

5/19/2020 Information Update

6 counties included: Chowan, Halifax, McDowell, Stokes, Orange, Vance

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Chowan

- Average Population Pre-COVID: not available due to records access issues
- Current Population: 20, decrease since February
- Some safety/health adjustments: visitation canceled but working on video visitation, new intakes are confined prior to release into the general population
- Some adjustments in population: weekenders do not report to jail at this time,
- Regarding COVID cases: no testing or possible infections

Halifax

- Average Population Pre-COVID:
- Current Population: 45
- Some safety/health adjustments: visitation canceled/access to calls, medical staff on site, do have areas for solitary confinement.
- Some adjustments in population: *We have not released inmates due to Covid 19. We have had in increase in unsecured bonds from new arrest in an attempt to reduce the spread of Covid 19. This is in an attempt to keep Covid 19 from entering our jail.*
- Regarding COVID cases: No tests for those incarcerated & no symptoms shown. No staff tested and no symptoms shown for this group.

McDowell

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 177
- Current Population: 88
- Some safety/health adjustments: Screening anyone who enters detention facility, anyone with a temp of 100.4 is isolated and a housing block is set aside for those newly entering. Required staff PPE for any entering that block. Hand sanitizer is not provided due to alcohol content. Temps taken twice a day. Medically screen transfers out before transport.
- Some adjustments in population: *Yes. We have worked with the District Attorney to identify some of the inmates that were charged with lower class misdemeanors, inmates whose cases have been continued days longer than the sentence of the crime that they were arrested for would carry, and several inmates had bond reduction hearings that allowed them to make bond for release. We had a back log for DAC of 30 inmates that were accepted into DAC that were accepted during this time. Video Visitation through ICS Services and attorney visitation through glass separation.*
- Regarding COVID cases: None incarcerated people have tested positive and no exhibit symptoms. 5 employees have been tested (neg results).

Stokes

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 133
- Current Population: 114
- Some safety/health adjustments: no specific policies, testing as needed, soap and sanitizer as needed, restricted on-site visits but video visitation available, new intakes are separated for isolation until cleared by medical staff
- Some adjustments in population: *Worked with the attorneys and DA's office to continue to work through cases that could be resolved in the court system.*
- Regarding COVID cases: no tests administered to those incarcerated, 2 employees tested (neg results)

Orange (additional documentation available)

- Average Population Pre-COVID: not included
- Current Population: not included
- Some safety/health adjustments: screening form included, required staff PPE for those in booking process, canceled visitation but video options available, facility cleaned twice a day, initial isolation for 3 days, SROs moved to support detention center staff
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: no reports of positive tests from the Detention Center or the Orange County Health Department

Vance

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 136
- Current Population: 105
- Some safety/health adjustments: in-person visitation canceled/1 free call per week. *All intakes are screened with additional covid-related questions, temps are measured, nurse screens within 24 hours, are kept in quarantine for 14 days with regular monitoring and final screening before entering general population.*
- Some adjustments in population: *We have worked to reduce the population, not simply due to the coronavirus, but in an effort to reduce the number of pre-trial detainees being held in the facility because of court closures. Releases were for low-level crimes with low bonds because of due process concerns with court proceedings on hold. Additionally, arrests have gone down due to COVID concerns in the community, which has had an effect on the jail population. It is not a fair statement to say that we got the numbers down to prevent the spread of covid-19, but to ensure that the constitutional rights of those being housed pre-trial are upheld.*
- Regarding COVID cases: one test of incarcerated person (neg result) and no tests of staff/contractors