

NC DHHS, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS) Update October 2, 2020

Greetings NC Faith Leaders,
Below is an update of recent COVID19 related policies, guidance, and material to keep you and your congregations informed and up to date about the COVID pandemic and DHHS's response in North Carolina.

Phase 3 Updates:

- **NEW** [Phase 3 Guidance](#)
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Meeting Rooms and Event Spaces](#) - **NEW**
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Very Large Outdoor Venue Settings](#) – **NEW**
 - [Interim Guidance for Indoor and Outdoor Small and Medium Size Venue Settings](#) – **NEW**
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Movie Theaters and Indoor Gaming](#) – **NEW**
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Bars and Outdoor Seating Areas in Bars](#) – **NEW**
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Amusement Parks](#) – **NEW**
 - [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Places of Worship and Religious Services](#) – *UPDATED*
 - [NCDHHS Interim General Guidance for Businesses and Organizations](#) – *UPDATED*

- [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Fall-Related Events](#) – *UPDATED*
- [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Museum and Aquariums](#) – *UPDATED*
- [NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Indoor Fitness Centers and Gyms Settings](#) – *UPDATED*
- Phase 3 FAQs: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve/phase-3-faqs>
- **NEW** [Phases graphic](#) in Phase 3 guidance

PRESS RELEASES since the last update include:

- [NCDHHS Announces New Partnership to Address Unmet Health Needs of Historically Marginalized Communities](#)
- [Governor Cooper Moves North Carolina to Phase 3 With Stable Numbers](#)
- [NC Medicaid Surpasses 1 Million Telehealth Visits Since Beginning of COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [NCDHHS Adds Antigen Test Information to COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
 - [NCDHHS to Provide Extra Help Buying Food for More Than 600,000 Children](#)
 - [NCDHHS Updates Nursing Home Visitation Order as State Has Stabilizing Metrics, Mandated Testing and Strict Infection Control Measures](#)

NEW resources since the last update include:

- **NEW** resources have been added to the [Non-Congregate Sheltering page](#)
 - [NCDHHS Non-Congregate Sheltering Program Overview](#)
 - [A Grower's Guide –Identifying Safe Housing for Farmworkers](#)
- **NEW** [10 Actions for Faith Leaders web page](#)
- *UPDATED* Flyers in [Slow COVIDNC communications toolkit](#)

UPDATED guidance since the last update include:

- *UPDATED* [Youth Amateur Sports guidance](#)
- **NEW** [Guidance for Maternal Health and Pregnancy](#)
- [Secretarial Order 6](#) added; updates made to [long-term care web page](#)
- **NEW** [Halloween Guidance](#)

UPDATED reports since the last update include:

- [CLI Surveillance report](#)
- [Outbreaks and Clusters reports](#)
- [Risk Factors for Severe Illness report](#)
- [Patients Presumed to be Recovered report](#)

NEW EVENTS ADDED to the [community testing events page](#)

UPDATED Contact Tracing [numbers](#)

DMHDDSAS COVID Townhalls for Consumers, Family Members and Stakeholders of our Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Services System

State leaders from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS) are partnering with UNC-TV and the Governor's Institute to host several virtual town hall meetings during October and November to listen to the concerns and experiences of consumers, family members, and advocates of the state's MH/DD/SAS services and system. The town halls will feature remarks and presentations from Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health & IDD Kody Kinsley, DMHDDSAS Director Victor Armstrong, and the CEO for each LME/MCO area. These virtual townhall meetings will be held for MHDDSAS constituents and stakeholders in each of the seven local management entities/managed care organization (LME/MCO) catchment areas. Questions can be posted in the live chat during the virtual townhall, or a recorded video message can be uploaded beforehand to a OneDrive folder set up for each meeting. Questions can also be emailed to Suzanne.thompson@dhhs.nc.gov, with "Virtual Townhall" included in the subject line. For more information on uploading and submitting questions, go to <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse/virtual-town-hall-meetings>.

Each virtual townhall can be accessed via Facebook live on the NC Governor's Institute Facebook Live page on the following dates for each of the remaining six LME/MCOs:

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
Oct. 15, 2020

Eastpointe
Oct. 22, 2020

Partners Health Management

Sandhills Center
Nov. 5, 2020

Trillium Health Resources
Nov. 12, 2020

Vaya Health
Nov. 19, 2020

Best regards,

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