



## COVID-19 County Alert System

*Updated April 29, 2021*

### WHAT'S NEW IN THIS COUNTY ALERT

- **None of North Carolina's counties are currently red.** There are 30 orange counties, 56 yellow counties, 14 light yellow counties, and no green counties. In comparison, the previous report posted April 15<sup>th</sup> showed one red county, 20 orange counties, 48 yellow counties, 30 light yellow counties, and 1 green county.
- 56 counties are in the same tier as the previous report. **34 counties have moved up a tier (toward red) since the last report** and 10 counties have moved down a tier (toward green).

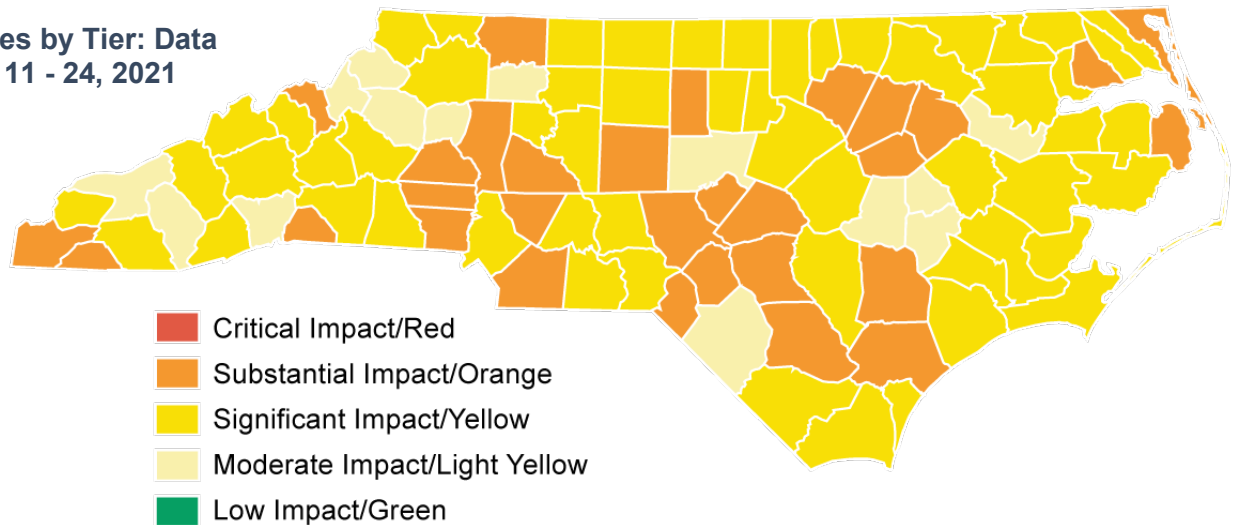
### Introduction

North Carolina's key metrics show a leveling off of COVID-19 trends after several weeks of decline. Although levels are far below the post-holiday peak in January, most of the state continues to experience significant or substantial community spread with higher rates of cases in younger adult age groups. Continued adherence to the 3Ws – wearing a face mask, waiting six feet apart, and washing hands often – along with people getting vaccinated as quickly as possible are critically important to slow 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 five tiers:

1. **Green:** Low Community Spread
2. **Light Yellow:** Moderate Community Spread
3. **Yellow:** Significant Community Spread
4. **Orange:** Substantial Community Spread
5. **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 April 11 - 24, 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 a certain 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 a certain 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*
<b>Critical (Red)</b>	>200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 42 cases in 14 days.	>10%	<b>High Impact on county hospital(s)</b>
<b>Substantial (Orange)</b>	101-200/100,000 new cases in 14 days with at least 21 cases in 14 days.	8-10%	<b>Moderate Impact on county hospital(s)</b>
<b>Significant (Yellow)</b>	20-100/100,000 new cases in 14 days	5-7.9%	<b>Medium impact on county hospitals</b>
<b>Moderate (Light Yellow)</b>	10-19/100,000 new cases in 14 days	3-4.9%	<b>Slight Impact on county hospitals</b>
<b>Low (Green)</b>	<10/100,000 new cases in 14 days	<2.9%	<b>Low Impact on county hospitals</b>

\*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 what tier your county is currently in. 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.



### Individual Actions

**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.

#### ALL INDIVIDUALS

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

##### Vaccine

- Everyone 16 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Visit [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov) for more information.
- Use [myspot.nc.gov](https://myspot.nc.gov) [to find vaccine locations](#)

##### Masks and physical distance

- Wear a mask indoors and maintain physical distance (at least 6 feet) from people when in in public settings to the maximum extent possible.
- Do not enter any indoor public spaces where anyone is unmasked or crowds of people are not physically distanced.
- Avoid settings where people may congregate in large numbers, especially when people are not maintaining social distance
- If you are not fully vaccinated, wear a face coverings in public outdoor settings if you unable to maintain six (6) feet of social distance from non-household members.
- Everyone (vaccinated and unvaccinated) is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering outdoors when you are in a crowded, dense, and high-risk setting, including outdoor bars and large venues.
- Encourage your friends and family to keep practicing the 3Ws until enough North Carolinians are protected by the vaccines

##### Testing and Tracing

- Get [tested](#) if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- If you are not fully vaccinated, participate in routine screening testing if it is offered at your place of work, school, or a similar setting
- If you are not fully vaccinated, get tested if you think there is a chance you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

##### Gatherings

- Limit the number of unvaccinated households that get together.
- Delay domestic or international travel

##### Fully vaccinated people

- Can gather indoors in private settings with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask
- Can gather indoors in private settings with low-risk unvaccinated people from one other household without wearing a mask
- Do not need to quarantine or get tested if exposed to someone with COVID-19 as long you do not have symptoms
- Can be exempt from routine COVID-19 screening testing, if feasible.
- Can travel within the United States

#### INDIVIDUALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES

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

##### Gatherings

- Limit gatherings with unvaccinated individuals you do not live with. Keep gatherings outdoors and as small as possible.
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#### 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.
- Minimize time in higher risk settings for transmission, such as bars and venues that gather large groups, as well as places where people are not wearing masks.

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- Can gather indoors in private settings with low-risk unvaccinated people from one other household without wearing a mask
- Do not need to quarantine or get tested if exposed to someone with COVID-19 as long you do not have symptoms
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## Businesses & Community Organization Actions

### ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Employers and community-based organizations can play a role in helping get more North Carolinians vaccinated.

- Share messages about COVID-19 vaccines with your employees, in public spaces and in digital communications. Encourage and support employees and others to get their vaccination . Materials and resources are available at [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](#).
- Join our [Let's Bring Summer Back](#) campaign
- Offer paid time off or sick leave for employees to get vaccinated. Under the American Rescue Plan, [some employers that provide paid leave for covid-19 vaccinations](#) are eligible for certain tax credits.
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
  - NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center 1-888-675-4567
  - [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 or vaccine conversation using this [form](#).
- Share messages about the importance of wearing a mask and [practicing the 3Ws](#) . Post [signs about 3Ws at entrances](#) in accordance with [Executive Order 209](#).
- 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](#)
- Community and religious organizations are encouraged to consider holding meetings, events, and/or services using lower risk options, such as virtually. If gathering in-person, consider meeting outdoors, limiting indoor occupancy and ensuring 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 cancel any 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](#).
- Join our [Let's Bring Summer Back](#) campaign
- Promote the following COVID-19 vaccine tools:
  - NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center 1-888-675-4567
  - [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](#)
- 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
- Role model and actively [promote 3Ws](#). Always wear a mask when you are in a public indoor setting or outdoors when you are in a crowded, dense, and high-risk setting, including outdoor bars and large venues.
- 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](#)
- Promote [no-cost testing](#) to residents

### 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.

- 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
- 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
- Consider adopting local ordinances with additional restrictions for public facing businesses



## 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
- Use [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.](#)
- [Let's Bring Summer Back](#) campaign
- Continue to promote [prevention messages](#) such as the 3 Ws.



### 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.



### Vaccines

- Provide case management support to vaccine providers, including connecting groups eligible for vaccination (e.g., employers, homeless shelters, correctional facilities) with local vaccine providers.
- Provide [guidance, technical, and communications support](#) to vaccine providers.

## 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 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.

### **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.



## Frequently Asked Questions (CONTINUED)

**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 (Elementary, middle, and high schools can open in Plan A). 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 green or yellow tiers?**

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 April 11 to April 24, 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 4/29/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive <sup>^</sup>	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (4/15)
Alamance County	Substantial/Orange	267.20	5.6%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Alexander County	Moderate/Light Yellow	160.00	4.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Alleghany County	Significant/Yellow	215.50	7.1%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Anson County	Significant/Yellow	225.00	3.9%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Ashe County	Significant/Yellow	132.30	5.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Avery County	Moderate/Light Yellow	233.50	3.9%	Low Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Beaufort County	Significant/Yellow	134.10	3.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Bertie County	Significant/Yellow	147.80	5.5%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Bladen County	Substantial/Orange	198.60	8.2%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Brunswick County	Significant/Yellow	151.20	5.7%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Buncombe County	Significant/Yellow	194.90	4.1%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Burke County	Significant/Yellow	139.20	2.1%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cabarrus County	Substantial/Orange	408.90	8.2%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Caldwell County	Moderate/Light Yellow	165.50	3.8%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Camden County	Significant/Yellow	165.60	17.8%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Carteret County	Significant/Yellow	223.10	5.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Caswell County	Significant/Yellow	150.40	4.2%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Catawba County	Substantial/Orange	241.90	8.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Chatham County	Moderate/Light Yellow	114.10	3.9%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cherokee County	Substantial/Orange	450.90	10.0%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Chowan County	Significant/Yellow	236.70	7.5%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Clay County	Substantial/Orange	249.30	4.1%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Cleveland County	Significant/Yellow	242.00	5.4%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Columbus County	Significant/Yellow	145.90	4.6%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Craven County	Significant/Yellow	164.50	3.6%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Cumberland County	Substantial/Orange	306.10	8.2%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow

## Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 4/29/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (4/15)
Currituck County	Substantial/Orange	111.70	8.6%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Dare County	Substantial/Orange	129.70	7.6%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Davidson County	Significant/Yellow	248.80	7.4%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Davie County	Significant/Yellow	207.70	6.4%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Duplin County	Substantial/Orange	171.90	4.1%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Durham County	Significant/Yellow	188.50	4.2%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Edgecombe County	Substantial/Orange	408.00	9.5%	Medium Impact	Critical/Red
Forsyth County	Significant/Yellow	244.10	5.8%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Franklin County	Substantial/Orange	417.60	8.4%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
Gaston County	Substantial/Orange	310.00	7.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Gates County	Significant/Yellow	129.70	7.9%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Graham County	Significant/Yellow	94.80	1.2%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Granville County	Significant/Yellow	218.40	3.4%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
Greene County	Moderate/Light Yellow	185.10	4.1%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Guilford County	Significant/Yellow	296.70	7.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Halifax County	Significant/Yellow	301.90	7.7%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
Harnett County	Substantial/Orange	269.20	7.5%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Haywood County	Significant/Yellow	178.10	5.4%	Slight Impact	Substantial/Orange
Henderson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	209.50	4.5%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Hertford County	Significant/Yellow	156.30	6.4%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Hoke County	Substantial/Orange	217.30	8.3%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
Hyde County	Significant/Yellow	324.10	7.7%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Iredell County	Substantial/Orange	292.60	8.1%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Jackson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	91.00	4.7%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Johnston County	Significant/Yellow	336.30	7.2%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Jones County	Significant/Yellow	212.30	2.6%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Lee County	Substantial/Orange	181.30	4.3%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Lenoir County	Moderate/Light Yellow	262.70	3.0%	Slight Impact	Low/Green
Lincoln County	Substantial/Orange	329.80	8.7%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Macon County	Significant/Yellow	128.30	5.8%	Slight Impact	Substantial/Orange
Madison County	Significant/Yellow	105.70	3.4%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow

## Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 4/29/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive <sup>^</sup>	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (4/15)
Martin County	Moderate/Light Yellow	178.30	4.6%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
McDowell County	Significant/Yellow	181.40	4.0%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Mecklenburg County	Significant/Yellow	319.50	7.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Mitchell County	Substantial/Orange	320.80	8.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Montgomery County	Significant/Yellow	161.90	5.2%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Moore County	Substantial/Orange	192.30	6.6%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Nash County	Substantial/Orange	433.70	9.2%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
New Hanover County	Significant/Yellow	243.10	6.6%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Northampton County	Significant/Yellow	169.40	4.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Onslow County	Significant/Yellow	316.30	6.3%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Orange County	Significant/Yellow	129.30	0.9%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Pamlico County	Significant/Yellow	125.70	1.5%	Medium Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pasquotank County	Significant/Yellow	183.30	5.8%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Pender County	Substantial/Orange	233.10	8.7%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Perquimans County	Substantial/Orange	230.30	11.7%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Person County	Significant/Yellow	144.30	5.0%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Pitt County	Significant/Yellow	317.00	7.7%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Polk County	Substantial/Orange	115.80	1.1%	Moderate Impact	Significant/Yellow
Randolph County	Substantial/Orange	194.90	4.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Richmond County	Significant/Yellow	261.00	6.4%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Robeson County	Moderate/Light Yellow	207.50	4.6%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Rockingham County	Significant/Yellow	162.60	5.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Rowan County	Substantial/Orange	325.90	8.5%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Rutherford County	Significant/Yellow	183.50	6.3%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Sampson County	Significant/Yellow	343.10	6.8%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Scotland County	Substantial/Orange	218.20	4.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Stanly County	Significant/Yellow	337.50	7.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Stokes County	Significant/Yellow	201.80	6.0%	Slight Impact	Significant/Yellow
Surry County	Substantial/Orange	224.30	7.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Swain County	Moderate/Light Yellow	49.10	1.9%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Transylvania County	Significant/Yellow	383.90	6.0%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow

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Union County	Substantial/Orange	369.00	8.3%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Vance County	Significant/Yellow	247.00	4.2%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Wake County	Significant/Yellow	268.60	5.4%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Warren County	Significant/Yellow	167.20	5.0%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Washington County	Significant/Yellow	129.50	4.5%	Medium Impact	Significant/Yellow
Watauga County	Moderate/Light Yellow	115.70	3.7%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Wayne County	Moderate/Light Yellow	183.50	3.4%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Wilkes County	Significant/Yellow	192.90	5.8%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Wilson County	Substantial/Orange	314.20	6.3%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Yadkin County	Moderate/Light Yellow	172.60	3.7%	Slight Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow
Yancey County	Significant/Yellow	166.00	2.9%	Medium Impact	Moderate/Light Yellow



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