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Three More COVID-19 Deaths in Anson County

Vaccines are available. Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, September 20 showed 3,534 total Covid-19 cases, with 282 active. There were three additional deaths from Covid-19 since September 13, bringing the total deaths to 72. On Monday, September 13 there were 3,526 total Covid-19 cases, with 355 active and 69 deaths.

Vaccines are available, including walk-in clinics. They are free, and all you have to do is call the Health Department at 704-694-5188 for more information.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, September 20 there were 3,257 new cases, with 15,776 deaths and 3,323 hospitalized. 68% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 63% were fully vaccinated. On Monday, September 13 there were 5,346 new cases, with 15,247 deaths and 3,514 hospitalized. 67% of adults in NC were vaccinated with at least one dose, 62% were fully vaccinated.



Professional of the Year. We can't think of a person more deserving. Please drop a congratulatory message to her. We are so proud of you Pam!!

Pam Layfield Honored as District Administrative Professional of the Year

Roshunda Terry, Director of the Anson County Cooperative Extension said, "A big congratulations to our Administrative Assistant Pam Layfield. Pam (on the left) was awarded the District Administrative Professional of the Year."

Assistance Still Available for Eligible Homeowners in Anson County to Repair Damage Due to Hurricane Florence in 2018

North Carolinians who have home repair needs due to damage from Hurricane Florence in September 2018 may be eligible for financial assistance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Economic Opportunity.

Homeowners who live in one of the 27 designated counties, including Anson County, and have an income that is at or below certain income levels may be eligible for additional financial assistance with repairs if they were not already paid for by FEMA or covered by insurance. Additionally, residents who had homeowner's insurance and experienced damage due to Florence may qualify for a reimbursement of their deductible.

Those who believe they may qualify for assistance should call the NCDHHS Office of Economic Opportunity at 919-527-7256 to learn more. Spanish-speaking callers can also call for assistance and learn more on the NCDHHS website: (ncdhhs.gov/asistenciaporflorence).

Income eligibility requirements will change after Sept. 30, 2021, so homeowners should call now to see if they're eligible.

"As we enter another hurricane season, it is vital we get these funds into the hands of those who need it most," said Marionna Poke-Stewart, Director of the NCDHHS Office of Economic Opportunity. "We encourage anyone who believes they may be eligible for help with repairs due to Hurricane Florence to call our office."

Eligible homeowners must live in Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland or Wayne County to qualify. Assistance will be distributed by a regional Community Action Agency.

In Anson County that agency is Sandhill Community Action Program. They are located at 205 West Morgan Street in Wadesboro and the telephone number is 704-994-2306.

The funding cannot be used for costs that were already reimbursed by FEMA or covered under contract with insurance. Additionally, it can neither duplicate FEMA assistance nor health, automobile, homeowners, renters or property insurance. Applicants must be able to attest that proposed repairs are needed due to the impact of Hurricane Florence.

Homeowners must meet income eligibility requirements. If applying prior to Sept. 30, 2021, household income must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. If applying after Oct. 1, 2021, household income must be at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

The NCDHHS Office of Economic Opportunity works to improve the social and economic well-being of individuals, families, and communities across North Carolina.

AHS Football Games this Week

Anson High School Varsity and JV Football games versus Albemarle are scheduled for this week after being postponed from the original play dates due to Covid-19.

- Varsity Football is Friday, September 24 at Albemarle. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.
- JV Football is Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at home.

Concessions will be open and they accept cash. No re-entry is allowed once you leave, you must purchase another ticket. Masks are optional for spectators.

To purchase tickets for all Anson Schools games visit: ansonschools.org/AHS/7679-Athletic-Tickets.html.

No cash will be accepted at the gates.

Wadesboro AA Meeting Schedule

- Monday Anson Group meet 7 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday Harmony Group meets 12 to 1 p.m.

Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help.

The Alcoholics Anonymous building is located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. For more information call 704-294-4468.

September 15 - October 15, 2021 is Hispanic Heritage Month in NC

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed September 15 to October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the culture, history and achievements of the Hispanic and Latinx community in North Carolina. This year's theme is Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope to celebrate the community's resilience, strength and hope.

"North Carolina's diversity is one of our greatest strengths," said Governor Cooper. "The Latinx and Hispanic community have made invaluable contributions to our state across education, agriculture, business and much more."

The Hispanic/Latinx population represents an important and growing demographic in North Carolina making up 11 percent of the state's population. In 2017, the Governor established the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latinx Affairs to advise and collaborate on issues important to Hispanic/Latinx North Carolinians.

The pandemic has shined a light on long-existing disparities in communities of color. The Governor established the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force to address economic, health and environmental disparities.

Additionally, Governor Cooper's administration has worked hard to ensure that Spanish-speaking communities have access to credible information and resources throughout the pandemic as well as equitable access to vaccines. The Governor's COVID-19 briefings are translated in Spanish and NCDHHS launched a Spanish language vaccine website, Vacunate.nc.gov, to ensure more communities have access to accurate information to answer questions about vaccines and are able to find a vaccine location near them. In addition, the Healthier Together public-private partnership is developing strategies to drive demand and increase access to vaccines to historically marginalized populations, including North Carolina's Latinx/Hispanic populations.

Grace Senior Center Picnic Drive-Thru is Thursday

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors 60 and older to come to their annual Picnic on Thursday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Picnic will be drive-thru. They will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, popcorn and snow cones. You can enjoy games and fellowship too. And, it's free!

To register please call 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

HOLLA! Sidewalk Sale is Saturday

HOLLA! invites you to come to their sidewalk sale this Saturday, September 25. The event will be from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. They will have toys, clothes, books, appliances, linens, bikes, landscaping equipment, office supplies & equipment, and kitchenware. All items are \$10 or less and books are free.

HOLLA! is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. For more information call 704-851-3144 or email Leon@wadesboro.com.

Holiday Instant Pot Series

The holidays are right around the corner, which means holiday meals with the family. Join the South Central District Family and Consumer Science Agents (FCS) from North Carolina Cooperative Extension; to show you how to save some time and energy cooking your favorite holiday meals with the Instant Pot or any Electronic Pressure Cooker. These programs are free of charge, we only ask that you bring your optimism, energy, expectancy to learn, while having a little fun too.

The two sessions will be on Wednesday, November 10 and Friday, November 19, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Sessions will be virtual and you can register at holidayinstantpotseries.eventbrite.com.

The two sessions will include:

- Holiday recipes will be demonstrated each session which will include a protein, sides, and desserts.
- A prerequisite video to watch on the basics of the Instant Pot.
- An ingredient list will be sent one week prior so you can cook along with us!
- We will also have a discussion on smaller portions and battling holiday food anxiety.

For more information on this event contact Roshunda Terry at (704) 694-2915 or email roshunda_terry@ncsu.edu.

Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

Grace Senior Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels by delivering meals. If you are interested in helping Anson County's shut-in and elderly citizens with this important program, please contact Cynthia Miles at 704-694-6616.

Child Car Seat Safety Information

Proper use of car safety seats helps protect children while in a vehicle. When used correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of death in a collision by as much as 71% (safekids.org). There are a lot of different options on the market and it can get overwhelming, but the good news is that several resources are available to help parents while their child is in a car seat.



Choosing the Right Car Seat The type of seat your child needs depends on several things, including the child's age, size and developmental needs. The three different styles of car seats are rear-facing, forward-facing and booster seats. Before committing to a certain car seat, be sure to check that the seat you are purchasing is compatible with your vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides guidance to help parents select the right seat for their child. Parents can also consult any car seat manufacturer's manual for more information.

After you receive your car seat, register it to stay updated with any recalls or safety updates. Car seats do expire. You can find the seat's expiration date located on its manufacturer label or the back of the seat. Look for something that says, "Do NOT use this car seat after ..." If you still can't find the expiration date, call the manufacturer to find out.

Installing a Car Seat No matter what style or brand of car seat you have, every seat should be installed using either your vehicle's lower anchors or a seat belt to hold it in place. Both methods are safe, but they should not be used at the same time. Your car seat label will tell you when to stop using the lower anchors and switch to the seat belt plus tether method. Continue to use the top tether until the time your child moves to the belt positioning booster seat.

Car seats should always go in a back-row seat. If you have more than two children in car seats, place the youngest in the middle seat. When a car seat is installed correctly, it should not move side-to-side or front-to-back more than one inch. If you have a rear-facing seat, make sure it is installed at the correct angle. Most car seats have built-in angle indicators or adjusters to assist. It is recommended that children ride in the back seat through age 12 regardless if they are in a car seat or not.

Installing a car seat can be confusing, even with the instructions and your vehicle owner's manual. If you need assistance or just want to make sure the seat is secure, you can get help at a car seat inspection station. Certified technicians will inspect your car at these sites for free. Fire stations and police departments can typically point you in the right direction as well.

Securing Your Child Ensure the effectiveness of the car seat by properly fitting your child into it. A properly fitted five-point harness is best. In rear-facing seats, the harness straps should lie flat and should be placed through the slots at or below your child's shoulders. The harness straps for forward-facing seats should be at or above the child's shoulders. A seat belt can be used once your child outgrows the five-point harness.

More information is available at: www.ncdps.gov/blog/2021/08/11/car-seat-safety.

Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard

Updated Covid Information as of 09/17/21

Covid information will be updated each Friday!

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	12	0	11	0
Anson High School	143	2	42	1
Anson Middle School	100	4	26	2
Ansonville Elementary	9	0	3	0
Lilesville Elementary	33	2	2	1
Morven Elementary	6	0	1	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	15	1	4	0
Wadesboro Elementary	12	4	3	0
Wadesboro Primary	14	0	3	2
District Office	N/A	2	N/A	2
Transportation	N/A	2	N/A	2
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	2	N/A	0
Total	344	19	95	10
Total Students + Employees	363		105	

*Student Enrollment as of 09/17/21
*Enrollment changes daily
% of Students Positive 3.17%
of Employees 513
% of Employees Positive 1.95%
A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.