NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings: Updated August 18, 2020

Introduction

In order to standardize reporting regarding COVID-19 clusters in child care and school settings, the NC Department of Health and Human Services will update this report two times per week. This report will include the names of licensed/regulated child care settings and school settings where there is an ongoing cluster and the number of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths related to that cluster. Child care operators and school principals are required per G.S. 130A-136 to report suspected cases of reportable communicable diseases (including COVID-19) to the local health director of the county or district in which the school or facility is located. As this pandemic continues to evolve, we continually reassess the appropriateness of data reporting to balance transparency, public health and individual privacy.

In a child care or school setting, a COVID-19 cluster is defined as a minimum of five laboratory-confirmed cases with illness onsets or initial positive results within a 14-day period and plausible epidemiologic linkage between cases. A cluster is considered over if there is not evidence of continued transmission within the setting. This is measured as 28 days after the latest date of onset in a symptomatic person or the latest date of specimen collection in an asymptomatic person, whichever is later. If another case is detected in a child care or school setting after a cluster is declared over, the cluster is not reopened. If additional cases are subsequently reported and a new cluster exists, it will be reported as a second, new cluster in that setting. Clusters that are considered over can be found on the last page of this report, under the previous clusters section. The previous clusters section will include clusters that have been closed since the last report was published.

This report includes COVID-19 clusters in child care and school settings that have been entered into the North Carolina Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NC EDSS). COVID-19 case and cluster investigations are conducted by local health departments. Time is required to determine whether a given COVID-19 case is associated with a child care or school setting, gather follow-up information, and enter it into NC EDSS. Thus, data included in this report may differ from data available through media and other sources. Data are preliminary, and these numbers and settings are subject to change as more information is obtained during cluster investigations. Child care or school settings with less than 10 children or staff are not included to protect confidentiality.

These data will be updated on Tuesday and Friday by 4 p.m.

Child Care or School Setting with an Ongoing Cluster:

| Setting Type | Setting County | Facility | Staff | | Children | | Total | |
			Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Child Care	Alamance	The Growing Years Learning Center	4	0	3	0	7	0
Child Care	Bladen	East Coast Migrant Head Start	5	0	0	0	5	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Owen Drive KinderCare	3	0	3	0	6	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Sunshine House Cliffdale Road	5	0	1	0	6	0
Child Care	Duplin	Wee Care	4	0	7	0	11	0
Child Care	Durham	Child care Network #58	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Durham	Duke Street KinderCare	0	0	5	0	5	0
Child Care	Forsyth	The Crossing Preschool Afterschool	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Henderson	East Coast Migrant Head Start	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	McDowell	Early Childhood Enrichment Center	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Building Blocks Learning Center Cluster	7	0	3	0	10	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	LaPetite Academy	4	0	2	0	6	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Little Tots Preschool	3	0	8	0	11	0
Child Care	Moore	Magic Years Childcare Center	2	0	5	0	7	0
Child Care	Wake	Goddard School of Holly Springs	4	0	8	0	12	0
Child Care	Washington	Grace Filled Beginnings	8	1	2	0	10	1
Child Care	Watauga	Appalachian State University Child Development Center	4	0	6	0	10	0
School	Rowan	North Hills Christian School	5	0	0	0	5	0

| Previous Clusters* | Setting County | Facility | Staff | | Children | | Total | |
			Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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