



**Pender County Situation Report #82 - COVID-19 Event
June 1, 2020 - The County is operating at EOC Status Level 5.**

Changes from Previous Report Highlighted in Yellow

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| 1. Incident Name COVID-19 Event | 2. Operational Period (Date / Time) 03/11/2020 – Ongoing. | 3. Date Prepared: 06/01/2020 | 4. Report No: 82 |
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5. Type of Incident: Pandemic

6. Declaration Information:

| Date Issued | Declaration | Remarks |
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| 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. |
| 04/17/2020 | State of Emergency | Surf City and Topsail Beach modified their States of Emergency on April 17, 2020. |

7. Current Situation: EOC IS OPERATING AT A LEVEL 5 STATUS. Level 5 is considered standard functioning. The Emergency Operations Center is not activated and there is no immediate threat to which the county is actively responding. Staff are maintaining standard business hours and are carrying out standard business functions, including fire inspections, attending trainings, and developing response capabilities.

Pender County Situation Reports for the COVID-19 event are being suspended at this time. For future updates, please visit: <http://www.pendercountync.gov/covid-19/>

Weather: Today: Sunny, with a high near 79. North wind 5 to 7 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Light southeast wind.

Tomorrow: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph.

There is a Beach Hazards Statement for Strong Longshore Current and a moderate risk of rip currents until 8 PM this evening.

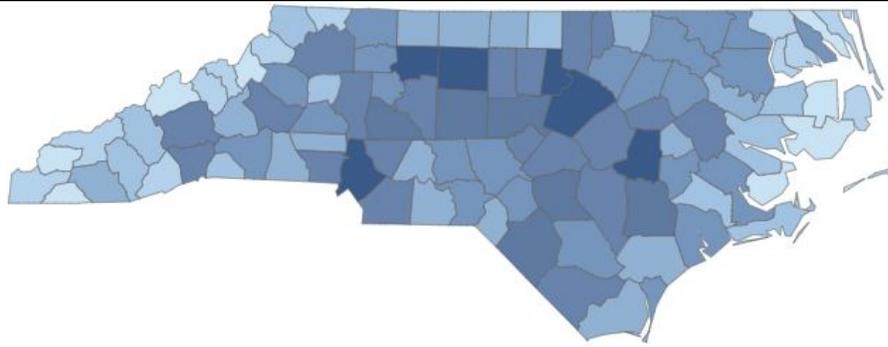
Fire Weather: RP-2: Cool and dry weather is expected today and tonight as high pressure migrates across the Carolinas. Temperatures will begin to warm and humidity will increase by midweek through the end of the week as high pressure settles far off the Southeast United States coast. The chance for showers and thunderstorms will return later in the week as the weather pattern becomes a little more unsettled. Wind profile analysis/fire control over flat terrain is Favorable. Fog potential for tonight is None.

GOVERNOR COOPER EXECUTIVE ORDERS (EOs)

- EOs 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 139, and 140 remain in effect except as superseded by subsequent orders. [Details here.](#)
- EO 141 (May 20, 2020): Eased restrictions on travel, business operations, and mass gatherings (“Phase 2”) beginning May 22, 202 at 5:00 PM.
- EO 142 (May 30, 2020): Placed temporary prohibitions on evictions and extended the prohibition on utility shut-offs.

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:

- COVID-19 Public Assistance Hotline. PA applicants are encouraged to call this number with questions: 919-825-2548.
- NC DHHS has set up a help line for COVID-19 related inquiries: 866-462-3821.
- 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.



Map Credit: NCDHHS



Note: Map and statewide case numbers are as reported by NC DHHS by 11 a.m. on June 1, 2020.

8a. COVID-19 Positive Tests – Pender County Residents: 84 (see Box 9 for details)

8b. COVID-19 Hospitalizations – Pender County Residents: 0

8c. COVID-19 Deaths – Pender County Residents: 1

8d. Reported COVID-19 Cases in North Carolina: 29,263 (NC DHHS)

8e. Hospitalizations in North Carolina: 650

8f. Fatalities in North Carolina: 898

9. Incident Area: As of today (6/1), the Pender County Health Department is aware of **eighty-four (84)** Pender County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of the positive cases, nineteen (19) are offenders at Pender Correctional and **sixty-five (65)** are in the community. **Fifty-six (56)** of the individuals who tested positive have recovered, while one (1) is deceased.

The Pender County Health Department is aware of **six hundred and ninety (690)** people tested for COVID-19 by healthcare providers within the county.

NC DHHS is now providing a map of COVID-19 cases by ZIP code, [available here](#). To respect patient privacy and comply with federal law, more specific information about these cases is not available. Every surrounding county has confirmed cases of COVID-19, so all Pender County residents should assume they are capable of getting or spreading the virus and take recommended precautions accordingly.

10. 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.

11. County Action:

- Pender County School System is feeding students and anyone 18 or younger at 56 sites, details [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, West Pender Middle, and Penderlea School. 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. All teleworking staff without special accommodations should report back to work by Monday, June 1st. While walk-ins are permitted at this time, the public is encouraged to call or make an appointment to access county services.
- Pender County Board of Commissioners Chairman George Brown declared a State of Emergency effective Monday, March 30, 2020.

12. 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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