NC DEPARTMENT OF Health AND HUMAN SERVICES

COVID-19 County Alert System
Updated February 22, 2021

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS COUNTY ALERT

- **27 of North Carolina counties are currently red.** There are now 27 red counties, 40 orange counties, and 33 yellow counties. In comparison, the previous Feb 4th County Alert showed 61 red counties, 33 orange counties and 6 yellow counties.

- This update of the County Alert System shows the fewest red counties since the start of the County Alert Systems.

- North Carolina launched new tools to help people know **when they are eligible** for **the COVID-19 Vaccine**, and a tool to help **people find vaccine locations** near them

- Individuals in all counties should continue to limit public interactions to essential activities, and avoid gathering with others from outside their household in accordance with the January 6th **Secretarial Directive**.
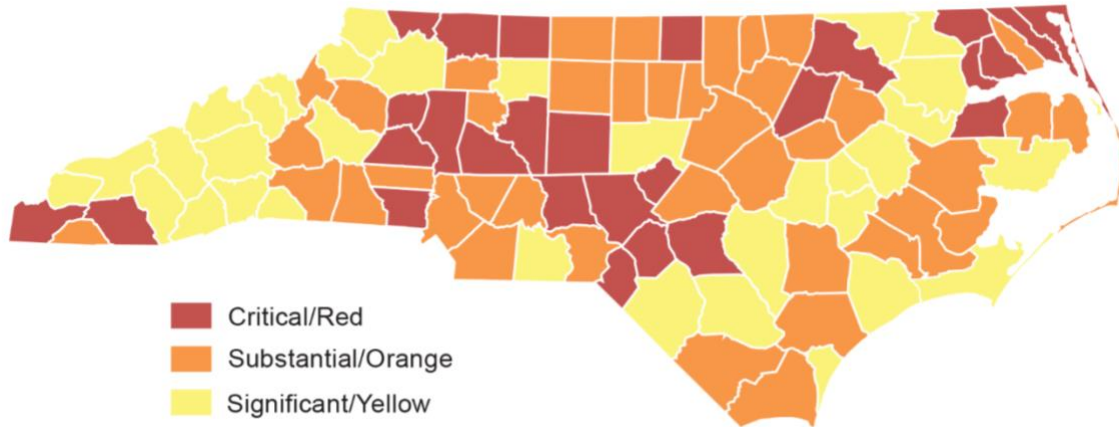
Introduction

Although North Carolina's key metrics remain high, they are moving 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 January 31 through February 13, 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**, and the **Secretarial Directive**. 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.

Follow all actions in the Jan. 6, 2021 **Secretarial Directive** to slow the spread of COVID

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

- Stay home. Limit your public interactions to essential activities such as going to work or school, for health care purposes, to care for family members or to buy food
- Avoid leaving your home if you are over 65 or at **high-risk for developing serious illness.** 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.
- Remain at home between 10pm and 5am, unless an exception as set forth in the Governor's **Executive Order 181,** and extended by **Executive Order 189**, applies

Gatherings

- Avoid gatherings with individuals you do not live with. Multiple households should not comingle. If you cannot avoid **gathering,** keep the gathering strictly outdoors and as small as possible. Wear a mask at all times and avoid activities such as eating that require the removal of your mask.
- Avoid settings where people may congregate in large numbers, such as entertainment venues.

Testing and Tracing

- Assume you have become infected if you have gathered with individuals that you do not live with and get tested. Most likely, you will not have symptoms; however, you are dangerous to others, and you must isolate away from anyone at increased risk for severe illness and get tested.
- Get **tested** if you think you 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 the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you. Visit YourSpotYourShot.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

- Many businesses close at 10pm, in accordance with **Executive Order 181, and extended by Executive Order 189.**

- Share messages about vaccines with your employees and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.

- Promote the NC COVID-19 vaccine help center 1-888-675-4567 for general COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccine questions

- Share messages about the importance of wearing a mask, **practicing the 3Ws, and getting the vaccine** when it is available

- Post **signs about 3Ws at entrances** in accordance with Executive Order 189.

- Provide face coverings to employees and patrons (resource: certain organizations can **request PPE**)

- Support employees to stay home when sick (resource: **Check My Symptoms**)

- Strongly encourage all employees download and use the **SlowCOVIDNC app**

- 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.

BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY 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
  - Close indoor dining and move to grab and go
  - Consider moving to single occupancy dorms or other single occupancy living arrangements

Public Officials

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ALL COUNTIES

- Share messages about vaccines with your employees, your constituents, and in public spaces. Fact sheets and resources are available at **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**.

- Promote the NC COVID-19 vaccine help center 1-888-675-4567 for general COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccine questions

- 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**

- Have all public employees download and use the **SlowCOVIDNC app**

- 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

- 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

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

- Adopt ordinances that allow for the use of civil penalties for enforcement of the statewide restrictions

- Increase enforcement of mass gathering limits and masks 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.

Prevention communications

- Targeted promotion of prevention campaigns/communications, including to specific sub-populations in the county
- Direct outreach to stakeholder groups through webinars/town halls
- NCDHHS leadership can speak on local media outlets about prevention
- Utilize communication resources around vaccines available at **https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines**

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.
    - Data entry
    - Event planning
    - Coordination across community players.
    - Pairing volunteer workforce, including vaccinators and registration assistance
    - Help answering the phones
    - Materials to help inform people about the vaccine

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 may continue to stay open 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 January 31, 2021 to February 13, 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 2/22/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/4)
Alamance County	Substantial/Orange	610.6	8.6%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Alexander County	Critical/Red	613.4	10.4%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Alleghany County	Critical/Red	413.0	11.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Anson County	Significant/Yellow	695.4	7.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Ashe County	Significant/Yellow	345.6	7.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Avery County	Substantial/Orange	273.4	8.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Beaufort County	Substantial/Orange	523.5	8.0%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Bertie County	Significant/Yellow	348.3	7.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Bladen County	Significant/Yellow	605.1	6.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Brunswick County	Substantial/Orange	594.5	9.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Buncombe County	Significant/Yellow	385.9	4.8%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Burke County	Significant/Yellow	484.1	5.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Cabarrus County	Substantial/Orange	707.3	9.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Caldwell County	Substantial/Orange	506.2	8.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Camden County	Critical/Red	552.1	13.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Carteret County	Significant/Yellow	453.4	5.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Caswell County	Substantial/Orange	526.5	9.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Catawba County	Critical/Red	661.9	11.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Chatham County	Significant/Yellow	338.4	5.1%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Cherokee County	Critical/Red	440.4	11.4%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Chowan County	Critical/Red	674.2	10.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Clay County	Substantial/Orange	293.8*	8.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Cleveland County	Substantial/Orange	481.9	6.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Columbus County	Substantial/Orange	672.0	8.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Craven County	Substantial/Orange	644.2	7.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Cumberland County	Critical/Red	648.9	11.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/22/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/4)
Currituck County	Critical/Red	457.4	10.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Dare County	Substantial/Orange	313.4	7.5%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Davidson County	Critical/Red	643.8	10.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Davie County	Substantial/Orange	779.5	9.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Duplin County	Substantial/Orange	388.1	6.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Durham County	Substantial/Orange	381.0	6.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Edgecombe County	Substantial/Orange	827.6	9.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Forsyth County	Significant/Yellow	657.3	7.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Franklin County	Substantial/Orange	546.7	7.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Gaston County	Critical/Red	587.0	10.3%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Gates County	Critical/Red	614.1	12.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Graham County	Significant/Yellow	213.2*	1.0%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Granville County	Substantial/Orange	519.5	5.2%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Greene County	Significant/Yellow	640.8	5.0%	Low Impact	Significant/Yellow
Guilford County	Substantial/Orange	549.7	8.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Halifax County	Critical/Red	1049.8	11.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Harnett County	Substantial/Orange	570.7	9.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Haywood County	Significant/Yellow	476.6	6.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Henderson County	Significant/Yellow	468.4	6.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Hertford County	Significant/Yellow	354.8	6.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Hoke County	Critical/Red	458.1	11.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Hyde County	Significant/Yellow	324.1*	7.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Iredell County	Critical/Red	747.5	11.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Jackson County	Significant/Yellow	323.2	7.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Johnston County	Substantial/Orange	625.8	9.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Jones County	Substantial/Orange	828.1	5.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lee County	Critical/Red	623.2	11.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Lenoir County	Significant/Yellow	1009.8	7.0%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Lincoln County	Substantial/Orange	588.8	9.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Macon County	Critical/Red	568.9	11.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Madison County	Significant/Yellow	376.9	6.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/22/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/4)
Martin County	Significant/Yellow	467.9	6.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
McDowell County	Substantial/Orange	585.7	7.6%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Mecklenburg County	Substantial/Orange	546.9	8.8%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Mitchell County	Significant/Yellow	227.2*	3.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Montgomery County	Critical/Red	691.9	10.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Moore County	Critical/Red	498.6	8.2%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Nash County	Critical/Red	1120.9	10.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
New Hanover County	Significant/Yellow	647.4	7.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Northampton County	Significant/Yellow	621.1	7.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Onslow County	Significant/Yellow	464.3	5.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Orange County	Substantial/Orange	389.3	1.4%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pamlico County	Substantial/Orange	990.1	9.9%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Pasquotank County	Substantial/Orange	499.7	7.0%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Pender County	Substantial/Orange	486.8	8.5%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Perquimans County	Critical/Red	401.1	11.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Person County	Critical/Red	802.7	10.9%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Pitt County	Significant/Yellow	704.9	7.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Polk County	Significant/Yellow	463.2	7.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Randolph County	Critical/Red	699.5	10.9%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Richmond County	Substantial/Orange	756.2	9.3%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Robeson County	Significant/Yellow	555.8	7.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Rockingham County	Substantial/Orange	348.3	6.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Rowan County	Critical/Red	812.2	11.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Rutherford County	Substantial/Orange	459.5	9.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Sampson County	Significant/Yellow	453.3	6.2%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Scotland County	Critical/Red	537.0	7.9%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Stanly County	Substantial/Orange	679.9	8.1%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Stokes County	Critical/Red	675.6	11.7%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Surry County	Critical/Red	925.0	16.2%	High Impact	Critical/Red
Swain County	Significant/Yellow	231.2*	7.6%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Transylvania County	Significant/Yellow	418.8	5.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red

Metrics by County (CONTINUED)

County	Current Tier (Updated 2/22/21)	14-day Case Rate Per 100,000	14-day Percent Positive^	Hospital Impact	Previous Tier (2/4)
Tyrrell County	Substantial/Orange	697.2*	7.0%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Union County	Substantial/Orange	582.8	9.3%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Vance County	Substantial/Orange	772.4	9.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Wake County	Substantial/Orange	545.1	6.8%	Moderate Impact	Substantial/Orange
Warren County	Substantial/Orange	577.8	9.8%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Washington County	Critical/Red	1105.4	14.8%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Watauga County	Significant/Yellow	596.3	6.2%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Wayne County	Significant/Yellow	454.8	5.2%	Low Impact	Substantial/Orange
Wilkes County	Significant/Yellow	616.9	7.9%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Wilson County	Substantial/Orange	723.7	8.7%	Moderate Impact	Critical/Red
Yadkin County	Substantial/Orange	517.7	9.1%	Low Impact	Critical/Red
Yancey County	Significant/Yellow	249.0	4.0%	Low Impact	Critical/Red

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