

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name: ARHS COVID-19	2. Operational Period:	Date From: 4/23/20	Date To: 4/23/20
		Time From: 0800	Time To: 1700

3. Objective(s):

Overarching

- Protect the Public's Health
- Protect the health of the most vulnerable populations identified during this response
- Minimize public disruption to the extent possible while also preventing future spread of COVID-19
- Continue to provide essential public health services
- Continue to provide essential governmental services

Ops Period

- ARHS COOP Implementation –Triage at all Sites
- Answer Provider Questions
- Conduct Case Investigations
- Continue to provide community and partner education
- Continue reviewing regional syndromic surveillance for various respiratory illness to determine additional local impact, and comparison of local, state, federal cases
- Review and understand COVID-19 impact, transmission, etc.

4. Operational Period Command Emphasis:

Focus on internal and external communication with stakeholders and community members to enhance education.

Conduct case investigations and contact tracing for lab confirmed cases.

Expand syndromic surveillance review to determine local activity in comparison to lab confirmed cases, and other epi data at the local, state and federal level.

Review studies and guidance to better understand COVID-19 impact and transmission.

General Situational Awareness:

Web-reported data reflected on State and CDC sites/ maps as of 4/23/20 at 4:00 pm

	Lab Confirmed Case Count	Active (Lab Confirmed)	Recovered (Lab Confirmed)	Deaths	Additional Info
United States (4pm update)	802,583	---	---	44,575	55 jurisdictions https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html
Virginia (9am update)	10,998	---	---	372	1,753 hospitalizations http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/
North Carolina (11am update)	7,608	---	---	253	486 hospitalizations https://www.ncdhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc
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Bertie	31	13	17	1	Outbreak at LTC Facility and Bertie Correctional
Camden	0	0	0	0	
Chowan	6	4	2	0	
Currituck	2	0	2	0	
Gates	6	2	4	0	
Hertford	14	11	2	1	Outbreak at Rivers Correctional
Pasquotank	33	18	14	1	Outbreak at Pasq Correctional
Perquimans	8	2	6	0	
ARHS – Region Total	100	50	47	3	

Please monitor CDC, NC and VA data online for daily counts. Expanded data points being offered.

CDC Weekly Surveillance Site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

Modeling: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america> and NC Model <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhs/documents/files/covid-19/NC-Covid-Brief-1-4-6-20.pdf>

New Johns Hopkins Map: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

Please keep in mind positive lab confirmed case counts DO NOT represent the true burden of illness.

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ARHS Call Line – 338-WELL is live and updated daily with case counts, including recovered cases, from the state map posted at 11 am. Prompts are also available to direct calls to appropriate staff.

COVID Taskforce Media Brief – Governor Cooper, Cohen – 1500

- We are flattening the curve but we do need more time
- Stay at home order will be extended until May 8th
- We need to hit certain metrics to move forward, these metrics include
 - COVID like syndromic cases over 14 days
 - Lab confirmed cases over 14 days
 - Positive tests as a percentage of total tests over 14 days
 - Hospitalization over 14 days
- Metrics will look at counts but also 7 day rolling average
- NC will rely on the science, the data and the facts to move to phased opening; if we enter a phase, and the data moves in the wrong direction, we may have to move to the previous phase
- Phased opening will include 3 phases
 - Phase 1: Stay at home in place but people can leave for commercial reasons, gatherings limited to 10 still, social distancing still in place, face coverings recommended, etc.
 - Phase 2: At least 2-3 weeks after Phase 1; Lift stay at home order with strong encouragement for vulnerable populations, allow limited opening of restaurants and bars (reduced capacity), allow gatherings at places of worship with reduced capacity, increase numbers at gatherings, open playgrounds, etc.
 - Phase 3: At least 4-6 weeks after Phase 2; lessen restrictions for vulnerable populations but still encourage social distancing, allow increased capacity at businesses and places of worship, further increase gathering numbers, continue restrictions on nursing homes and congregate case, etc.
- If we go back to work and play carefully, we can rebuild.
- School plan announcement tomorrow.
- Slide Deck: <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/NC-3-PHASE-PLAN.pdf>
- Release: See release at end of this document

ARHS Update

- Triage process still going well
- Focusing efforts on positive lab investigation and contact tracing; resolved cases are starting to increase; working with LTC and Prisons
- ARHS is continues telework options and staggered schedules

Communication Plan Updates

- Releases Issued:
 - None

5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes No

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Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:				
6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan):				
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 203	<input type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart	<u>Other Attachments:</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 204	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARHS COVID-19 Regional Resp Framework		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205		<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 206		<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208		<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
7. Prepared by: Name: <u>Ashley Stoop</u> Position/Title: <u>IC/Liaison/Planning</u> Signature: <u>AHS</u>				
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UPDATED: Governor Extends Stay At Home Order Through May 8, Plans Three Phase Lifting of Restrictions Based on Virus Trends

See Slide Deck from Today's Briefing [HERE \[click.icptrack.com\]](http://click.icptrack.com).

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper today issued [Executive Order No \[click.icptrack.com\]. 135 \[click.icptrack.com\]](http://click.icptrack.com) extending North Carolina's Stay At Home order through May 8. The orders extending closure of restaurants for dine-in service and bars and closure of other close-contact businesses are also extended through May 8.

Governor Cooper shared details about North Carolina's plan to lift restrictions in three phases once the data show that key metrics are headed in the right direction.

"The health and safety of people in North Carolina must be our top priority," Cooper said. "This plan provides a roadmap for us to begin easing restrictions in stages to push our economy forward."

Last week, Governor Cooper laid out the path forward centered on three things: testing, tracing and trends. Today, Governor Cooper and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of NC Department of Health and Human Services, shared more specifics on those key metrics. The Stay At Home and other orders are extended today because North Carolina has not yet seen a downward trajectory of those metrics needed to begin gradually lifting restrictions.

"North Carolina cannot stay at home indefinitely," added Governor Cooper. "We have to get more people back to work. Right now, the decision to stay at home is based on the public health data and White House guidance. North Carolina needs more time to slow the spread of this virus before we can safely begin lifting restrictions. I know that this pandemic has made life difficult for many people in our state and I am focused on keeping our communities safe while planning to slowly lift restrictions to help cushion the blow to our economy."

"Data has driven our decisions, starting with the aggressive measures Governor Cooper took early on to slow the spread of COVID-19. Those actions combined with North Carolinians' resolve to stay home to protect their loved ones have put our state on the right path. If we stick to these efforts right now we will continue to see a slowing of virus spread and we can slowly begin easing restrictions," said Secretary Cohen.

A detailed look at where North Carolina stands on testing, tracing and trends and more information about the three-phase plan can be found in [today's presentation \[click.icptrack.com\]](http://click.icptrack.com). The metrics that North Carolina is considering aligns with the White House guidance for Opening Up American Again.

In order to begin lifting restrictions, North Carolina needs to see progress in these key metrics:

- **Sustained Leveling or Decreased Trajectory in COVID-Like Illness (CLI) Surveillance Over 14 Days**
- Currently, North Carolina's syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is decreasing over the last 14 days.

- **Sustained Leveling or Decreased Trajectory of Lab-Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days**
- Currently, North Carolina's trajectory of lab-confirmed cases over the last 14 days cases is still increasing, although at a slower rate.

- **Sustained Leveling or Decreased Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days**
- Currently, North Carolina's trajectory in percent of tests returning positive over the last 14 days is increasing at a slow rate.

- **Sustained Leveling or Decreased Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days**
- Currently, North Carolina's trajectory of hospitalizations over the last 14 days is largely level with a slight trend upward.

In addition to these metrics, the state will continue building capacity to be able to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread. These include:

- **Increase in Laboratory Testing**
- Currently, North Carolina is testing approximately 2,500 to 3,000 people per day and is working to increase to at least 5,000 to 7,000 per day.

- **Increase in Tracing Capability**
- Currently, North Carolina has approximately 250 people doing contact tracing across its local health departments and is working to double this workforce to 500.

- **Availability of Personal Protective Equipment**
- The state is working to ensure there are adequate supplies to fulfill requests for critical PPE for at least 30 days. This includes face shields, gloves, gowns, N95 masks, and surgical and procedural masks. Currently the state has less than 30 days supply of gowns and N95 masks. Availability of PPE is calculated based on the average number of requests for the last 14 days compared to the supply that the state has on hand.

Governor Cooper also shared information about how North Carolina can gradually re-open over three phases to prevent hot spots of viral spread while also beginning to bring our economy back. These phases are based on the best information available now, but could be altered as new information emerges.

In Phase 1:

- Modify the Stay At Home order allow travel not currently defined as essential allowing people to leave home for commercial activity at any business that is allowed to be open, such as clothing stores, sporting goods stores, book shops, houseware stores and other retailers.
- Ensure that any open stores implement appropriate employee and consumer social distancing, enhanced hygiene and cleaning protocols, symptom screening of employees, accommodations for vulnerable workers, and provide education to employees and workers to combat misinformation
- Continue to limit gatherings to no more than 10 people

- Reopen parks that have been closed subject to the same gathering limitation. Outdoor exercise will continue to be encouraged.
- Continue to recommend face coverings in public spaces when 6 feet of distancing isn't possible
- Encourage employers to continue teleworking policies
- Continue rigorous restrictions on nursing homes and other congregant care settings
- Local emergency orders with more restrictive measures may remain in place.

Phase 2

At least 2-3 weeks after Phase 1

- Lift Stay At Home order with strong encouragement for vulnerable populations to continue staying at home to stay safe
- Allow limited opening of restaurants, bars, fitness centers, personal care services, and other businesses that can follow safety protocols including the potential need to reduce capacity
- Allow gathering at places such as houses of worship and entertainment venues at reduced capacity
- Increase in number of people allowed at gatherings
- Open public playgrounds
- Continue rigorous restrictions on nursing homes and other congregant care settings

Phase 3

At least 4-6 weeks after Phase 2

- Lessen restrictions for vulnerable populations with encouragement to continue practicing physical distancing and minimizing exposure to settings where distancing isn't possible
- Allow increased capacity at restaurants, bars, other businesses, houses of worships, and entertainment venues
- Further increase the number of people allowed at gatherings
- Continue rigorous restrictions on nursing homes and other congregant care settings

Governor Cooper and Dr. Cohen both underscored the need for the testing, tracing and trends to move in the right direction for each of these phases to move forward. If there is a spike in infections, tightening of restrictions may be needed temporarily.

Information about K-12 public schools will follow later this week.

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