



COVID-19 County Alert System

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WHAT'S NEW IN THIS COUNTY ALERT

- **6 of North Carolina's counties are currently red.** There are now 6 red counties, 34 orange counties, and 60 yellow counties. In comparison, the previous Feb 22nd County Alert showed 27 red counties, 40 orange counties and 33 yellow counties.
- This update of the County Alert System shows the fewest red counties since the start of the County Alert System.
- North Carolina [Lifted the Stay at Home Advisory](#) and eased certain restrictions on businesses and gatherings

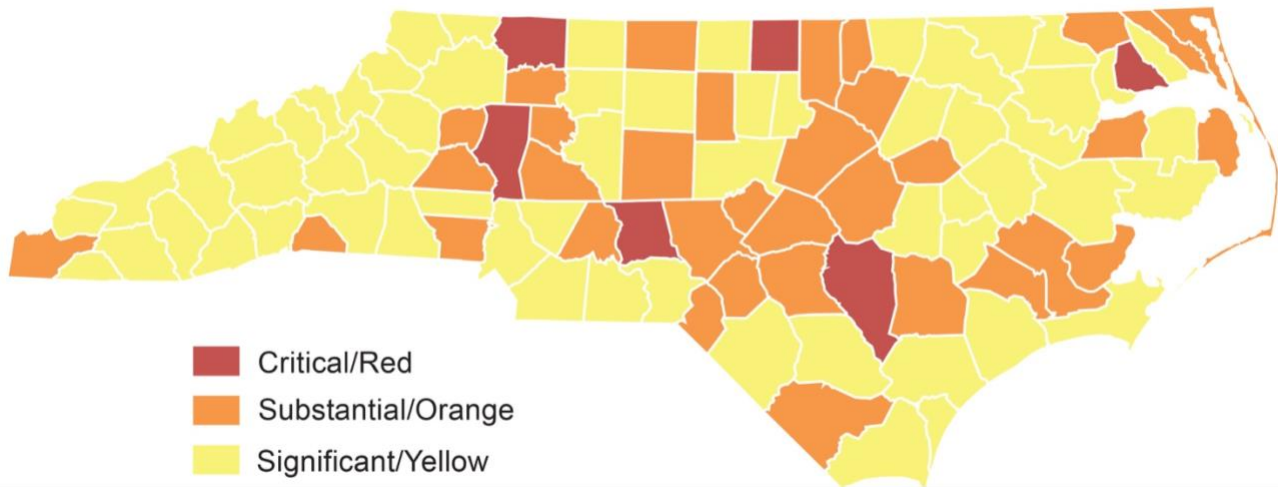
Introduction

North Carolina's key metrics continue to move in a positive direction with decreasing trends in numbers of COVID-19 cases reported each day, people being hospitalized with COVID-19, people in the intensive care unit, and the percent of tests that are positive. Continued adherence to the 3Ws – wearing a face mask, waiting six feet apart, and washing hands often – along with the start of vaccinations are slowing the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System gives individuals, businesses and community organizations, and public officials a tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to take slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:

1. **Yellow:** Significant Community Spread
2. **Orange:** Substantial Community Spread
3. **Red:** Critical Community Spread

Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county.

NC Counties by Tier: Data from February 14 through February 27, 2021



A complete list of counties and their metrics is listed at the end of the report, including the previous tier and current tier.

County Metrics

The COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of metrics to determine whether a county meets criteria to be in the red or orange tier. These metrics provide information about the amount of viral spread and hospital impact in the county.

How Tiers are Determined:

To be assigned to the red or orange tier, a county must meet the threshold for case rate for that tier **AND** the threshold for either percent positive OR hospital impact.

- **Case Rate:** The number of new cases in 14 days per 100,000 people
- **Percent Positive:** The percent of tests that are positive over 14 days
- **Hospital Impact:** A composite score based on the impact that COVID-19 has had on hospitals including percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations, COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department, staffed open hospital beds, and critical staffing shortages over 14 days

	Counties must meet:	And meet one of these:	
	Case rate	Percent positive	Hospital Impact within the county*
Critical (Red)	>200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 42 cases in 14 days.	>10%	High Impact on county hospital(s)
Substantial (Orange)	101-200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 21 cases in 14 days.	8-10%	Moderate Impact on county hospital(s)

*Counties without a hospital are assigned the average hospital impact score from the county where the highest percentage of their inpatient hospital admissions occurred.

Counties that do not meet criteria for the red or orange tier are categorized as being in the yellow tier (significant community spread) and should continue to be vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Recommended Actions for Individuals, Businesses and Community Organizations, and Public Officials

There are critical actions we can all take to slow the spread of COVID-19, regardless of whether your county is currently in the yellow, orange, or red tier. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials all have a responsibility to take these recommended actions, in addition to following the requirements in existing [Executive Orders](#) and [NCDHHS guidance](#). Red and orange counties need to do even more to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their communities; it is strongly recommended these counties go further and build upon current requirements as outlined in the recommendations below.

Note: If more than 25% of cases are linked to outbreaks in congregate living settings, different and additional outbreak mitigation steps may be recommended. Congregate living setting outbreaks are often linked to spread in the community through staff who are exposed in the community and bring the virus into the setting or vice versa.



Individual Actions

ALL INDIVIDUALS

Individuals in all counties should take the actions listed below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

Masks and physical distance

- Wear a mask at all times and maintain physical distance (at least 6 feet) from people when outside your home to the maximum extent possible.
- Do not enter any indoor public spaces where anyone is unmasked or when you see crowds of people who are not physically distanced.

Stay Home

- Avoid leaving your home if you are over 65 or at [high-risk for developing serious illness](#) unless you have been vaccinated. Use delivery services or alternative pick-up methods for food and retail to the greatest extent possible to avoid in-person interaction with individuals you do not live with.

Gatherings

- Avoid settings where people may congregate in large numbers, especially when people are not maintaining social distance from others not in their household.

Testing and Tracing

- Participate in routine screening testing if it is offered at your place of work, school, or a similar setting
 - Get [tested](#) if you think there is a chance you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Get tested if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- Answer the call and participate in contact tracing to protect against further spread if you receive a call from the COVID-19 Community Team.
- Download the [SlowCOVIDNC app](#) and share with friends and family; if you test positive, enter your pin into the app to notify close contacts to get tested.

Vaccine

- Get any one of the COVID-19 vaccines when it is available to you. Visit [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://www.yourshot.nc.gov) for more information.
- Use tools to [know when you're eligible](#) and [where to find vaccine locations](#)
- Get a flu shot.



Businesses & Community Organization Actions

ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Share messages about COVID-19 vaccines with your employees, in public spaces and in digital communications. Encourage employees and others to get their vaccination when it's their turn. Materials and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
 - NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center 1-888-675-4567
 - [Find My Vaccine Group](#) so that employees and others can find which vaccine group they are in and if they can currently get a vaccine.
 - [Find a Vaccine Location](#) to find a vaccine provider near you.
- Use the COVID-19 [Vaccine 101](#) materials to educate employees and/or community members about the COVID Vaccine and where to get one when it's their turn. Organizations can request a presentation using this [form](#).
- [Employers](#) and [community-based organizations](#) can play a role in helping get more North Carolinians vaccinated.
- Share messages about the importance of wearing a mask and [practicing the 3Ws](#). Post [signs about 3Ws at entrances](#) in accordance with [Executive Order 195](#).
- Provide face coverings to employees and patrons (resource: certain organizations can [request PPE](#))
- Support employees to stay home when sick (resource: [Check My Symptoms](#))
- Follow [general guidance for businesses and organizations](#) as well as [industry-specific guidance](#)
- Take actions from the [business toolkit](#)
- Community and religious organizations are strongly encouraged to hold meetings, events, and/or services online/virtually. If gathering in-person, consider conducting the worship services outside or limit indoor occupancy to 30% occupancy or 250 people per room, whichever is less and ensure people are wearing masks and observing and social distancing.

ORGANIZATIONS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

Businesses and community organizations in red and orange counties should take actions listed for All Businesses and Community Organizations AND actions below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

- All businesses are strongly encouraged to implement teleworking the greatest extent possible and avoid non-essential work travel
- Promote [Find My Testing Place](#) website to employees
- Require all employees to participate in [Count on Me training](#)
- Manufacturing, construction, food processing, farms – request a consultation from NCDHHS on reducing workplace transmission (919-707-5900)
- [Institutes of Higher Education](#)
 - Adopt regular testing of students and staff
 - Adopt strict restrictions on student gatherings and events on-campus and off-campus
 - Promote outdoor dining and grab and go options
 - Consider moving to single occupancy dorms or other single occupancy living arrangements



Public Officials

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ALL COUNTIES

- Share messages about COVID-19 vaccines with your employees, your constituents, and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/your-spot-your-shot).
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
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 - [Find My Vaccine Group](#) so that employees and others can find which vaccine group they are in and if they can currently get a vaccine.
 - [Find a Vaccine Location](#) to find a vaccine provider near you.
- Use the [Vaccine 101](#) materials to educate employees and/or community members about the COVID Vaccine. Organizations can request a presentation using this [form](#)
- Role model and actively [promote 3Ws](#). Always wear a mask when you are with people you do not live with
- Post [signs about the 3Ws](#) in all public buildings
- Work with local media to share messages about the importance of wearing a mask, [practicing the 3Ws, and getting the vaccine when it is available](#)
- Ensure equitable access to vaccine for people from historically marginalized populations by employing strategies such as proactive outreach to populations, partnering with community organizations, locate vaccine sites in trusted places, and providing transportation
- Promote [no-cost testing](#) to residents
- Help residents understand when [they are eligible for the vaccine](#) and [connect them to vaccine providers](#) when they are eligible

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

Public officials in red and orange counties should take actions listed for Public Officials in All Counties AND actions below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

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- Meet with State officials to discuss plans for mitigating spread
 - Work with the state to expand availability of [no-cost testing](#) to residents
 - Work with the state to increase availability of non-congregate housing
 - Increase messaging on the risk of serious disease for older individuals and individuals in all age groups with certain underlying medical conditions [identified by CDC](#), and recommend those individuals stay at home as much as possible
 - Adopt ordinances that allow for the use of civil penalties for enforcement of the statewide restrictions
 - Increase enforcement of occupancy limits, mass gathering limits and mask requirements with local law enforcement or other local regulators or inspectors such as the fire marshal

State Resources for Counties

The State can provide additional resources to support counties. Public officials from counties that are in the red or orange tier, in coordination with their local health departments, should contact the State to meet to discuss plans for mitigating spread. Our intent is to prioritize resources for counties in red and orange tiers as we make resource allocation decisions.



Communications

- Targeted promotion of prevention campaigns/communications, including to specific sub-populations in the county
- Direct outreach to stakeholder groups through webinars/town halls
- Utilize [communication resources](#) around vaccines available at [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#) and [Vacunate.nc.gov](#), including social media, flyers, website graphics, post cards and videos in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) featuring [North Carolinians and their reasons for taking their shot](#).
- Continue to promote [prevention messages](#) such as the 3 Ws.



Enforcement

- Department of Public Safety outreach to local law enforcement
- NCDHHS to issue warning letters to establishments not complying with the Governor's Executive Order
- NCDHHS Secretary to issue imminent hazard abatement orders to establishments where there is an imminent threat to the public health
- Increased communications to Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE)/Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission, and other regulatory groups to enforce



Ramp up testing

- Deploy state and/or federally sponsored testing vendors, if not already present in county, to host community testing events
- Deploy rapid, point-of-care antigen tests for targeted testing
- Assist in identifying additional capacity for specimen processing
- Help county plan local testing event(s), including finding additional local partners to engage



Ramp up support to Local Health Departments

- Surge staff for data entry, case investigation, and contact tracing
- Provide technical assistance on case investigation and contact tracing
- Provide technical assistance on reducing workplace transmission at manufacturing, construction, food processing plants, and farms
- Provide support for vaccine administration, including support with data entry staff, event planning, coordination across community partners, pairing volunteer workforce to support vaccinators and registration assistance, administrative support, and communication materials.



Wrap-around services

- Provide technical assistance on setup, funding, and reimbursement for non-congregate sheltering
- Help promote Support Services program (relief payments, food assistance, COVID-19 supplies, transportation, and medication delivery) in counties with services available

Frequently Asked Questions

If my county is in the red or orange tier, what can I do to help my county move out of the red or orange tier?

Individuals, business leaders, community leaders, and public officials all have actions they can take to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community (outlined on page 3 of this report).

How were these metrics selected?

The selected metrics align with the White House Coronavirus Task Force for cases per 100,000 individuals and for percent positive. Hospital stakeholders were consulted on how to best measure the impact of the pandemic on individual hospitals.

What is a case rate and how is it calculated?

To compare counties with different populations to one another, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a case rate. This is the same case rate measure that the White House Coronavirus Task Force uses to compare counties and states. It shows how many new cases there are per 100,000 people in the county over a 14-day period.

How is percent of tests that are positive determined?

The percent of tests that are positive is the number of positive COVID-19 molecular (PCR) test results divided by the total number of molecular (PCR) test results during the period of interest. This calculation only includes results from laboratories that electronically report both positive and negative results to NCDHHS. Antigen tests are excluded from percent positivity calculations to align with [current CDC definitions used to calculate percent positivity](#).

How is hospital impact measured?

Hospital impact is based on a composite score of four measures:

1. Percent of hospitalizations from COVID-19
2. COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department
3. Total number of open beds for which the hospital has people to staff*
4. Critical Staffing Shortages

*Patients cannot be placed in an open bed if there are not the necessary number of staff to provide support.

What if my county doesn't have a hospital or has more than one hospital?

Counties without a hospital are assigned the average hospital impact score from the county where the highest percentage of their inpatient hospital admissions occurred. Counties with multiple hospitals received the average composite score from all the hospitals in the county.

What happens if my county's case rate, percent positive, or hospital impact measures fall into different tiers?

A county must meet the criteria for case rate AND either percent positive or hospital capacity to be in a red or orange tier. For example, if a county meets the orange tier criteria for case rate but meets the red tier criteria for percent positive and hospital impact, then the county will be assigned to the orange tier. Alternatively, if a county meets the red tier criteria for case rate, but meets the orange tier criteria for percent positive and hospital impact, then the county will be assigned to the orange tier.

Frequently Asked Questions (CONTINUED)

Why doesn't the COVID-19 County Alert System use Emergency Department visits for COVID-Like Illness?

Emergency department (ED) visits for COVID-Like Illness are closely tracked at the state and regional level, but are less useful at the county level particularly for counties with smaller populations and fewer ED visits. Instead, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses the numbers of COVID-19 -related ED visits that are directly reported daily by hospitals.

What if my county's case rate is high, but there are only a small number of cases?

Many small counties may have a high case rate, but a relatively small number of cases because the county has a smaller population. To account for this, there is a minimum number of cases that counties must have to be categorized as red or orange (42 cases in last 14 days for red tier; 21 cases in last 14 days for orange tier).

What if a large number of my county's cases are associated with a congregate living setting outbreak?

Congregate living setting outbreaks (including long-term care and correctional facilities) are often linked to spread in the community through staff who are exposed in the community and bring the virus into the setting or vice versa. Cases in congregate living settings are included in the case rate. Different response measures may be needed to mitigate the outbreaks in counties where a large proportion of cases are in congregate living settings.

How often will the COVID-19 County Alert System be updated?

NCDHHS will publish this report every other week.

How can I see how my county is doing after this report is published?

County metrics are published on the NCDHHS public dashboard. You can go to the [NCDHHS COVID-19 dashboard](#) to monitor your county's [case rate](#) and [percent positive](#). County officials can engage with their local hospitals to understand where and how they need support.

What should schools/school districts do if they are in a county that is in the red or orange tier?

School leaders should continue to work with their local health departments to determine the best plan for their district and/or school. Schools should return to in person learning to the greatest extent possible according to plans allowed by the State (as of November 17, elementary schools can open in Plan A and middle and high schools can open in Plan B). Strict adherence to the prevention strategies in the [Strong Schools Toolkit](#) are critically important. Additional information on CDC Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html>

What should counties do if they are in the yellow tier?

All Executive Orders apply to all North Carolina counties and their residents. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials in counties in the yellow tier should:

- Follow Executive Orders
- Continue prevention messaging
- Take recommended actions outlined on pages 3-5

Metrics by County

Metrics are based on data from February 14 to February 27, 2021.

* Counties that did meet the case rate threshold, but did not meet the minimum number of cases for the red tier (42 cases) or orange tier (21 cases).

^ Percent Positivity estimates in this table are rounded to the nearest decimal place. Tiers are assigned based on unrounded percent positivity estimates.

County	Current Tier (Updated 3/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive [^]	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/22)
Alamance County	Substantial/Orange	363.4	7.9%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Alexander County	Substantial/Orange	325.4	7.0%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Alleghany County	Significant/Yellow	134.7*	2.4%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Anson County	Significant/Yellow	302.7	4.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Ashe County	Significant/Yellow	242.6	6.3%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Avery County	Significant/Yellow	239.2	4.8%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Beaufort County	Significant/Yellow	325.6	5.9%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Bertie County	Significant/Yellow	279.7	7.0%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Bladen County	Significant/Yellow	369.8	7.0%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Brunswick County	Significant/Yellow	341.7	6.3%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Buncombe County	Significant/Yellow	222.1	3.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Burke County	Significant/Yellow	311.7	3.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Cabarrus County	Significant/Yellow	371.9	6.4%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Caldwell County	Significant/Yellow	327.3	6.6%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Camden County	Substantial/Orange	294.5*	15.6%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Carteret County	Significant/Yellow	263.4	4.7%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Caswell County	Significant/Yellow	256.6	7.1%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Catawba County	Substantial/Orange	345.3	7.3%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Chatham County	Significant/Yellow	161.1	3.1%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Cherokee County	Substantial/Orange	283.1	8.9%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Chowan County	Significant/Yellow	337.1	6.4%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Clay County	Significant/Yellow	142.5*	6.5%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Cleveland County	Significant/Yellow	392.0	6.4%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Columbus County	Substantial/Orange	484.6	8.5%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Craven County	Substantial/Orange	376.0	6.5%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Cumberland County	Substantial/Orange	370.8	8.6%	Low impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 3/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive [^]	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/22)
Currituck County	Substantial/Orange	244.9	9.3%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Dare County	Substantial/Orange	116.2	3.8%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Davidson County	Significant/Yellow	312.0	7.7%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Davie County	Substantial/Orange	340.8	8.2%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Duplin County	Substantial/Orange	272.4	3.6%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Durham County	Significant/Yellow	219.9	4.7%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Edgecombe County	Significant/Yellow	376.9	5.9%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Forsyth County	Significant/Yellow	322.5	5.4%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Franklin County	Substantial/Orange	487.9	8.6%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Gaston County	Substantial/Orange	390.2	7.6%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Gates County	Substantial/Orange	198.9	9.9%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Graham County	Significant/Yellow	130.3*	0.4%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Granville County	Substantial/Orange	330.9	4.1%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Greene County	Significant/Yellow	170.9	2.0%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Guilford County	Significant/Yellow	277.0	5.7%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Halifax County	Significant/Yellow	253.9	5.4%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Harnett County	Substantial/Orange	394.2	7.7%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Haywood County	Significant/Yellow	271.2	5.3%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Henderson County	Significant/Yellow	218.0	3.9%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Hertford County	Significant/Yellow	257.6	6.2%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Hoke County	Substantial/Orange	278.8	9.1%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Hyde County	Significant/Yellow	202.6*	3.7%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Iredell County	Critical/Red	406.5	10.3%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Jackson County	Significant/Yellow	405.1	6.2%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Johnston County	Substantial/Orange	328.2	6.9%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Jones County	Substantial/Orange	509.6	5.0%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Lee County	Substantial/Orange	385.2	9.9%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Lenoir County	Significant/Yellow	403.9	4.0%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Lincoln County	Significant/Yellow	365.8	7.1%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Macon County	Significant/Yellow	192.4	7.2%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Madison County	Significant/Yellow	308.0	6.7%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 3/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive [^]	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/22)
Martin County	Significant/Yellow	361.0	4.9%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
McDowell County	Significant/Yellow	362.8	5.3%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Mecklenburg County	Significant/Yellow	324.9	6.0%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Mitchell County	Significant/Yellow	133.7*	3.0%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Montgomery County	Critical/Red	515.2	11.1%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Moore County	Substantial/Orange	356.9	9.2%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Nash County	Significant/Yellow	564.2	7.7%	Low impact	Critical/Red
New Hanover County	Significant/Yellow	374.5	5.7%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Northampton County	Significant/Yellow	210.4*	3.2%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Onslow County	Significant/Yellow	216.2	3.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Orange County	Significant/Yellow	197.3	0.9%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Pamlico County	Substantial/Orange	565.8	7.0%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Pasquotank County	Significant/Yellow	205.9	4.2%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Pender County	Significant/Yellow	323.5	7.3%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Perquimans County	Critical/Red	312.0	12.3%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Person County	Critical/Red	384.9	10.3%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Pitt County	Significant/Yellow	403.3	5.8%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Polk County	Substantial/Orange	265.4	4.0%	Moderate impact	Significant/Yellow
Randolph County	Substantial/Orange	458.0	7.7%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Richmond County	Significant/Yellow	377.0	7.1%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Robeson County	Significant/Yellow	783.2	5.1%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Rockingham County	Substantial/Orange	217.6	5.3%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Rowan County	Substantial/Orange	435.6	9.1%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Rutherford County	Significant/Yellow	219.3	4.9%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Sampson County	Critical/Red	606.0	11.4%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Scotland County	Substantial/Orange	373.3	6.8%	Moderate impact	Critical/Red
Stanly County	Substantial/Orange	542.9	8.4%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Stokes County	Significant/Yellow	335.6	6.6%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Surry County	Critical/Red	434.6	10.5%	high impact	Critical/Red
Swain County	Significant/Yellow	252.3*	7.8%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Transylvania County	Significant/Yellow	290.8	4.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 3/4/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/22)
Tyrrell County	Significant/Yellow	224.1*	2.8%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Union County	Significant/Yellow	345.6	6.7%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Vance County	Substantial/Orange	631.0	8.9%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Wake County	Substantial/Orange	325.2	5.3%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Warren County	Significant/Yellow	278.7	6.1%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Washington County	Substantial/Orange	535.4	8.6%	Low impact	Critical/Red
Watauga County	Significant/Yellow	341.8	6.3%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Wayne County	Significant/Yellow	208.7	3.5%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Wilkes County	Significant/Yellow	286.5	5.7%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow
Wilson County	Substantial/Orange	451.1	7.2%	Moderate impact	Substantial/Orange
Yadkin County	Substantial/Orange	329.2	8.2%	Low impact	Substantial/Orange
Yancey County	Significant/Yellow	88.5	1.3%	Low impact	Significant/Yellow



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