County	Critical/Red	858.8	11.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Robeson County	Critical/Red	901.1	10.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Rockingham County	Substantial/Orange	595.5	9.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Rowan County	Critical/Red	896.6	14.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Rutherford County	Critical/Red	754.9	13.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Sampson County	Substantial/Orange	590.3	8.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Scotland County	Critical/Red	528.4	6.1%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Stanly County	Critical/Red	906.0	10.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Stokes County	Critical/Red	820.3	14.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Surry County	Critical/Red	936.2	13.5%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Swain County	Critical/Red	763.8	17.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Transylvania County	Substantial/Orange	692.2	8.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (1/21)
Tyrrell County	Critical/Red	1145.4	17.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Union County	Critical/Red	825.5	12.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Vance County	Critical/Red	842.0	11.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Wake County	Substantial/Orange	712.8	8.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Warren County	Substantial/Orange	669.0	8.2%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Washington County	Critical/Red	1200.3	16.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Watauga County	Substantial/Orange	348.9	5.7%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Wayne County	Significant/Yellow	601.0	7.4%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Wilkes County	Substantial/Orange	783.5	8.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Wilson County	Critical/Red	635.7	9.1%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Yadkin County	Critical/Red	815.0	13.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Yancey County	Substantial/Orange	309.9	5.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red

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