COVID-19 County Alert System
Updated April 1, 2021

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS COUNTY ALERT

- The yellow category from previous reports (significant community spread) has been expanded to include two new lower tiers: Moderate (light yellow) and low (green) community spread).

- **None of North Carolina's counties are currently red.** There are now 21 orange counties, 47 yellow counties, 31 light yellow counties, and 1 green county. In comparison, the previous report posted March 18, 2021 showed 1 red county, 17 orange counties, and 82 yellow counties.

- This is the first County Alert System where there are no red counties since the start of the system, however there has been a slight increase in the number of orange counties.
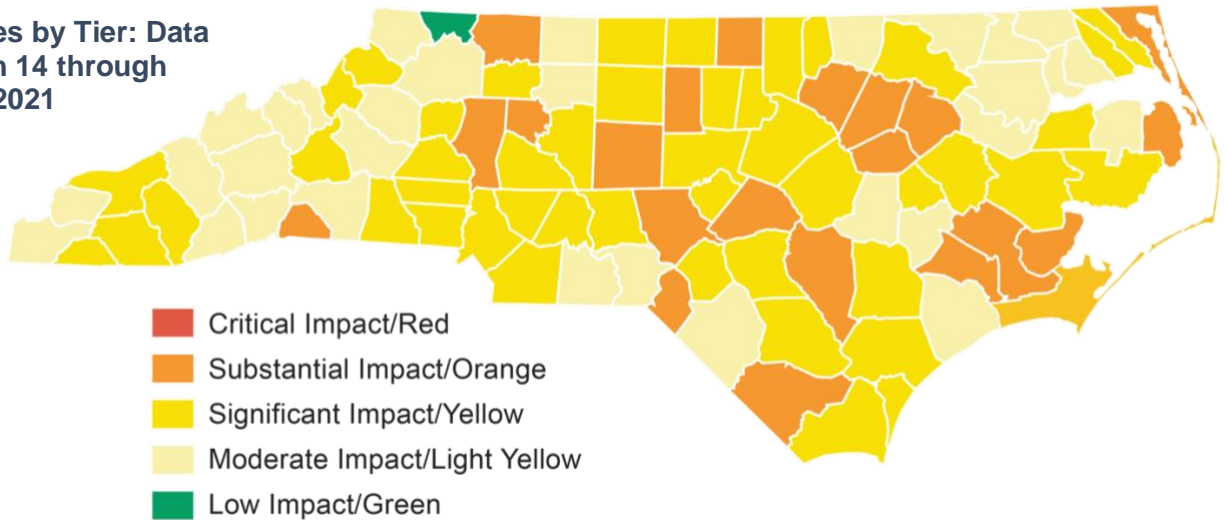
Introduction

North Carolina's key metrics show a leveling off of trends in COVID-19 spread after several weeks of decline. Although levels are far below the post-holiday peak in January, most of the state continues to experience significant or substantial community spread with concerning increases in younger age groups. Continued adherence to the 3Ws – wearing a face mask, waiting six feet apart, and washing hands often – along with people getting vaccinated as soon as soon as one is available to them are critically important to slow the spread of the virus. 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 five tiers:

1. **Green:** Low Community Spread
2. **Light Yellow**: Moderate Community Spread
3. **Yellow:** Significant Community Spread
4. **Orange:** Substantial Community Spread
5. **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 March 14 through March 27, 2021

Legend:
- Critical Impact/Red
- Substantial Impact/Orange
- Significant Impact/Yellow
- Moderate Impact/Light Yellow
- Low Impact/Green

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 a certain 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 a certain 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)**
	Significant (Yellow)	20-100/100,000 new cases in 14 days	5-7.9%	**Medium impact on county hospitals**
	Moderate (Light Yellow)	10-19/100,000 new cases in 14 days	3-4.9%	**Slight Impact on county hospitals**
	Low (Green)	<10/100,000 new cases in 14 days	<2.9%	**Low Impact on county hospitals**

*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 what tier your county is currently in. 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**. 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.

Individual Actions	**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.

ALL INDIVIDUALS

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

Vaccine
- Everyone 16 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccines when it is available to them. Visit YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov for more information.
- Use tools to **know when you're eligible** and **where to find vaccine locations**

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 crowds of people are not physically distanced.
- Avoid settings where people may congregate in large numbers, especially when people are not maintaining social distance
- Delay domestic or international travel

Testing and Tracing
- Participate in routine screening testing if it is offered at your place of work, school, or a similar setting
- Get **tested** if you think there is a chance you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you have **symptoms of COVID-19** .

Gatherings
- When deciding how many people to invite to your gathering, consider the amount of space you have and the ability to maintain social distancing during the event.
- Keep gatherings outdoors if there is more than one unvaccinated household.
- Wear a mask at all times

Travel
- Delay domestic or international travel

Fully vaccinated people
- Can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask
- Can gather indoors with low-risk unvaccinated people from one other household without wearing a mask
- Do not need to quarantine or get tested if exposed to someone with COVID-19 as long you do not have symptoms

INDIVIDUALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

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

Stay Home
- Avoid leaving your home if you are over 65 or at **high-risk for developing serious illness** unless you have been vaccinated.
- 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.

Gatherings
- Limit gatherings with unvaccinated individuals you do not live with.
- Limit the number of households that comingle.
- Keep gatherings outdoors and as small as possible.

Fully vaccinated people
- Can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask
- Can gather indoors with low-risk unvaccinated people from one other household without wearing a mask
- Do not need to quarantine or get tested if exposed to someone with COVID-19 as long you do not have symptoms

Businesses & Community Organization Actions

ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Employers and **community-based organizations** **can** **play a role in helping get more North Carolinians vaccinated.**

- Share messages about COVID-19 vaccines with your employees, in public spaces and in digital communications. Encourage and support employees and others to get their vaccination when it's their turn. Materials and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
  - NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center 1-888-675-4567
  - **Find My Vaccine Group** so that employees and others can find which vaccine group they are in and if they can currently get a vaccine.
  - **Find a Vaccine Location** to find a vaccine provider near you.
- Use the COVID-19 **Vaccine 101** materials to educate employees and/or community members about the COVID Vaccine and where to get one when it's their turn. Organizations can request a presentation or vaccine conversation using this **form**.
- Share messages about the importance of wearing a mask and **practicing the 3Ws** . Post **signs about 3Ws at entrances** in accordance with **Executive Order 195**.
- Provide face coverings to employees and patrons (resource: certain organizations can **request PPE**)
- Support employees to stay home when sick (resource: **Check My Symptoms**)
- Follow **general guidance for businesses and organizations** as well as **industry-specific guidance**
- Community and religious organizations are encouraged to consider holding meetings, events, and/or services using lower risk options, such as virtually. If gathering in-person, consider meeting outdoors, limiting indoor occupancy and ensuring people are wearing masks and observing and social distancing.

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
  - Promote outdoor dining and grab and go options
  - Consider moving to single occupancy dorms or other single occupancy living arrangements

Public Officials

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ALL COUNTIES

- Share messages about COVID-19 vaccines with your employees, your constituents, and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
  - NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center 1-888-675-4567
  - **Find My Vaccine Group** so that employees and others can find which vaccine group they are in and if they can currently get a vaccine.
  - **Find a Vaccine Location** to find a vaccine provider near you.
- Use the **Vaccine 101** materials to educate employees and/or community members about the COVID Vaccine. Organizations can request a presentation using this **form**
- 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
- Role model and actively **promote 3Ws**. Always wear a mask when you are in public
- 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**
- Promote **no-cost testing** to residents

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
- Increase enforcement of occupancy limits, mass gathering limits and mask requirements 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.

Communications

- Targeted promotion of prevention campaigns/communications, including to specific sub-populations in the county
- Direct outreach to stakeholder groups through webinars/town halls
- Utilize **communication resources** around vaccines available at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov and Vacunate.nc.gov, including social media, flyers, website graphics, post cards and videos in **English** and **Spanish featuring North Carolinians and their reasons for taking their shot.**
- Continue to promote **prevention messages** such as the 3 Ws.

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.

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

Vaccines

- Provide case management support to vaccine providers, including connecting groups eligible for vaccination (e.g., employers, homeless shelters, correctional facilities) with local vaccine providers.

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 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.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions (CONTINUED)

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 should return to in person learning to the greatest extent possible according to plans allowed by the State (Elementary, middle, and high schools can open in Plan A). 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 green or yellow tiers?
All Executive Orders apply to all North Carolina counties and their residents. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials in counties in green and yellow tiers should:

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

Metrics by County

Metrics are based on data from March 14 to March 27, 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 4/1/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (3/18)
Alamance County	Substantial/Orange	295.6	5.4%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Alexander County	Significant/Yellow	176.0	4.2%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Alleghany County	Low/Green	62.9	1.4%	Baseline Impact	Substantial/Orange
Anson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	110.4	1.7%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Ashe County	Moderate/Light Yellow	176.5	3.5%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Avery County	Significant/Yellow	336.0	5.1%	Minimal Impact	Substantial/Orange
Beaufort County	Significant/Yellow	140.4	3.2%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Bertie County	Moderate/Light Yellow	63.3	2.7%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Bladen County	Significant/Yellow	213.9	6.5%	Minimal Impact	Substantial/Orange
Brunswick County	Significant/Yellow	180.6	6.6%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Buncombe County	Moderate/Light Yellow	162.3	4.3%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Burke County	Moderate/Light Yellow	134.8	1.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cabarrus County	Significant/Yellow	292.0	5.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Caldwell County	Moderate/Light Yellow	164.3	3.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Camden County	Significant/Yellow	110.4	6.4%	Minimal Impact	Substantial/Orange
Carteret County	Significant/Yellow	149.7	5.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Caswell County	Significant/Yellow	146.0	4.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Catawba County	Significant/Yellow	199.9	6.9%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Chatham County	Significant/Yellow	118.2	3.2%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cherokee County	Moderate/Light Yellow	202.7	4.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Chowan County	Moderate/Light Yellow	35.9	1.5%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Clay County	Significant/Yellow	97.9	7.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cleveland County	Significant/Yellow	258.3	5.1%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Columbus County	Substantial/Orange	196.4	5.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Craven County	Substantial/Orange	264.3	4.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Cumberland County	Significant/Yellow	239.9	7.0%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 4/1/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (3/18)
Currituck County	Substantial/Orange	126.1	8.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Dare County	Substantial/Orange	221.6	8.1%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Davidson County	Significant/Yellow	220.2	6.2%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Davie County	Substantial/Orange	291.7	9.0%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Duplin County	Significant/Yellow	192.4	4.3%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Durham County	Significant/Yellow	234.2	5.1%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Edgecombe County	Substantial/Orange	367.2	9.1%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Forsyth County	Moderate/Light Yellow	166.4	3.3%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Franklin County	Substantial/Orange	388.9	9.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Gaston County	Significant/Yellow	232.0	5.8%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Gates County	Moderate/Light Yellow	95.1	4.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Graham County	Moderate/Light Yellow	35.5	0.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Granville County	Significant/Yellow	196.9	3.0%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Greene County	Significant/Yellow	128.2	2.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Guilford County	Significant/Yellow	253.9	5.3%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Halifax County	Significant/Yellow	218.0	6.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Harnett County	Substantial/Orange	275.8	6.2%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Haywood County	Moderate/Light Yellow	134.8	3.6%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Henderson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	235.9	4.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Hertford County	Moderate/Light Yellow	109.8	4.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Hoke County	Significant/Yellow	190.1	7.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Hyde County	Significant/Yellow	40.5	0.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Iredell County	Substantial/Orange	282.2	8.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Jackson County	Significant/Yellow	152.5	5.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Johnston County	Significant/Yellow	243.1	5.1%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Jones County	Substantial/Orange	244.2	3.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lee County	Significant/Yellow	176.4	5.5%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lenoir County	Moderate/Light Yellow	168.0	1.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Lincoln County	Significant/Yellow	209.0	6.1%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Macon County	Significant/Yellow	89.2	7.0%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Madison County	Moderate/Light Yellow	156.3	3.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 4/1/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (3/18)
Martin County	Moderate/Light Yellow	160.4	3.6%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
McDowell County	Significant/Yellow	124.6	3.1%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Mecklenburg County	Significant/Yellow	268.9	5.7%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Mitchell County	Moderate/Light Yellow	120.3	3.5%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Montgomery County	Significant/Yellow	224.5	6.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Moore County	Substantial/Orange	171.5	4.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Nash County	Substantial/Orange	463.4	8.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
New Hanover County	Significant/Yellow	289.6	5.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Northampton County	Moderate/Light Yellow	61.6	2.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Onslow County	Moderate/Light Yellow	128.3	2.6%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Orange County	Significant/Yellow	165.0	0.8%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Pamlico County	Substantial/Orange	408.6	6.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pasquotank County	Significant/Yellow	128.1	5.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Pender County	Significant/Yellow	204.6	6.4%	Baseline Impact	Substantial/Orange
Perquimans County	Moderate/Light Yellow	37.1	2.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Person County	Substantial/Orange	245.6	6.3%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Pitt County	Significant/Yellow	157.7	3.5%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Polk County	Substantial/Orange	144.8	4.5%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Randolph County	Substantial/Orange	257.5	6.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Richmond County	Moderate/Light Yellow	149.5	3.2%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Robeson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	137.0	3.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Rockingham County	Significant/Yellow	108.8	3.2%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Rowan County	Significant/Yellow	245.6	5.8%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Rutherford County	Moderate/Light Yellow	146.2	4.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Sampson County	Substantial/Orange	426.6	8.5%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Scotland County	Substantial/Orange	114.9	2.3%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Stanly County	Significant/Yellow	340.7	7.5%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Stokes County	Moderate/Light Yellow	107.5	2.9%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Surry County	Substantial/Orange	190.9	5.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Swain County	Significant/Yellow	119.1	6.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Transylvania County	Moderate/Light Yellow	209.4	3.1%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 4/1/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (3/18)
Tyrrell County	Moderate/Light Yellow	74.7	3.2%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Union County	Significant/Yellow	280.6	6.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Vance County	Significant/Yellow	280.7	5.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Wake County	Significant/Yellow	279.6	5.1%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Warren County	Moderate/Light Yellow	152.0	4.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Washington County	Significant/Yellow	138.2	3.2%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Watauga County	Significant/Yellow	249.2	5.1%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Wayne County	Moderate/Light Yellow	107.2	2.4%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Wilkes County	Moderate/Light Yellow	203.2	4.8%	Baseline Impact	Significant/Yellow
Wilson County	Substantial/Orange	332.5	6.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Yadkin County	Significant/Yellow	148.7	5.6%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow
Yancey County	Moderate/Light Yellow	182.6	2.0%	Minimal Impact	Significant/Yellow

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