NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings:
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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 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	Cumberland	Sunshine House Cliffdale Road	5	0	1	0	6	0
Child Care	Franklin	ABC Adventures Preschool and Childcare	0	0	6	0	6	0
Child Care	Guilford	YESS Learning Center	4	0	3	0	7	0
Child Care	Iredell	Primrose School of Lake Norman	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Heaven's Angels Childcare Facility	3	0	11	0	14	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Kindercare Providence	0	0	7	0	7	0
Child Care	New Hanover	Kiddie Academy	3	0	3	0	6	0
Child Care	New Hanover	Milestone Learning Center	8	0	7	0	15	0
Child Care	Pitt	A Child's Place	7	0	2	0	9	0
Child Care	Randolph	It's A Kids World	4	0	2	0	6	0
School	Union	East Union Middle School	6	0	0	0	6	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

* Clusters that are considered over. The previous clusters section will only include clusters that were closed since the last report was published.