



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

K-12 COVID-19 Response Updates

North Carolina Department of Health
and Human Services

NC State Board of Education

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Agenda

- **Statewide COVID-19 Updates**
- **K-12 COVID-19 Testing Updates**
- **COVID Vaccine Distribution Updates & Resources**

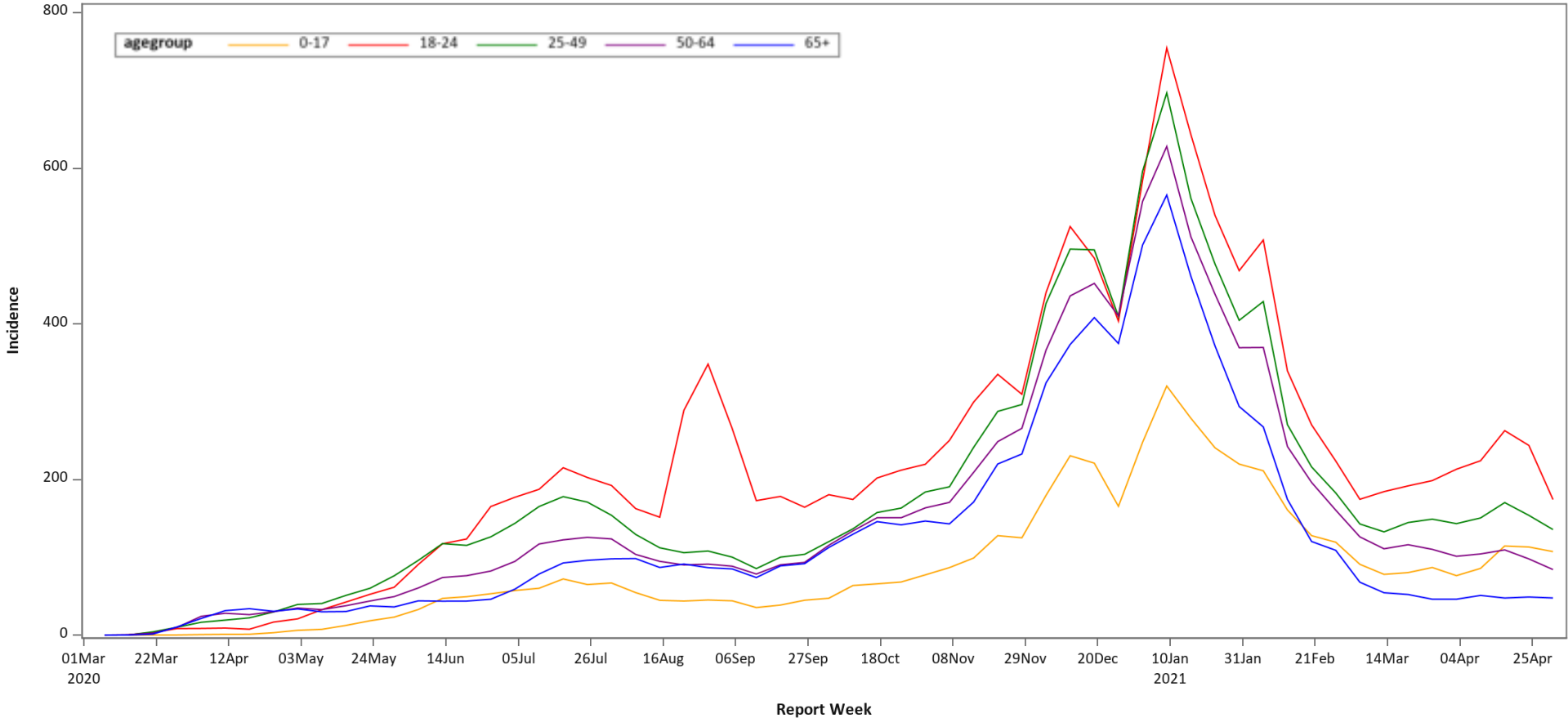
NCDHHS Team Members:

- Susan Gale Perry, Chief Deputy Secretary
- Dr. Betsey Tilson, State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer

Case Rates Decreasing or Plateauing Across Age Groups

Case rates continued to sharply decline in the 18-24 year old age group in the most recent week, stemming a recent increase among the 18-24 and 25-49 year old populations..

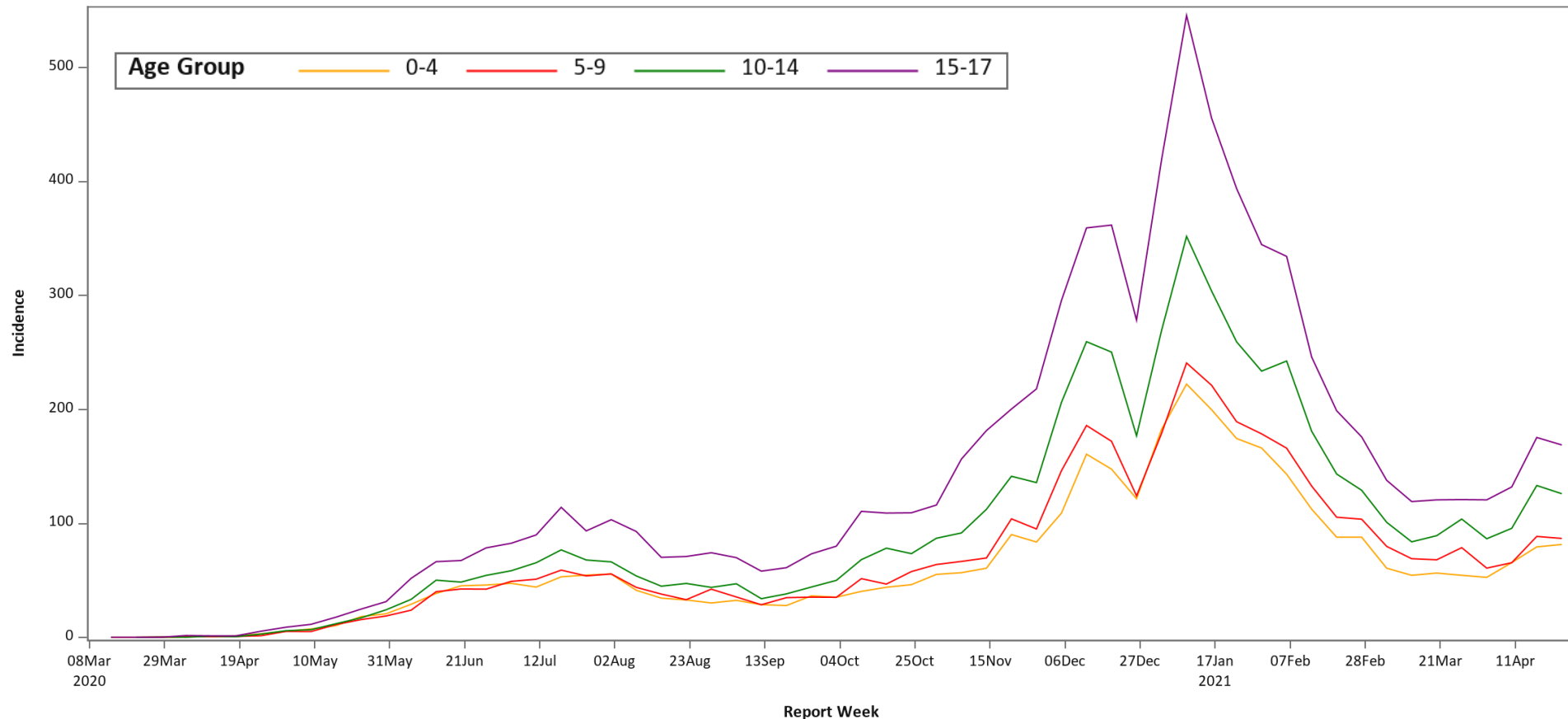
COVID Cases per 100K Population by Age Group and Report Date



Older Youth Drive Case Rates Among 0–17 Year-Olds

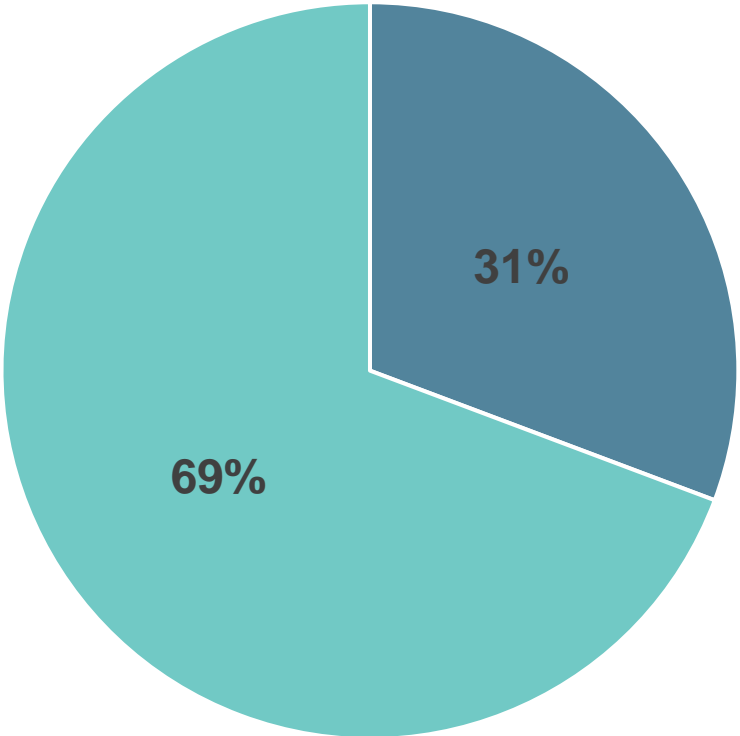
Consistent with pattern throughout the pandemic.

COVID Cases per 100K Population and Report Date, 0–17

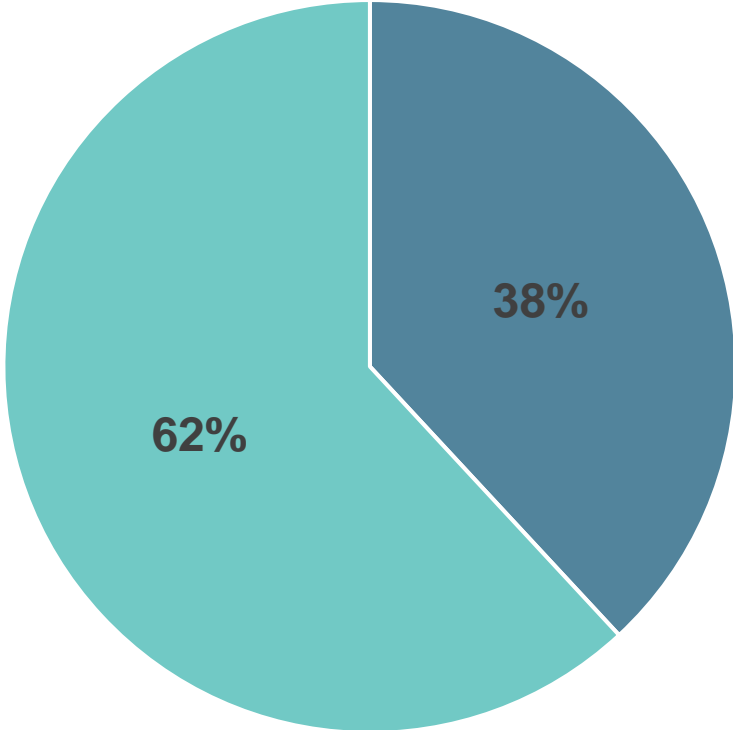


Middle & High-School Clusters Linked to Athletics as of 5/9

Number of Clusters
Since June 2020



Number of Clusters
Submitted in the Past 30 days

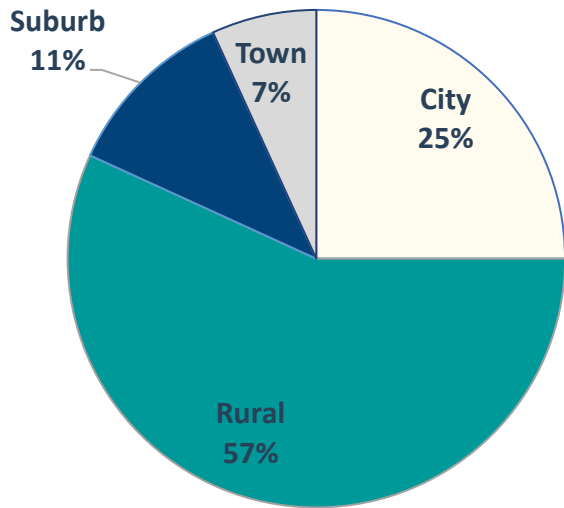


■ Athletics Related Cluster ■ Not Athletics-Related Cluster

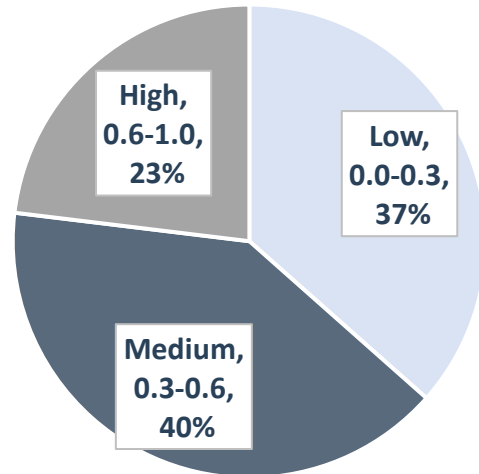
Phase 2: NC DHHS Opens Testing to All Schools- Demographics in line with state

Diagnostic testing and screening testing were opened to all schools in March 2021. Now, our testing program includes 23 public, 25 charter and 7 private schools.

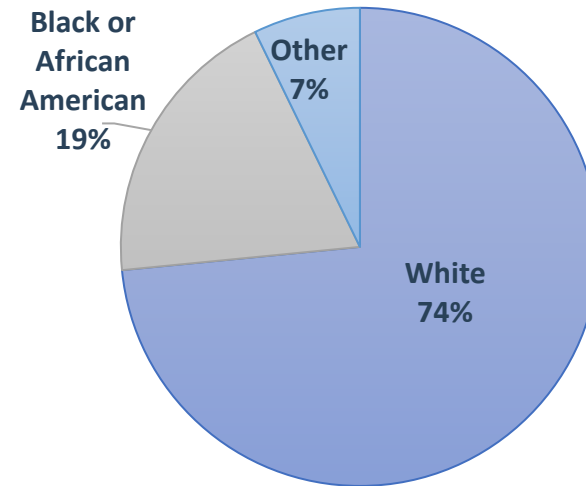
Location of Testing Program Participant Schools¹



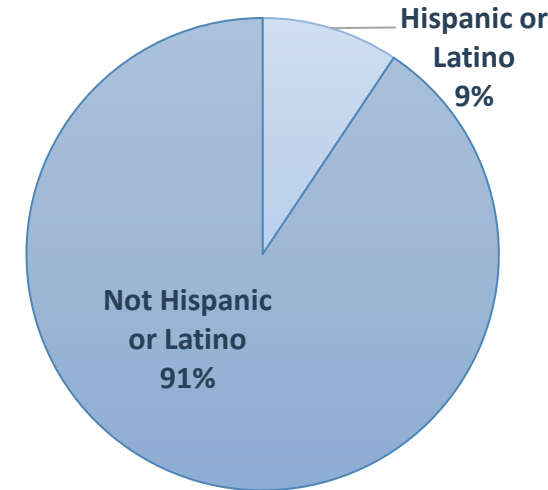
Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) of Participant School Counties



District Population by Race of Participant Schools²



District Population by Ethnicity of Participant Schools²



¹ Data includes LEA and charter schools ONLY. Source: NC Educational Directory and Demographical Data

City = "Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city"
 Suburb = "Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area"
 Town = "Territory inside an urban cluster"

Rural = "Census-defined rural territory"

²Data includes LEA schools ONLY. Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Phase 3: NCDHHS is expanding state-wide screening testing support for all K-12 schools

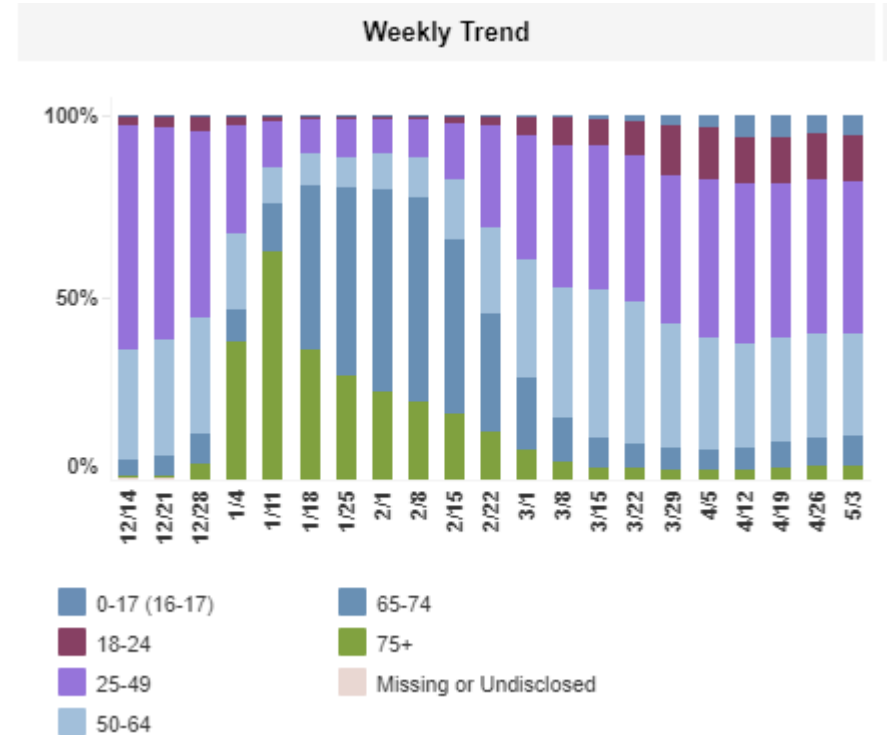
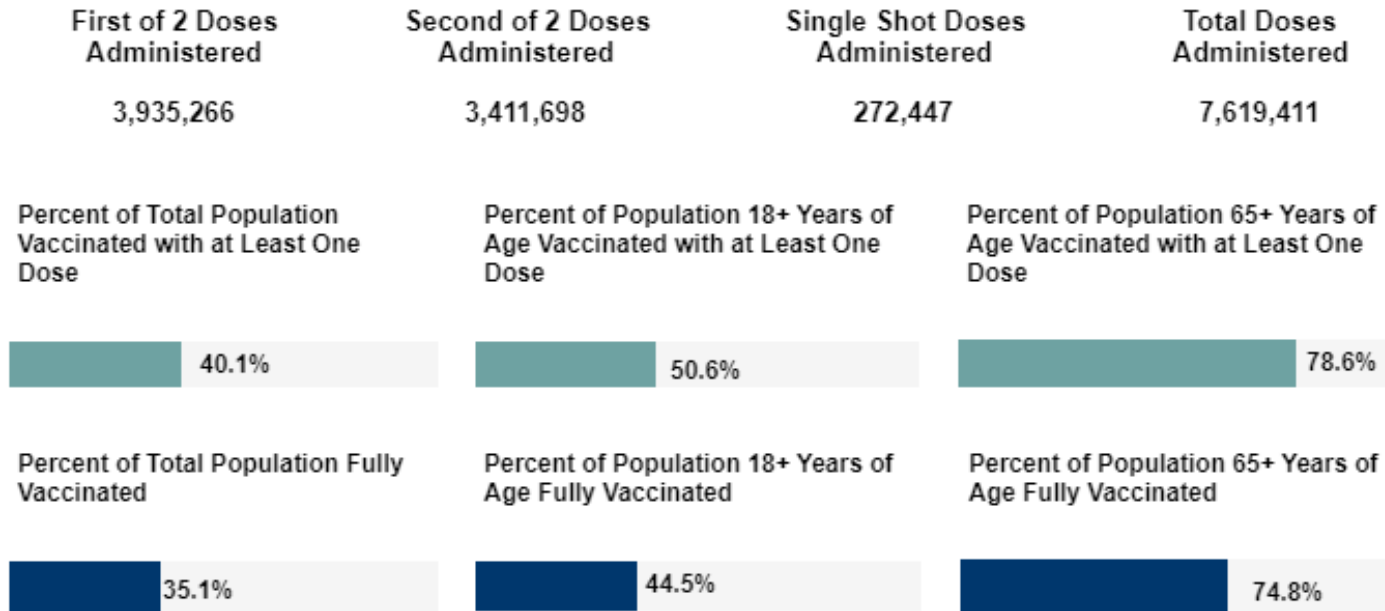
- **The CDC has announced the ELC Reopening Schools award, which provides \$10 billion dollars in allocated funding to states, available in early April through July 2022**
- NCDHHS submitted funding request and plan to CDC
- NCDHHS issued RFP for state-wide vendor to support screening testing in schools
- For remainder of 2020-21 school year, tests will continue to be available at no cost to schools from NCDHHS
 - Tests can be used for diagnostic testing, serial screening testing of staff, older students and athletes, and screening around holidays and special events
 - Weekly office hours and reporting training sessions open to all needing support in implementing or improving their program
- As schools make plans for summer school and fall semester, consider how to incorporate screening and diagnostic testing



Vaccine Distribution

Data: December 14, 2020 – May 9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Percent of People at Least Partially Vaccinated by Age



About 43,000 16 and 17 year olds have already been vaccinated

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/vaccinations>

What is on the horizon for children and vaccination?

- **Pfizer: authorized for 16 and over**
- **FDA expanded authorization for Pfizer to 12-15 year olds - 5/10/21**
- **Next step, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) reviews the data and make recommendations for use in that age group – 5/12/21**
- **Vaccination can begin after/if CDC accepts ACIP recommendation**
- **Pfizer widely available through vaccine providers**

Finding Your Spot

To find a vaccine location near you:


Call the COVID-19
Vaccine Help Center

1-888-675-4567

Monday-Friday (7am-7pm)
Saturday-Sunday (9am-4pm)

English and Spanish speaking agents are always available and additional languages are supported through the language line.

Use the Find a Vaccine
Location Tool at
[MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/my-spot)



The screenshot shows the NCDHHS 'Find A Vaccine Location' web page. At the top, there is a blue header with the NCDHHS logo, the title 'Find A Vaccine Location', and a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. Below the header is a banner with the text 'YOU HAVE A SPOT. TAKE YOUR SHOT.' and two circular images of people wearing face masks. Underneath the banner, there is a section titled 'Find Local Vaccine Providers Near You'. The text in this section explains that the tool is used to find COVID-19 vaccine locations in North Carolina based on zip code or current location. It also notes that vaccine availability is limited and that appointments may be required.

Find My Spot

Enter your zip code, or the name of a town

Search by zip code, city or current location

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Submit

See a list and map of vaccine providers located near you

Filter by Vaccine Type

Johnson & Johnson

Moderna

Pfizer

5 Miles

10 Miles

25 Miles

No Limit

Provider listings include phone numbers or websites for scheduling appointments

Walgreens Garner

Address: 1116 US 70 Hwy W, Garner, NC 27529, Wake

Phone: (919) 227-3917

Website:

<https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>



Garner 5th Avenue Pharmacy

Address: 1315 Fifth Avenue, Garner, NC 27529, Wake

Phone: 919-747-9482

Vaccines:

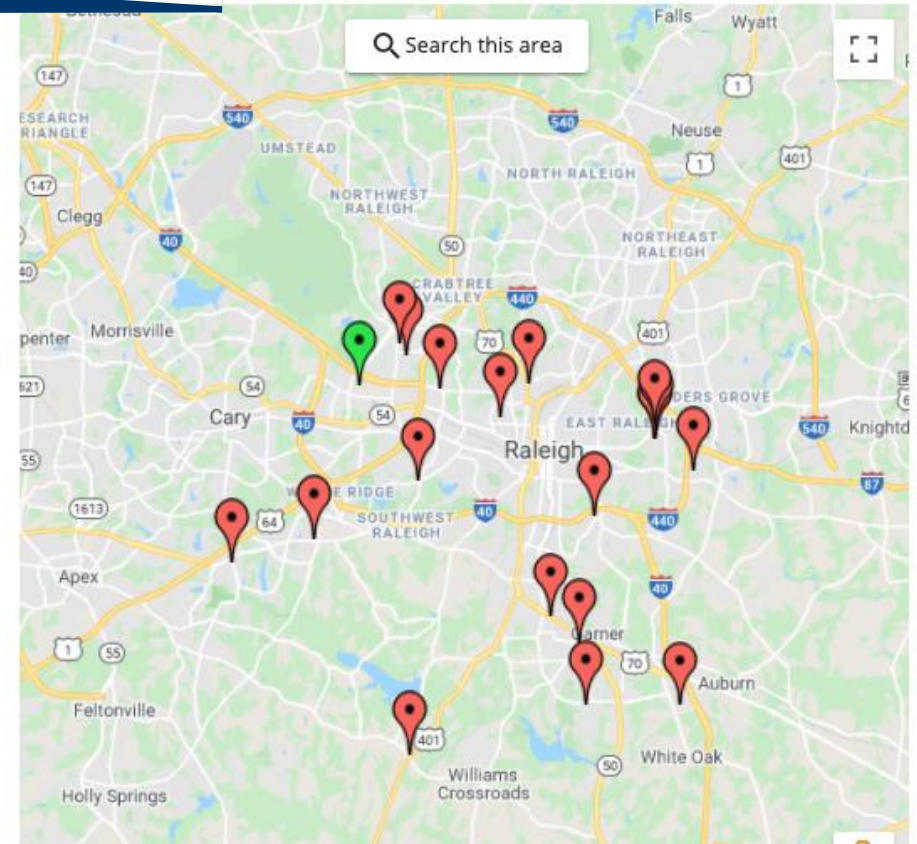
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Pfizer

Schedule Now

Some vaccine provider listings include which type of vaccine they have available



ON-SITE SCHOOL VACCINATIONS

- Survey sent out to schools to assess vaccination and testing needs as well as how NC DHHS can best support LEAs, Charter and Non-Public Schools in these efforts/matchmaking

As of Wednesday, May 5th at 5PM, NC DHHS has received 195 responses from 36 LEAs, 56 Charter schools and 96 Non-Public schools.

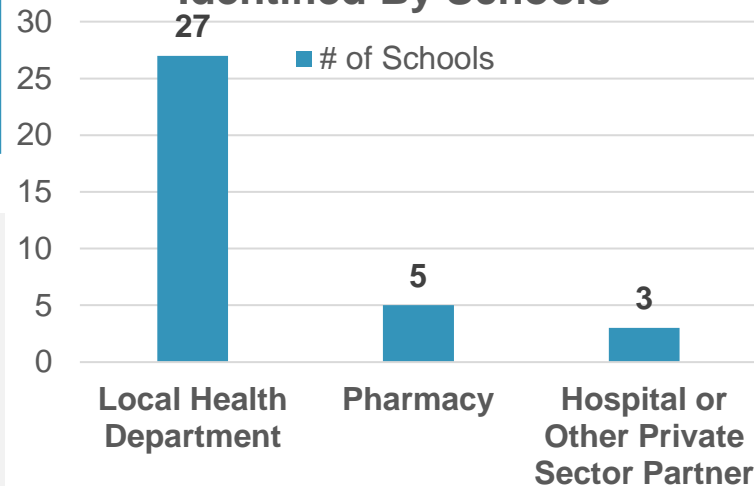
36%

of schools are considering or have begun supporting vaccine access for students

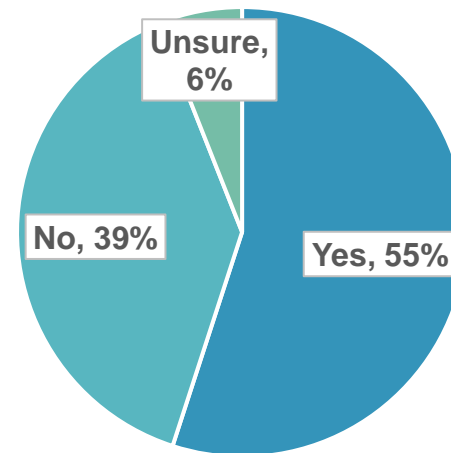
54%

of schools who are considering supporting vaccine access for students have identified a provider partner

Type of Vaccination Partners Identified By Schools



Would you like matchmaking assistance from NC DHHS?



36%

of schools would like to receive information to support outreach to students and staff about why vaccination is important and how to get vaccinated

