



### **COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings: Updated October 30, 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   | Forsyth        | The Sunshine House                     | 3     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| Child Care   | Guilford       | Sunshine House #125                    | 2     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| Child Care   | Jackson        | Shepherd Early Education and Preschool | 3     | 0      | 4        | 0      | 7     | 0      |
| Child Care   | Mecklenburg    | Calvary Child development              | 5     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 7     | 0      |
| Child Care   | New Hanover    | Rising stars                           | 6     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 9     | 0      |
| Child Care   | Onslow         | Abundance of Love and Learning Center  | 5     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 8     | 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      |
| Child Care   | Wake           | Appletree Development Center           | 6     | 0      | 0        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Alexander      | Millersville Christian Academy         | 1     | 0      | 5        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Bladen         | Emereau Charter School                 | 3     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Buncombe       | Oakley Elementary                      | 5     | 0      | 0        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Burke          | Icard Elementary School                | 9     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 12    | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Caldwell       | Moravian Prep                          | 1     | 0      | 5        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Craven         | New Bern Christian Academy             | 6     | 0      | 4        | 0      | 10    | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Cumberland     | Cornerstone Christian Academy          | 3     | 0      | 5        | 0      | 8     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Cumberland     | Freedom Christian Academy              | 1     | 0      | 4        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Davidson       | West Davidson High School              | 2     | 0      | 4        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Forsyth        | UNC School of the Arts                 | 0     | 0      | 5        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Gaston         | Gardner Park Elementary                | 6     | 0      | 1        | 0      | 7     | 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      |

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| K-12 School  | Iredell        | West Iredell Middle School     | 5     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 7     | 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    | Oakcrest Preparatory Academy   | 3     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | New Hanover    | Coastal Christian High School  | 0     | 0      | 8        | 0      | 8     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | New Hanover    | New Hanover Lyceum Program     | 1     | 0      | 4        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Onslow         | Living Water Christian School  | 0     | 0      | 5        | 0      | 5     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Person         | Helena Elementary School       | 4     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Randolph       | Level Cross Elementary School  | 4     | 0      | 1        | 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  | Rockingham     | J.E. Holmes Middle School      | 4     | 0      | 2        | 0      | 6     | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Rowan          | Rockwell Christian School      | 5     | 0      | 15       | 0      | 20    | 0      |
| K-12 School  | Sampson        | Tarheel Challenge              | 7     | 0      | 3        | 0      | 10    | 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 |
| n/a                | n/a            | n/a      | n/a   | n/a    | n/a      | n/a    | n/a   | n/a    |

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