



# Bertie Situation Report

## March 24, 2020

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Bertie County's goal is to keep you and your families safe and aware of County operations in a manner that is clear and concise during these uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here is the latest information that is very important for you to know:

- One (1) confirmed case has been identified in Bertie County
  - o Patient is currently isolated.
  - o Due to privacy laws, we cannot comment further on their condition.
- COVID-19 test kits are available in Bertie County, and patients must meet certain criteria to receive the test. Citizens are asked to discuss their symptoms with their physician so that their medical provider can then determine the best course of action.
- **County Offices are only open to the public BY APPOINTMENT.**
- Schools are **CLOSED** to in-school instruction per state mandate through Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and meal deliveries to students are taking place. Please reach out to Bertie County Public Schools for more information.
- All Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement agencies are responding to emergencies as normal.
- Vidant-Bertie Hospital is screening employees and patients at the door, as well as restricting visitors.
- All Bertie nursing homes are screening employees and any essential personnel entering the facilities. No visitors are allowed.
- Please continue to do the following per CDC and State mandates:
  - o Stay home when sick
    - Non-life-threatening illnesses: call your primary care provider or health department so they can assist you in determining if you should be seen.
    - Life threatening/emergencies: call 9-1-1 for EMS service or call the Emergency Room **IN ADVANCE** to be properly screened over the phone.
  - o Social distancing– please stay home as much as possible, only go out when absolutely necessary.
  - o Gatherings of 10 or more are discouraged; gatherings of 50+ have been **BANNED**.
  - o Wash, wash, and wash your hands with soap and water often.

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| Confirmed Cases   | NC tests completed | Deaths |
| 398   | 8,502              | 0      |
| Source: <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc</a> |                    |        |