



MEMORANDUM

To: Manager Jones
From: EOC Manager
Date: April 30, 2021
Subject: COVID Update

Background

The following report offers an overview of the Town's response activities to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town's Emergency Operations Center remains activated, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. This report is not comprehensive but offers information and updates about key initiatives as well as responses to Council Member questions from the past week. Additional information is available upon request.

Long-Term Recovery and Transformation Plan

At the May 5th Council meeting, staff will provide an overview of the draft Long-Term Recovery and Transformation Plan.¹ The Plan is intended to 1) guide a successful countywide recovery from the broad-reaching impacts of COVID-19; and 2) build resilience, sustainability, and racial equity across the county as we move forward from the pandemic. For more information and resources, visit the project website.²

Orange County COVID-19 Weekly Data

See attachment.

COVID-19 Briefing Summary

Wednesday, April 28, 2021: Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. gave an update on the state's current data, trends, and vaccination progress. As the state's metrics and key indicators remain stable, Governor Cooper also signed an Executive Order outlining safety measures for the month of

¹ <https://www.orangencforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Final-Draft-Long-Term-Recovery-and-Transformation-Plan.pdf>

² <https://www.orangencforward.org/>



May. [Executive Order No. 209](#)³ will take effect April 30 and is set to expire June 1. As more North Carolinians get vaccinated and adhere to safety protocols over the course of the next month, the state anticipates lifting more restrictions on [June 1](#)⁴.

Under the new Executive Order, masks will still be required indoors but are no longer mandated outdoors. Masks are still strongly recommended outdoors by NC DHHS in crowded areas and higher risk settings where social distancing is difficult.

Executive Order No. 209 will also increase mass gathering capacity limits. The number of people who may gather indoors will increase from 50 to 100 and the number of people who may gather outdoors will increase from 100 to 200. Occupancy limits currently in place will remain the same.

New CDC Guidelines

Tuesday, April 27, 2021: The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people. The CDC defines fully vaccinated people as those who are at least two weeks past their second dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or at least two weeks past the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The following recommendations apply to non-healthcare settings. For related information for healthcare settings, visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#).⁵

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people (including children) from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Participate in outdoor activities and recreation without a mask, except in certain crowded settings and venues
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if asymptomatic and feasible

³ <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO209-Easing-Statewide-Restrictions.pdf>

⁴ <https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-outlines-timeline-lifting-state%E2%80%99s-covid-19-restrictions>

⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>

Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed

Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



Orange County Health Department Vaccine

The Orange County Health Department is transitioning to walk-in and pop-up vaccine clinics beginning April 30, 2021. Times and locations will continue to be updated on their [website](#)⁶.

WALK-IN VACCINE CLINICS

Getting a free COVID-19 vaccine is simple and convenient! We have walk-in clinics every week:

- Monday 2 pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 8 am - 1 pm
- Thursday 2 pm - 7 pm **On April 29th there will be no walk-in clinic. The following Thursday will resume the normal weekly schedule.*
- Friday 8 am - 1 pm

LOCATION: [Whitted Human Services Center at 300 West Tryon St., Hillsborough, NC 27278](#)

Free and no ID or insurance required.

If you would like to schedule an appointment at a time and date that is convenient for you, call 919-913-8088 or visit <https://www.myspot.nc.gov/> Search for zip code 27278.

POP-UP VACCINE CLINICS

Pop-up vaccine clinics are open to all community members ages 18 and older.

We encourage you to register by calling 919-913-8088 or by visiting https://www.myspot.nc.gov **Walk-ins are also welcome!**

UPCOMING POP-UP VACCINE CLINICS

Rogers Road Community Center	101 Edgar St., Chapel Hill, NC	Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Flyer: English , Spanish , Karen , Burmese
Lakeview Mobile Home Park	1000 Weaver Dairy Rd., Chapel Hill, NC	Friday, May 7th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Flyer: English , Spanish

⁶ <https://www.orangecountync.gov/2617/Vaccine>