

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 – 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Chairman
Commissioner Toni Stewart, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Michael Boose
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Keith Todd, ITS Director
Heather Skeens, Social Services Director
Tye Vaught, Management Analyst
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairwoman Stewart provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

2. PRESENTATIONS

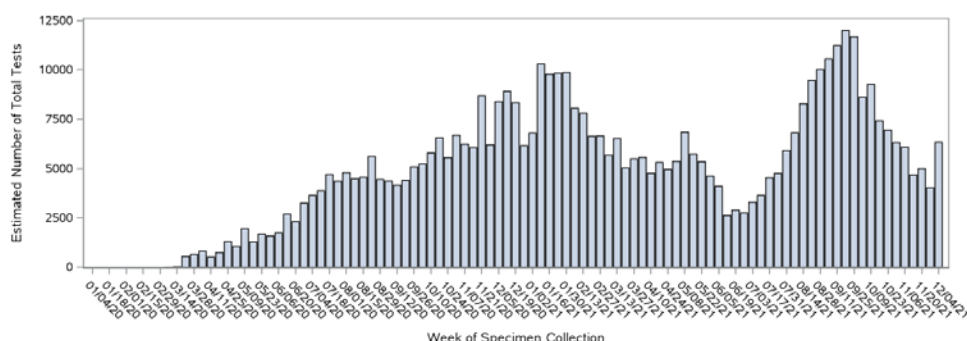
A. Update on COVID-19 by Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Director

Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Director, provided an update on COVID-19 aided by the following PowerPoint presentation.

COVID-19 Data: Cumberland County

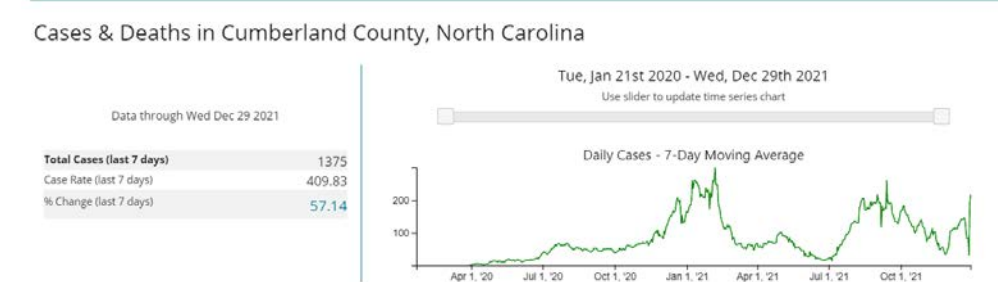
- CDC Data Tracker Data
- Cases
 - Last 7 days: 1,375
- Cases per 100,000 pop: 409.83
- Case positivity rate: 19.22%
- 511 deaths
- Community transmission is high

COVID-19 Testing

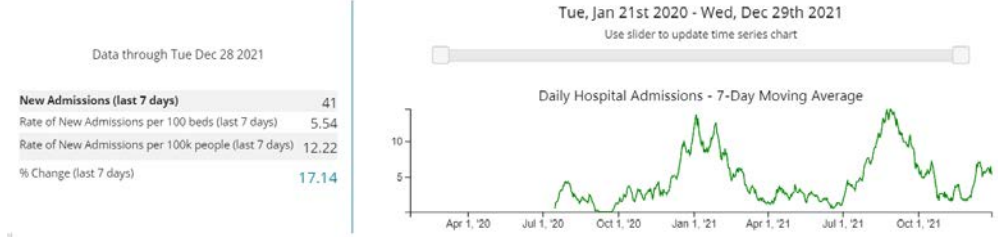


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Trend in Cases in Cumberland County



Trend in Hospitalizations in Cumberland County



Vaccinations in Cumberland County, North Carolina

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	252,852	201,818
% of Total Population	75.4%	60.2%
Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	252,809	201,801
% of Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	81.5%	65%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	248,534	199,593
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	89.4%	71.8%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	234,531	188,159
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	92.8%	74.5%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	49,263	35,614
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	95%	87%

Omicron Updates

- Spreads more easily original SARS-CoV-2 virus
- More data are needed to know if Omicron infections are different from Delta in severity.
 - Early data suggests more mild symptoms, less severe illness
- More data are also needed to know whether reinfections and infections in people who are fully vaccinated occur more frequently with Omicron
- Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and death
- First identified in South Africa, cases have peaked, begun to decline

Updated Isolation Guidelines for General Public

- If **confirmed positive COVID-19 test**, regardless of vaccination status
 - Stay home for 5 days.
 - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
 - Must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days
 - Stay home until fever resolves
- May not apply to specific subpopulations (healthcare workers, long term care, congregate settings, childcare, etc.)

Updated Quarantine Guidelines for General Public After Exposure

- Exposure: Within 6 ft. for a total of 15 min. or more within a 24 hour period, beginning 2 days prior to symptom onset
- May not apply to specific subpopulations (healthcare workers, long term care, congregate settings, childcare, etc.)
- **Not vaccinated:** stay away from others for 5 days, get tested on day 5 after exposure, and if you test negative, return to normal activities while wearing a mask for 5 additional days.
- **Vaccinated and eligible for a booster, but have not yet been boosted** – stay away from others for 5 days, get tested on day 5 after exposure, and if you test negative, return to normal activities while wearing a mask for 5 additional days.
- **Vaccinated, and have either received your booster or are not yet eligible for a booster** – you do not need to stay away from others, but you should wear a mask for 10 days.

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Booster Shot Updates

- Everyone age 16 and older should receive a booster shot
 - 6 months after completion of 2 dose series of Pfizer/Moderna
 - 2 months after single dose of J&J
- CDC recommends Moderna and Pfizer as the best choice for most
 - May mix and match vaccinations as needed
- Receiving any vaccine, including the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, is better than being unvaccinated.
- Expanded eligibility for booster shots *may* be forthcoming for younger children
- Available at the Health Department, Mon-Friday, and outreach events

Vaccinations and Testing Availability

- Expanded testing days at the Health Department, Monday-Friday
- Rapid At-Home Test kits and PCR At-Home Test kits are available at the Health Department
- 40+ Test sites in Cumberland: Find my Testing Place
 - <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place>
- Vaccinations (including boosters), Monday-Friday at the Health Department
- Outreach clinics ongoing

Key Points

- Everyone age 5 and older should get vaccinated as soon as possible
- If you are booster eligible, get boosted as soon as possible
- Wear a well-fitting mask
 - If possible, wear a surgical or procedure mask, a KN95 or an N95 respirator
- Get tested if symptomatic or exposed to COVID-19

Dr. Green concluded her update and responded to questions. Dr. Green stated COVID dollars have been used to push out information and ads to include targeting historically marginalized populations and census tract. Dr. Green also recommended layering levels of protection to include a flu shot.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Proposed Addition to the State's Secondary Road System

BACKGROUND

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has received a petition requesting that the following street be placed on the State's Secondary Road System. NCDOT has investigated the street and their findings are that the below listed street is eligible for addition to the State's Secondary Road System. (See attachment.)

- Shawnee Creek Court

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Based on NCDOT's recommendation that the above-named street be placed on the State's Secondary Road System, the action being requested is for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to approve consent agenda Items 3.A. and 3.B.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: PASSED (6-1) (Commissioners Lancaster, Council, Stewart, Adams, Evans and Keefe voted in favor; Commissioner Boose voted in opposition)

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Contract with North State Security for Security Services at the Department of Social Services and the Spring Lake Family Resource Center

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this contract is to continue security services at current levels. Currently, security is provided by one County Sheriff Deputy, three-armed private security guards at the main DSS facility on Ramsey Street and one-armed private security guard at the Family Resource Center facility in Spring Lake, NC which includes security for Public Health and the Public Library site. This contract vendor was selected through the County's formal bid process. The contract does reflect a change in vendor from Universal Allied Security to North State Security beginning January 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Funding in the amount not to exceed \$106,075.98 for this contract was approved in the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted County Budget. The contract also includes an option for renewal for Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the amount of \$217,560 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$223,820.76.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests the Board of Commissioner's approval of a contract with North State Security beginning January 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$106,075.98 with an options to renew for FY2023 and FY2024.

Amy Cannon, County Manager, stated this item did not go to the December Agenda Session meeting and the Board of Commissioners previously granted permission to bring contracts that are time sensitive directly to their meetings. Heather Skeens, Social Services Director, presented the background information and recommendation/proposed action recorded above. Ms. Skeens stated the contract with North State Security is in the agenda packet and stated the purpose of the contract is to expand security at the DSS facility and the Family Resource Center in Spring Lake. Ms. Skeens provided examples of prior incidents that warranted additional security to include the first-floor conference rooms at DSS that serve as a regional conference center.

Commissioner Evans stated as part of this heightened security, he felt there should be an in-depth conversation about scanning individuals who enter these facilities for weapons. Commissioner Stewart concurred with Commissioner Evans and stated security is crucial and necessary immediately for those who provide such a critical service to our community. Commissioner Keefe inquired about the contract with Universal Allied Security and whether the guards with North State Security would be armed. Ms. Skeens stated it is her understanding the guards will be armed and there have been concerns about Universal Allied Security's presence and their response to instances, so the county gave notice to terminate their contract.

Commissioner Boose asked whether hiring SROs had been considered. Ms. Cannon stated an analysis was conducted and the Sheriff's Office does not have enough available deputies to cover this amount of security; there is one deputy assigned to DSS and one deputy assigned to the Health Department. Rick Moorefield, County Attorney, stated under federal employment law, if a Deputy Sheriff on the county's payroll is working full time and consistently takes on additional work, it places him/her in a constant overtime position. Chairman Adams asked whether security of the whole campus to include the Health Department was considered. Ms. Cannon stated it is her understanding that security guards together and if assistance was needed at the Health Department, the guards at DSS would be diverted to the Health Department, so the guards work as one campus security.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve a contract with North State Security beginning January 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$106,075.98 with an options to renew for FY2023 and FY2024.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

5. NOMINATIONS

A. Civic Center Commission (5 Vacancies)

Commissioner Stewart nominated Mark J. Yarboro, Charles McBryde Grannis, Dr. Vikki Andrews, Greg Edge, and Joseph F. Quigg IV to the Civic Center Commission.

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6. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
- B. Human Relations Commission
- C. Joint Planning Board
- D. Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- E. Board of Health

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint Dymond Spain to the Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Board of Directors in the At-Large category; to appoint Jessica Black and Elmore Lowery to the Human Relations Commission; to appoint William Walters to the Joint Planning Board in the Cumberland County Board of Commissioner Appointee category; to appoint Amy Mateo to the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee in the Local Environmental Representative category; and to appoint to the Board of Health Dr. William Kent Dean in the Veterinarian category, Dr. Kingsley Momodu in the Dentist category, Cynthia McArther-Kearney in the Registered Nurse category, Dr. Olusola A. Ojo in the Pharmacist category, John Larch III in the Engineer category, Jennifer Brayboy, Kierra Wade and Joseph Fisher in the General Public Representatives category, and Jeannette Council in the Cumberland County Commissioner category.

SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

7. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board