



COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings: Updated October 16, 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 (NCDHHS) 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.

Starting September 25, 2020, NCDHHS began reporting on two new measures on the NC COVID-19 Dashboard: 1. Antigen-positive cases and deaths, and 2. Antigen tests completed. This change was made in accordance with [recently updated case classification guidelines from the CDC](#).

With this reporting change, cases now reflect individuals with a positive molecular (PCR) or positive antigen test result from the NC State Laboratory of Public Health, a reporting hospital, a reporting provider, or a commercial lab. COVID-19 deaths include individuals who have had a positive molecular (PCR) or positive antigen test for COVID-19, who died without fully recovering from COVID-19, and who had no alternative cause of death identified. Deaths are reported by hospitals and clinicians directly to the local or state health departments. For more information about antigen positive case data, visit the NCDHHS [Antigen Positive Cases Data: FAQ](#).

In a child care or school setting, a COVID-19 cluster is defined as a minimum of five positive cases identified through a positive molecular (PCR) or positive antigen test result 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 COVID-19 Surveillance System (NC COVID). 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 COVID. 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	Catawba	Miss Millies Child Care Center	8	0	1	0	9	0
Child Care	Granville	Cornerstone Christian Daycare	2	1	9	0	11	1
Child Care	Guilford	Sunshine House #125	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	New Hanover	Rising stars	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Person	Mother Goose Early Learning Center	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	Robeson	Island Grove Daycare	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Buncombe	Oakley Elementary	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Caldwell	Moravian Prep	1	0	5	0	6	0
K-12 School	Davidson	West Davidson High School	2	0	4	0	6	0
K-12 School	Gaston	Webb Street School	4	0	1	0	5	0
K-12 School	Gaston	Gardner Park Elementary	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Graham	Robbinsville Elementary School	3	0	2	0	5	0
K-12 School	Guilford	High Point Christian Academy	5	0	6	0	11	0
K-12 School	Guilford	Wesleyan Christian Academy	2	0	8	0	10	0
K-12 School	Lenoir	Bethel Christian Academy	6	0	10	0	16	0
K-12 School	Lincoln	Combine Academy	0	0	5	0	5	0
K-12 School	Mecklenburg	Covenant Day School	3	0	4	0	7	0
K-12 School	New Hanover	Coastal Christian High School	0	0	8	0	8	0
K-12 School	Randolph	Bailey's Grove Baptist High School	0	0	5	0	5	0
K-12 School	Richmond	Fairview Heights Elementary	3	0	3	0	6	0
K-12 School	Robeson	East Robeson Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Wayne	Wayne Christian School	6	0	29	0	35	0
K-12 School	Wayne	North Drive Elementary	4	0	2	0	6	0
K-12 School	Wilkes	North Wilkes High School	4	0	16	0	20	0
K-12 School	Yancey	Genesis Academy	4	0	1	0	5	0

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Child Care or School Setting Cluster Considered Over Since Last Report:

Previous Clusters*	Setting County	Facility	Staff		Children		Total	
			Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Child Care	Ashe	Mt Jefferson Child Development	6	0	6	0	12	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Highland Learning Center	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	Randolph	First Church of God Dayschool	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Onslow	Richlands High School	4	0	1	0	5	0

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