

COVID-19 Update 9/21/2020

- Data, Trends, and Health Department Response
- COVID Relief Fund Status and Financial Assistance
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COVID-19 Update

- Nearly 8 months since the initial case
- Number of confirmed cases and number of deaths as of 10/14
 - Chatham County 1,825 confirmed cases and 60 deaths (as of 10/14/20)
 - 52% of cases are among Hispanic/Latinx population
 - 80%+ deaths are among residents of nursing homes
 - North Carolina 236,407 confirmed cases and 3,856 deaths
- Percentage of tests coming back positive as of 10/14:
 - Chatham County 4.7%
 - North Carolina 6.6%
- Community action key to reducing spread
 - Follow the 3 W's: Wear, Wash, Wait!
- Symptoms can be mild.
Even if you think it is something else, treat it as if it is COVID-19
- Pre-K through 2nd grade moving to Plan B today

Know
your 3 Ws!

¡Recuerda
las 3 Ms!

WEAR
a cloth mask
over your nose
and mouth.



MASCARILLA
Usar una mascarilla
de tela cubriendo
nariz y boca.

WAIT
6 feet apart. Avoid
close contact.



MANTENER
6 pies (2 metros) de
distancia. Evitar estar
cerca de los demás.

WASH
your hands or
use hand sanitizer.



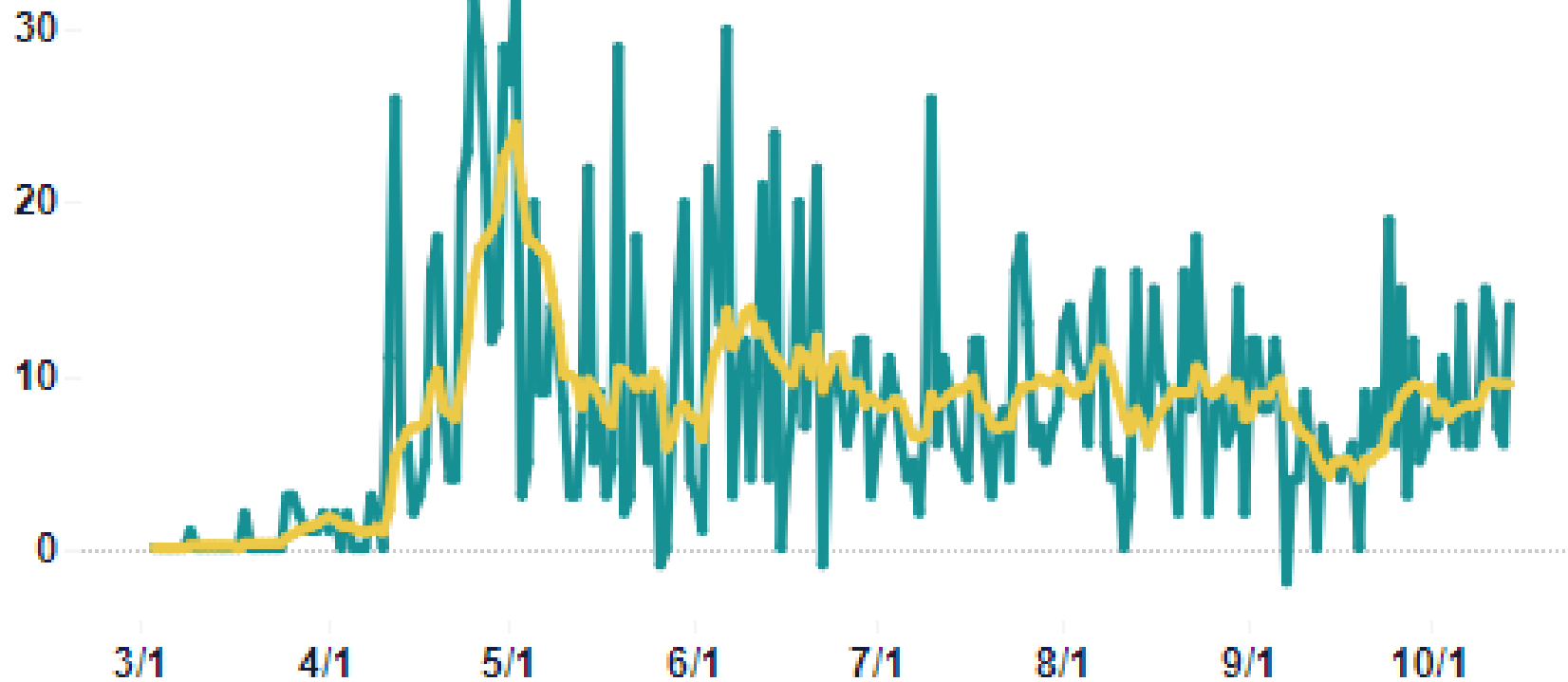
MANOS
Lavarte las manos
con frecuencia o usar
desinfectante para manos.

#StayStrongNC

@NCDHHS

#MantenteFuerteNC

Chatham Cases Over Time



TOTAL CASES

1,825

MOLECULAR (PCR)
POSITIVE CASES

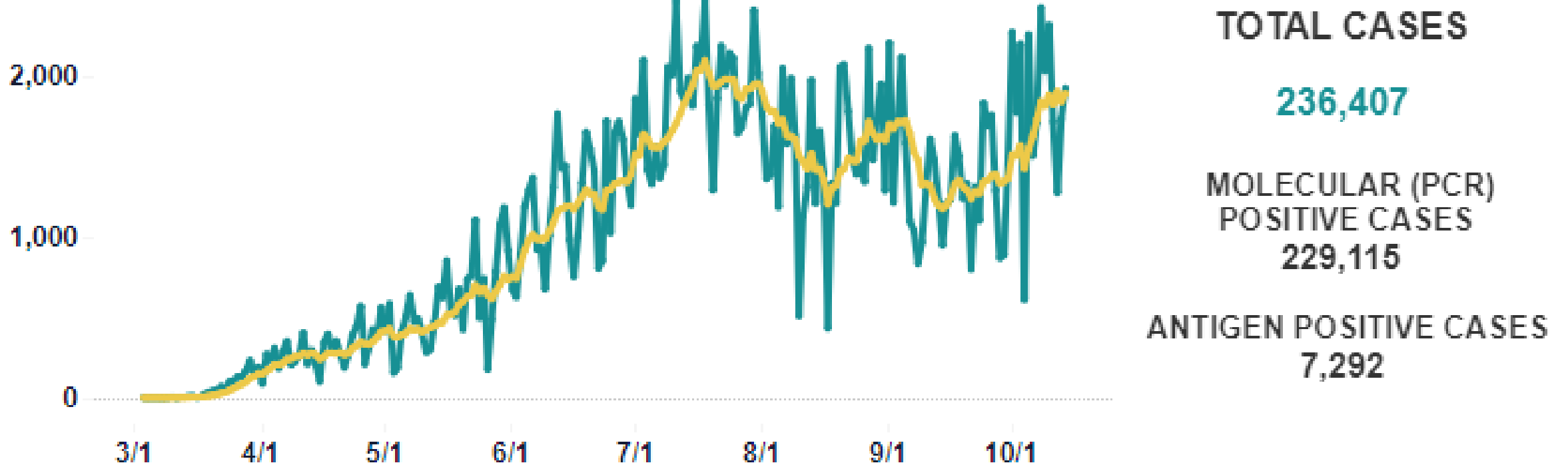
1,803

ANTIGEN POSITIVE CASES

22

*Cases now include both PCR and antigen positive tests

NC Cases Over Time



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COVID-19 Update: Public Health Response

- Increasing availability of testing (weekly testing events)
- Ongoing consultation with Chatham County Schools, congregate living facilities, workplaces, and many others
- Weekly meetings with EM and local agencies, long-term care facilities, restaurants, and childcare centers
- Responding to questions and concerns from the public, including via Info Line
- Sharing updates through media, website, social media (www.chathamnc.org/coronavirus)
- Planning for COVID19 Vaccination Clinics with community partners
- Communicable disease team response to cases
- Working to support those in isolation/quarantine
- Get your flu shot!
- Team effort



Internal Coronavirus Relief Fund Use

- Public Health & Medical Expenses (\$175,000):
 - Began setting up protective barriers (plexiglass) in offices
 - Purchasing items in conjunction with Emergency Management
 - Conducting additional check-ins with departments to ensure they have what they need to re-open when we decide it is safe to do so
- Payroll Expenses (\$1,285,221.12):
 - Identified key staff salaries that will be covered by CRF
- Compliance Expenses (\$300,000):
 - Completed the needs assessment for teleworking needs
 - Ordered teleworking needs requests
 - Purchasing Zoom and GoToMeeting packages to support virtual meetings
- Exploring other projects to determine how we can safely support the Chatham community

External Coronavirus Relief Fund Use

- Nonprofits (\$200,000):
 - Finished Round 1 and Round 2 of the Nonprofit Application Processes
 - Supported 20 Chatham County nonprofits through this process
 - Nonprofits have begun submitting their reports to the County on expenses through March 1 – September 2020
- Municipalities (\$726,740):
 - All municipalities have received their allocations
 - They are currently submitting reports to the County on expenses through March 1 – September 2020
- Economic Support (\$195,000):
 - Exploring options with EDC
 - Launched housing support programs through DSS for individuals impacted by COVID-19, which includes utility support and mortgage support
- Exploring other ideas to support the greater Chatham community

Outreach and Assistance Highlights

Many examples on our website and at #ChathamTogether

Chatham County Develops COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses

- To assist businesses as they plan to reopen and operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, Chatham County has created [Reopening Your Business: A Guide for Safely Opening and Operating Your Business](#). The guide can be found at the [Chatham County Coronavirus web page](#), under Employer FAQs.
- It includes recommendations specific to business type from nail salons and restaurants to dentist offices and childcare facilities.
- Several Chatham County agencies developed the guide based on guidance from the CDC and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Public Health Services Continue Despite Pandemic Response



- The Peer Education Program of Siler City (PEPSC) is a collaboration between Jordan-Matthews High School and the Chatham County Public Health Department that has been active for over 15 years. PEPSC members have adapted to the new virtual normal and have continued to support their fellow students through email, sending information on mental health, coping techniques, and local resources to help their peers.