



COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings: Updated December 22, 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. Cases listed below represent the cumulative number of cases during the cluster and do not necessarily represent active cases. 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	Childcare Network #297	1	0	4	0	5	0
Child Care	Alamance	Little Thinkers	3	0	3	0	6	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Childcare Network #110	5	0	2	0	7	0
Child Care	Forsyth	Sandra's Family Child Care	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Forsyth	Childcare Network #161	6	0	3	0	9	0
Child Care	Gaston	All About Me Learning	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Halifax	Clara Hearne School	8	0	1	0	9	0
Child Care	Johnston	Childcare Network #246	4	0	4	0	8	0
Child Care	Nash	St. Stephens Loving Daycare	4	0	2	0	6	0
Child Care	New Hanover	Kiddie Academy of Wilmington South Campus	4	0	5	0	9	0
Child Care	New Hanover	Classy Bears Day Care and Preschool	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Onslow	Childcare Network Henderson	1	0	4	0	5	0
Child Care	Onslow	Teachable Moments	5	0	0	0	5	0
Child Care	Onslow	Onslow Child Development Center	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Onslow	Excel 12-Learning Center	10	0	2	0	12	0
Child Care	Union	Ivybrook Academy	1	0	4	0	5	0
Child Care	Wake	Falls Academy Day Care	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Wake	Creative Kidz Academy	5	0	2	0	7	0
Child Care	Wake	Raleigh Moravian Preschool	2	0	5	0	7	0
Child Care	Wake	Knightdale KinderCare	3	0	2	0	5	0
Child Care	Wake	Appletree Child Development Center	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	Wilson	Wilson Childcare Network	2	0	6	0	8	0
K-12 School	Alamance	South Graham Elementary	9	0	0	0	9	0
K-12 School	Alamance	Highland Elementary	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Alamance	E.M. Yoder Elementary School	4	0	2	0	6	0
K-12 School	Bertie	Bethel Assembly Christian Academy	2	0	12	0	14	0
K-12 School	Bladen	Emereau Charter School	14	0	8	0	22	0
K-12 School	Brunswick	Town Creek Elementary School	16	0	21	0	37	0
K-12 School	Brunswick	Southeastern Christian Academy	2	0	3	0	5	0

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K-12 School	Brunswick	Leland Middle School	4	0	2	0	6	0
K-12 School	Buncombe	Haw Creek Elementary School	3	0	2	0	5	0
K-12 School	Burke	Christ Classical Academy	1	0	7	0	8	0
K-12 School	Burke	Hildebran Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Burke	Icard Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Burke	Valdese Elementary School	3	0	3	0	6	0
K-12 School	Catawba	Maiden High School	1	0	5	0	6	0
K-12 School	Catawba	Shuford Elementary	3	0	3	0	6	0
K-12 School	Cleveland	Burns High School	1	0	7	0	8	0
K-12 School	Durham	Fellowship Baptist Academy	2	0	6	0	8	0
K-12 School	Gaston	Webb Street School	7	0	1	0	8	0
K-12 School	Greene	Greene Central High School	5	0	1	0	6	0
K-12 School	Guilford	OakRidge Weekday School	2	0	3	0	5	0
K-12 School	Guilford	Greensboro Day School	1	0	9	0	10	0
K-12 School	Guilford	Greater Vision Academy	6	0	2	0	8	0
K-12 School	Iredell	South Elementary School	7	0	6	0	13	0
K-12 School	Lenoir	South Lenoir High School	3	0	12	0	15	0
K-12 School	Lenoir	North Lenoir High School	3	0	3	0	6	0
K-12 School	Mecklenburg	Davidson Day School	2	0	5	0	7	0
K-12 School	Mecklenburg	Francis Bradley Middle School	4	0	2	0	6	0
K-12 School	Montgomery	Wescare Christian Academy	1	0	5	0	6	0
K-12 School	Nash	Middlesex Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Nash	Winstead Ave Elementary	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	New Hanover	Coastal Christian High School	4	0	26	0	30	0
K-12 School	New Hanover	Wilmington Christian Academy	3	0	3	0	6	0
K-12 School	Onslow	Dixon High school	2	0	3	0	5	0
K-12 School	Person	Northern Middle School	3	0	2	0	5	0
K-12 School	Person	Roxboro Community School	1	0	4	0	5	0
K-12 School	Person	Helena Elementary School	1	0	4	0	5	0
K-12 School	Scotland	Shaw Academy	9	0	0	0	9	0
K-12 School	Transylvania	Rosman High School	2	0	7	0	9	0

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K-12 School	Union	Metrolina Christian Academy	2	0	8	0	10	0
K-12 School	Wake	St. David's School	0	0	7	0	7	0
K-12 School	Wake	Cary Christian School	2	0	5	0	7	0
K-12 School	Wake	Cardinal Cardinal Charter Academy	2	0	3	0	5	0
K-12 School	Wake	Grace Christian School	1	0	7	0	8	0
K-12 School	Wake	Lynn Road Elementary School	3	0	2	0	5	0
K-12 School	Wayne	Meadowlane Elementary School	3	0	2	0	5	0
K-12 School	Wilson	Greenfield School	2	0	4	0	6	0
K-12 School	Yancey	Burnsville Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0
K-12 School	Yancey	Micaville Elementary School	1	0	4	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	Mecklenburg	Providence Preparatory School	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	Wake	St. Mark's Preschool	6	0	1	0	7	0

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