

State Health Officials Report First Pediatric Flu Death of 2019–20 Season

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is reporting the first influenza-associated pediatric death for the 2019–2020 flu season. A child in the western part of the state died in December from complications associated with influenza infection. To protect the family's privacy, no further information regarding this child will be released. "We extend our deepest sympathies to this child's family," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Zack Moore. "These personal losses are also a reminder for all of us that flu can be a serious illness. We want to encourage people to protect themselves and others by getting their annual flu shot."

Flu shots are widely available at a variety of health care settings. In Anson County you can contact the Health Department at 704-694-5188 or your primary care doctor. Also, to find a location near you, use the Flu Vaccine Finder at flu.nc.gov.

While flu-associated deaths have already been reported in North Carolina during the current flu season, with 14 of those being in people over 65 years of age. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 27 pediatric flu deaths had been reported from other states as of Jan. 4, 2020.

The CDC estimates that between 12,000 and 79,000 people die from flu infections nationwide each year. Certain groups are at higher risk for serious illness from flu, including children younger than five, pregnant women, people over 65 and those with certain chronic medical conditions, such as heart or lung disease. However, over half of the children who die from flu have the most effective medical condition that would put them at higher risk.

"Flu vaccination is the best protection against flu," Dr. Moore said. "There is still time to protect yourself and your loved ones this flu season."

Early treatment with an antiviral drug can also help prevent flu infections from becoming more serious.

Other precautions you can take to protect against the spread of flu and other viruses include:

- Staying home when you are sick until you have been fever free for at least 24 hours
- Washing your hands frequently, preferably with soap and water
- Covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then discarding the tissue promptly

The Division of Public Health posts weekly updates on flu surveillance data every Thursday at flu.nc.gov.

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Transaction Fee Paylt, the vendor that provides the myNCDMV secure online payment service, charges users a \$3 fee per transaction. For example, you can renew the registration for two vehicles and order a duplicate registration card for another in the same session and only pay one \$3 fee for all three transactions.

Paylt's transaction fees are similar to those of other payment services.

The state of North Carolina does not collect or benefit from the transaction fee. The transaction fee is charged and collected by Paylt, the vendor that provides the online payment service.

Frequently Asked Questions Have questions? Check out answers below to some of the most common topics related to myNCDMV.

What are the benefits of using the new myNCDMV (Paylt), compared with the old services?

Unlike the old way of completing NCDMV online services, Paylt delivers a user-friendly mobile and website application that allows users to complete multiple services in a single transaction.

There are also other benefits:

- myNCDMV uses a technology that has a smart, responsive interface that completes more transactions faster.
- NCDMV can now accept electronic check payments, compared to the old platform that only accepted credit card payments.
- Creating a profile within myNCDMV allows users to enter their personal information one time, view their transaction history and set reminders for future services.
- The app is also expandable and will enable the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles to add other services to provide additional convenience for users.

Why are you moving away from using the free online services? The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is committed to providing convenient and efficient service with the use of new technology. Prior to launching myNCDMV, N.C. Department of Transportation and resources. Paylt allows NCDMV to be flexible with resources and develop new projects to improve customer service, creating a better experience and easier way to handle DMV services.

The old platform has a different application and log-in system for each NCDMV online service. With myNCDMV, users only need one account to complete all online services.

How do I access myNCDMV? You can access myNCDMV from the NCDMV website (www.ncdot.gov/dmv) or download the myNCDMV app for your iOS or Android mobile device.

Do I have to set up a profile to use myNCDMV? No. You do not need a profile to use myNCDMV on the NCDMV website. But you must create a profile to use the myNCDMV mobile app.

To create a profile, you will need an email address. Having a profile allows you to electronically store your receipts and view your transaction history.

If I have a Paylt account, can I still log in as a guest? Yes. You can have a myNCDMV account and still log in as a guest while using the web browser on your computer or mobile device. The transaction, however, will not be saved to your myNCDMV account history.

How will my payment appear on my statement? If you pay online using an electronic check, your statement will read Paylt, LLC. If you pay using a credit card, your statement will read PAYIT* NC DMV.

How do I delete or change my payment method? Payment methods are securely stored in the profile section of your myNCDMV account. You can add, edit or delete payment methods in your profile or easily add a payment method during your transaction. At the payment summary section of the transaction, you can click "edit" to change payment method, cancel transaction or continue.

Will I receive a receipt? You will receive a separate email receipt for each transaction in your myNCDMV session. If you have created a myNCDMV profile, you can also view the receipt in your profile. A transaction number is also provided in the receipt and at the end of transaction by guest users. You should retain this number for your records. Additionally, you will receive a receipt with your registration card when it arrives in the mail.

Where can I find my receipt in the myNCDMV app? You can find your receipt within the myNCDMV app by signing into your account and clicking the profile icon in the upper right-hand corner. You can also contact Paylt, the service provider, at (816) 343-8095 or at support@payitgov.com.

If I am buying Paylt, who do I contact for a refund? If you have questions about a refund, contact the NCDMV Customer Contact Center at (919) 715-7000.

What if I pay with ACH and have insufficient funds? You will receive a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) email that will provide instructions on completing your payment.

Can I renew multiple vehicles at one time? Yes. You can renew multiple vehicles during one transaction when using myNCDMV.

Can I cancel a transaction? Yes. You can cancel a transaction. As a guest, simply close your web browser to cancel the transaction before it has been submitted.

If you are an account holder:

- Using the mobile app, the "x" in the upper right-hand corner of the mobile app will cancel your transaction
- Using the web app, the back arrow in the upper left-hand corner cancel your transaction

Who do I contact if I'm having technical issues? Users can get technical support by calling Paylt, the service provider, at (816) 343-8095 or sending an email to support@payitgov.com.

How do I conduct DMV transactions using myNCDMV if I do not have a bank account or a credit card? If you do not have a bank account or credit card, you can complete your transactions at any NCDMV office

Mammogram Information from the Health Department

If you are a woman 50 years of age or over, the chances are very good that you need a mammogram, but have not had one. The National Cancer Institute, along with twelve other medical organizations, recommends that women have this simple test once a year starting at age 50 in order to detect breast cancer. Studies show, however, that only one-third of women 50 and over actually do.

Perhaps you think you do not need a mammogram. You do! One out of 9 American women will develop breast cancer. As you age, your chances of getting it actually increase every year. In fact, two-thirds of all breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50.

Regular mammograms are one of the best weapons you can have against breast cancer. It is important to do monthly breast self-examinations and get breast exams at your doctor's office or clinic at regular check-ups, but be sure to also get regular screening mammograms. A screening mammogram can detect cancer at its earliest stages, up to two years before a lump can be felt. Approximately up to 90% of breast cancers can be treated successfully if they are found early and have not spread beyond the breast. So, you do need a mammogram!

If you are 65 years of age or older, there is some good news about the cost of mammograms. Medicare now helps cover the cost of screening mammograms every other year for women 65 and over.

The state of North Carolina has a federally funded program that assists women who qualify with obtaining physicals and mammograms.

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