



# COVID-19 Vaccine

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## Orange County Cases

**Total: 5,792**

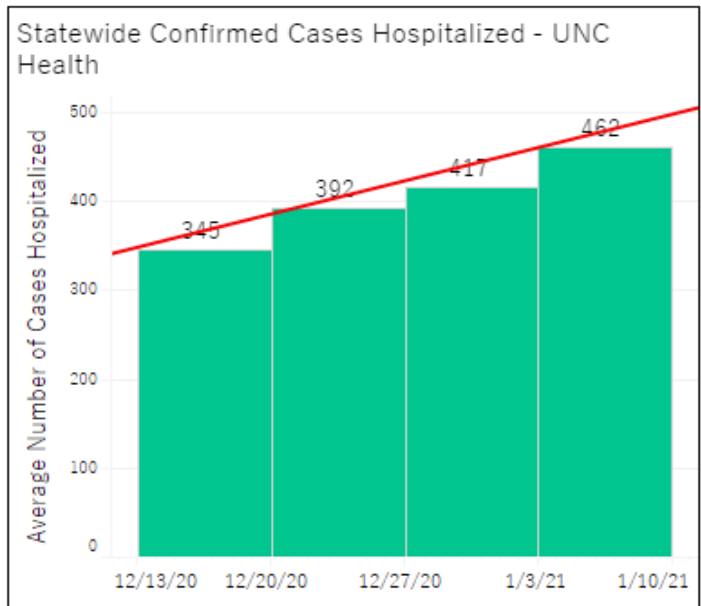
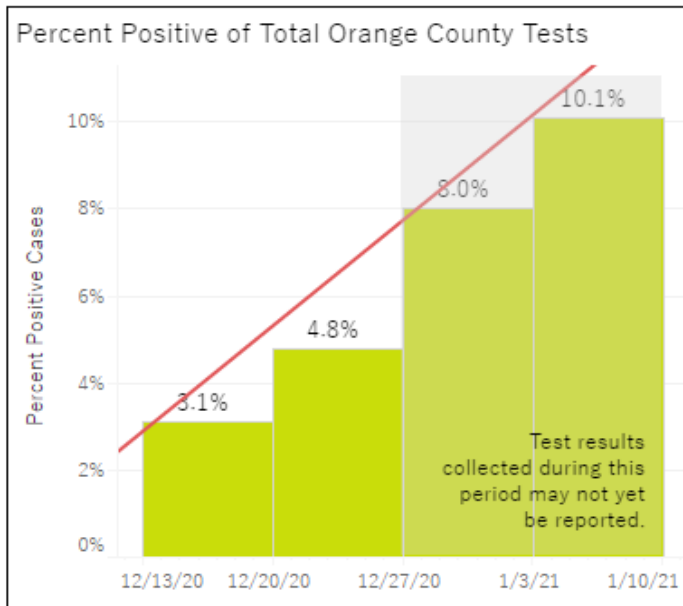
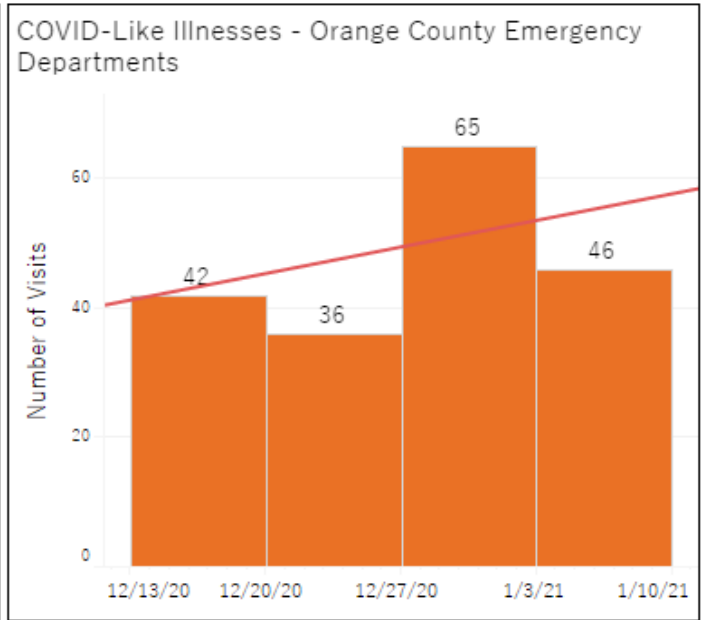
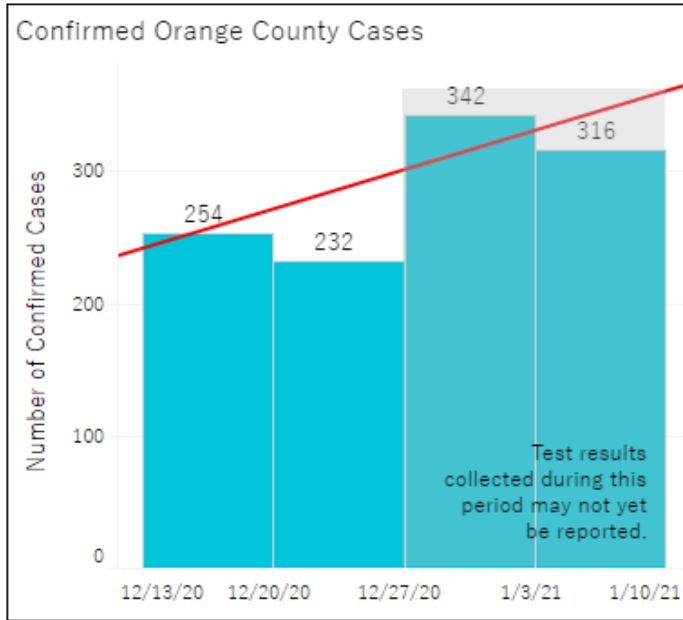
**Past 7 Days: 466**

## Orange County Deaths

**Total: 68**

**Last Updated:** January 12, 2021 at approximately 12:00 PM  
(Updated Monday - Friday)

# COVID Trends - Recent 4 Weeks



# Orange County Declaration of State of Emergency

- Amended December 16, 2020
- Follows the terms of the Governor's current and future Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
  - Executive Order 188 – Modified Stay at Home Order extended through at least January 29, 2021
- Secretarial Directive - issued on January 6<sup>th</sup> ; remains in effect until rescinded. The Directive orders the following:
  - Only leave home for essential activities such as going to work or school, for health care purposes, to care for family members or to buy food.
  - Avoid leaving 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.
  - Avoid gathering with people who do not live with you.
  - Wear a mask and keep distance from people when you leave home.
  - Avoid any indoor public spaces where people are not wearing masks.
  - Stay away from crowds. Avoid places where people may gather in large numbers.

# Vaccine Distribution Plan

- Vaccine providers are required to follow the NC DHHS Vaccine Priority list as outlined in the NC DHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.
- Guiding Principles for the plan include:
  - All North Carolinians have equitable access to vaccines
  - Vaccine planning and distribution is inclusive; actively engages state and local government, public and private partners; and draws upon the experience and expertise of leaders from historically marginalized populations.
  - Transparent, accurate, and frequent public communications is essential to building trust.
  - Data is used to promote equity, track progress, and guide decision-making.
  - Appropriate stewardship of resources and continuous evaluation and improvement drive successful implementation.
  - No dose is wasted

# Vaccine Provider Enrollment

- Enrollment Complete for:
  - Hospitals, Local Health Departments, Federal Pharmacies for LTC settings (Walgreens & CVS)
- Currently Enrolling:
  - FQHC's, Rural Health Centers and Free and Charitable Clinics
- Next to Enroll:
  - Corrections health, occupational health, providers serving congregate living settings, etc.

***\*NC's provider enrollment strategy is based upon the prioritization strategy \****

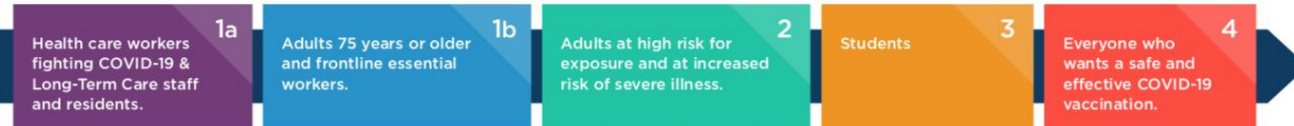
# Vaccine Distribution

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/vaccines/NCDHHS-Vaccine-Infographic.pdf>

## Covid-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

YOU HAVE A **SPOT.** | TAKE YOUR **SHOT.**

You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.



**1a**  
Health care workers fighting COVID-19 & Long-Term Care staff and residents.

- Health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19, including staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance in those areas
- Health care workers administering vaccine
- Long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes

**1b**  
Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers.

There is not enough vaccine for everyone in this phase to be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinations will be available to groups in the following order.

- **Group 1:** Anyone 75 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation
- **Group 2:** Health care workers and frontline essential workers 50 years or older\*
- **Group 3:** Health care workers and frontline essential workers of any age

\* The CDC defines frontline essential workers as first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers

**2**  
Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness.

Vaccinations will happen by group in the following order:

- **Group 1:** Anyone 65-74 years old, regardless of health status or living situation
- **Group 2:** Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID-19 such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation
- **Group 3:** Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function
- **Group 4:** Essential workers not yet vaccinated\*

\* The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers

**3**  
Students

- College and university students
- K-12 students age 16 and over. Younger children will only be vaccinated when the vaccine is approved for them

**4**  
Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.



For more information:  
[YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov)

# Changes to NC DHHS Priority Groups

- There were multiple announcements made Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> stating that the CDC recommends State's include the following 2 groups in Phase 1b:
  - persons aged 65–74 years,
  - persons aged 16–64 years with high-risk medical conditions
- As of ***January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm***, NC DHHS has not made any changes to the vaccine priority groups. They are awaiting additional federal guidance. Upon receipt of new guidance, NC DHHS will review and communicate any changes to the Counties.



# Who is being vaccinated now?

- **Phase 1a:**

- Health care workers at highest risk for COVID-19 exposure: Such as doctors, nurses and those caring for and cleaning areas used by COVID-19 patients
- Long-term care staff and residents: People living and working in places like skilled nursing facilities or group homes

- **Phase 1b, Group 1:**

- North Carolinians age 75+: Limited supplies mean those age 75 and over may have to wait, but they have one of the first spots to take their shot

# Vaccine Distribution

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

Vaccinations Data: December 14, 2020 – January 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

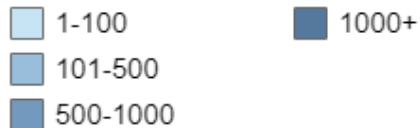
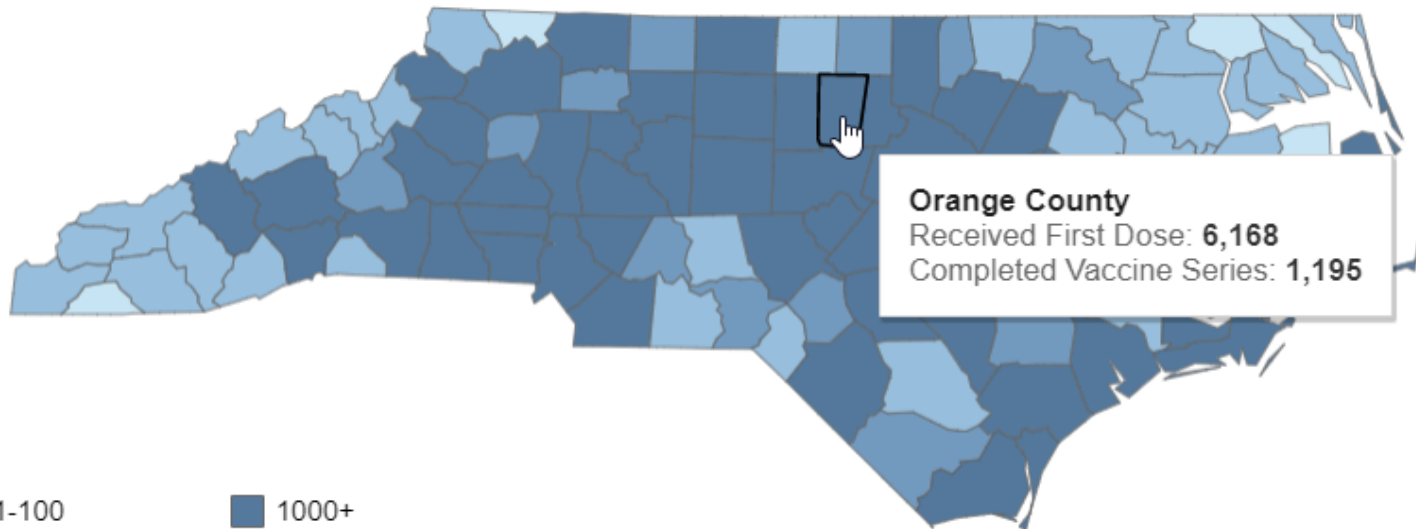
## People Vaccinated by County of Residence

RECEIVED FIRST DOSE

190,195

COMPLETED VACCINE SERIES

28,978



County of residence missing for 3,435 doses.

# New Variant Strain of COVID-19

- Newly reported variants of concerns, including B.1.1.7 (“UK variant”) have not been identified in NC, but B.1.1.7 has been identified in other states and is likely circulating here.
- Variant strain appears to be more contagious but does not seem to make people more ill
- The existing vaccines don’t appear to be any less effective against the new mutations, though they may need to be tweaked in the future

# Keep practicing the 3 Ws: Wear, Wait, and Wash.



- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine and following the 3 Ws is everyone's best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.
- Continue using the 3 Ws and limiting social gatherings until most people are vaccinated.

# Questions?

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