

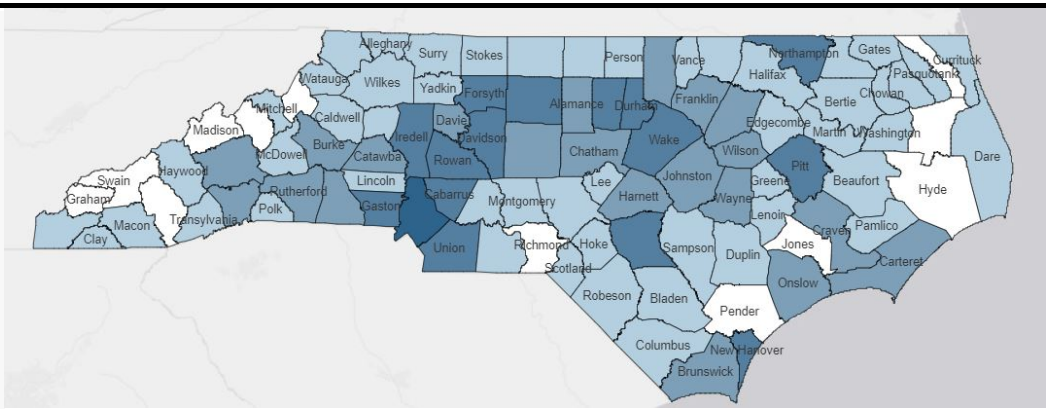
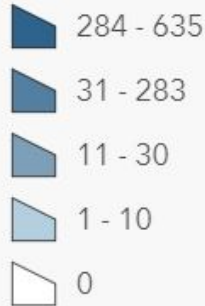


**Pender County Situation Report #24 - COVID-19 Event  
April 4, 2020 - The County is operating at EOC Status Level 3.**

**Changes from Previous Report Highlighted in Yellow**

<b>1. Incident Name</b> COVID-19 Event	<b>2. Operational Period (Date / Time)</b> 03/11/2020 – Ongoing.	<b>3. Date Prepared:</b> 04/04/2020	<b>4. Report No:</b> 24
<b>5. Type of Incident:</b> Pandemic			
<b>6. Declaration Information:</b>			
<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	
03/10/2020	State of Emergency	Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency. North Carolina Emergency Operations Center has been activated.	
03/11/2020	Pandemic	The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.	
03/13/2020	National Emergency	President Trump declared a national emergency to open access to up to \$50 billion for states and territories to respond to COVID-19.	
03/17/2020	State of Emergency	Surf City and Topsail Beach declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020.	
03/25/2020	Major Disaster	President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of North Carolina.	
03/30/2020	State of Emergency	Pender County, Atkinson, and Burgaw declared a State of Emergency on March 30, 2020.	
<p><b>7. Current Situation: EOC IS OPERATING AT A LEVEL 3 STATUS.</b> Level 3 is a hazard specific response to an incident. This incident requires the assistance of several State agencies. The Emergency Operations Center is activated but only staffed with essential personnel. The EOC is not operating on 24-hour shifts. The EOC is only functioning during standard business hours, with minimal weekend staffing.</p> <p><b>Weather:</b> Today: Sunny, with a high near 71. North wind 5 to 7 mph.          Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. East wind around 6 mph.          Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Northeast wind 5 to 7 mph.  <span style="background-color: yellow;">No hazardous weather is expected at this time.</span></p> <p><b>Fire Weather:</b> RP-4: Weak and dry high pressure will build across the area through tonight. A warming trend will begin early next week with above normal temperatures expected. A weak weather system may bring some showers to the area Monday into Tuesday. A stronger cold front is expected later in the upcoming week. Wind profile analysis/fire control over flat terrain is Favorable. Fog potential for tonight is Low.</p> <p><b>GOVERNOR COOPER EXECUTIVE ORDERS (EOs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EOs 117, 118, 119, and 120 remain in effect except as superseded by subsequent orders. <a href="#">Details here.</a></li> <li><b>EO 121 (March 27, 2020):</b> Issued “stay-at-home” order to take effect at 5:00 PM Monday, March 30, 2020 for a period no less than thirty (30) days, established essential activities and essential businesses, reduced the mass gathering limit to 10 persons, and clarified local authority to establish greater restrictions in accordance with North Carolina law.</li> <li><b>EO 122 (March 30, 2020):</b> Helped schools and local governments access state surplus property to help bridge gaps, provided transfer or donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) that state government may have and not need.</li> <li><b>EO 124 (March 31, 2020):</b> Prohibited utility shut-offs, late fees, and reconnection fees; provided guidance about restrictions on evictions; encouraged telecommunications providers, banks, and mortgage servicers to provide assistance and flexibility to their customers.</li> <li><b>EO 125 (April 1, 2020):</b> Authorized and encouraged remote shareholder meetings during the State of Emergency.</li> </ul> <p>The public can subscribe to text updates from NC DHHS regarding COVID-19 by texting COVIDNC to 898211. The following are phone lines staffed by State personnel where COVID-19 specific questions can be directed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 Public Assistance Hotline. PA applicants are encouraged to call this number with questions: 919-825-2548.</li> <li>NC DHHS has set up a help line for COVID-19 related inquiries: 866-462-3821.</li> <li>NC 2-1-1 is an information and referral service that families and individuals can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services resources within their community.</li> </ul>			

Cases



Note: Map and statewide case numbers are as reported by NC DHHS by 11 a.m. on **April 4, 2020**.

**8a. Reported COVID-19 Cases in Pender County: 1**

**8b. Hospitalizations in Pender County: 0**

**8c. Fatalities in Pender County: 0**

**8d. Reported COVID-19 Cases in North Carolina: 2,402 (NC DHHS)**

**8e. Hospitalizations in North Carolina: 271**

**8f. Fatalities in North Carolina: 24**

**9. Quarantine Status: NA**

**10. Threats or Disruptions to Infrastructure: NA**

**11. Incident Area:** As of **Friday (4/3)**, the Pender County Health Department is aware of a total of **seventy-one (71)** residents of **Pender County** who have been tested for COVID-19 by healthcare providers within the county. Of those tests, **sixty-two (62)** were confirmed negative, while **nine (9)** tests are currently pending. **Updated numbers are not available over the weekend, as many providers are closed.** Since these numbers were reported, there has been one (1) confirmed positive test. Information about Pender County's first confirmed case of COVID-19 **[available here](#)**.

**12. External Affairs:** Pender County remains in monitoring mode. The Public Information Officer and the communications team are monitoring the County's social media platforms and updating the County's website with accurate information.

**13. County Action:**

- Pender County School System is feeding students and anyone 18 or younger at 61 sites, information **[available here](#)**.
- Pender County Schools is providing wi-fi hotspots for school-issued devices from 7 AM to 7 PM seven days a week at Pender High, Topsail High, Heide Trask High, and West Pender Middle. There is also a public wi-fi access point in the parking lot of the Pender County Public Library in Burgaw.
- Pender County Government is strongly encouraging appointments for in-person visits, information **[available here](#)**. In accordance with the governor's order that teleworking be practiced to the maximum extent possible, many staff members began teleworking starting Tuesday, March 31.
- Pender County Board of Commissioners Chairman George Brown declared a State of Emergency effective Monday, March 30, 2020.

**14. Other Notes, Issues or Additional Remarks:** Pursuant to EO 117 issued March 14, 2020, all persons are urged to maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible and to continue to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette (including coughing into elbow).

**CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.**

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