



COVID-19 Ongoing Clusters in Child Care and School Settings: Updated April 20, 2021

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	Anson	C's & T's Childcare	9	0	8	0	17	0
Child Care	Buncombe	ChildCare Network #177-Fairview	3	0	4	0	7	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Ms. Carolyn's Child Care Center	0	0	5	0	5	0
Child Care	Cumberland	Stedman Baptist Church Daycare	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Duplin	Sandcastles Childcare Center	5	0	1	0	6	0
Child Care	Durham	Abundant Love Daycare	3	0	5	0	8	0
Child Care	Forsyth	Sunshine House of Winston-Salem at Country Club Rd	4	0	1	0	5	0
Child Care	Guilford	Sunshine House of Greensboro-West Friendly	2	0	5	0	7	0
Child Care	Harnett	Gospel Tabernacle Academy	3	0	3	0	6	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Kids 'R' Kids Charlotte	2	0	4	0	6	0
Child Care	Mecklenburg	Children's Academy - Lake Point	1	0	7	0	8	0
Child Care	Onslow	Children's Castle-Yaupon Drive	3	0	6	0	9	0
Child Care	Orange	Children's Campus Preschool	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Person	Early Intervention	4	0	3	0	7	0
Child Care	Person	Earl Bradsher Preschool	1	0	5	0	6	0
Child Care	Richmond	Mt. Olive Christian Child Care	2	0	3	0	5	0
Child Care	Robeson	Christine's Christian Day Care	4	0	9	0	13	0
Child Care	Wake	Foundations Academy	3	0	6	0	9	0
Child Care	Wake	Precious Lambs Early Learning Center	9	0	20	0	29	0
Child Care	Wake	Little Lambs Learning Center	1	0	4	0	5	0
Child Care	Watauga	Greenway Baptist Child Development Center	8	0	7	0	15	0
Child Care	Wilkes	A Child's Life Child Care & Day Care	0	0	5	0	5	0
K-12 School	Alamance	Hillcrest Elementary	4	0	1	0	5	0
K-12 School	Alleghany	Alleghany High School	8	0	6	0	14	0

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K-12 School	Avery	Avery County High School	0	0	6	0	6	0
K-12 School	Brunswick	Roger Bacon Academy	1	0	9	0	10	0
K-12 School	Buncombe	Asheville Christian Academy	5	0	22	0	27	0
K-12 School	Buncombe	Johnston Elementary School	4	0	3	0	7	0
K-12 School	Buncombe	AC Reynolds Middle School	1	0	6	0	7	0
K-12 School	Cumberland	Liberty Christian Academy	1	0	4	0	5	0
K-12 School	Forsyth	Walkertown High School	0	0	6	0	6	0
K-12 School	Greene	Mt. Calvary Christian Academy	2	0	4	0	6	0
K-12 School	Iredell	Mooresville High School	0	0	11	0	11	0
K-12 School	Iredell	Woodland Heights Elementary School	1	0	4	0	5	0
K-12 School	New Hanover	Myrtle Grove Christian School	1	0	6	0	7	0
K-12 School	Onslow	Swansboro High School	0	0	10	0	10	0
K-12 School	Pasquotank	North East Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies	0	0	5	0	5	0
K-12 School	Person	Woodland Elementary School	3	0	12	0	15	0
K-12 School	Pitt	South Central High School	1	0	9	0	10	0
K-12 School	Richmond	Richmond Senior High School	1	0	14	0	15	0
K-12 School	Robeson	Red Springs High School	0	0	7	0	7	0
K-12 School	Robeson	St. Paul's High School – 1 st	0	0	7	0	7	0
K-12 School	Robeson	St. Paul's High School – 2 nd	8	0	3	0	11	0
K-12 School	Scotland	Scotland High School	0	0	5	0	5	0
K-12 School	Transylvania	Brevard Academy	0	0	9	0	9	0
K-12 School	Union	Marvin Ridge High School – 1 st	0	0	11	0	11	0
K-12 School	Union	Marvin Ridge High School – 2 nd	0	0	8	0	8	0
K-12 School	Wake	Casa Esperanza Montessori School	2	0	8	0	10	0
K-12 School	Wake	Cary Christian School	3	0	22	0	25	0
K-12 School	Wake	St. Timothy's School	0	0	5	0	5	0

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K-12 School	Yadkin	Starmount High School	2	0	5	0	7	0
K-12 School	Yadkin	Forbush High School	2	0	3	0	5	0
K-12 School	Yadkin	Yadkinville Elementary School	5	0	0	0	5	0

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

			Staff		Children		Total	
Previous Clusters*	Setting County	Facility	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Child Care	Orange	Knee High Preschool	1	0	4	0	5	0
K-12 School	Alleghany	Alleghany High School	1	0	4	0	5	0

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