

5/28/2020 Information Update

10 counties included: Caldwell, Jackson, Moore, New Hanover, Pitt, Surry, Transylvania, Warren, Watauga, Wilkes

**Partial information for Cumberland and Alamance Counties from partners
italicized text refers to information directly from policies/protocols/responses

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Caldwell

- Average Population Pre-COVID:
- Current Population: 88
- Some safety/health adjustments: screening everyone that enter detention center, isolation measures in place for first 14 days, any incarcerated person with symptoms is required to wear a mask, employees required to wear PPE, some booking adjustments, no hand sanitizer due to alcohol content. Video visitation. Those incarcerated have temp taken 2 times a day.
- Some adjustments in population: *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.*
- Regarding COVID cases: No incarcerated people have tested positive and none exhibited symptoms. 5 employees tested (neg results).

Jackson

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 58
- Current Population: 29
- Some safety/health adjustments: *All persons under arrest coming into the jail are first screened in our sally port via questionnaire and temp checks. If any indicators are present, a clearance from the local medical hospital is required. Our deputies are then required to clean and disinfect their cars after all arrests. We have handwashing stations set up throughout the entrances to our facility. Appropriate PPE are available to all employees along with hand sanitizing stations. Online visitation only.*
- Some adjustments in population: *With that said, we are not actively seeking warrant service on all warrant types. However, those individuals we do encounter we do check warrants on and make arrests accordingly. Initially, the courts took pleas on those who determined pleas would be beneficial. Some of those pleas were prison sentences and others were probation. Otherwise, unsecure bonds or written promises have been frequent. Staff: We offered fully paid state of emergency leave of 160 hours. Additional*

paid time as needed for anyone who was suspected to have COVID19 interactions during quarantine. Or had traveled back into the US just prior to the initial state of emergency.

- Regarding COVID cases: No cases in the detention center or of staff.

Moore

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 161
- Current Population: 117
- Some safety/health adjustments: hygiene items are free and handed out every week, free video visitation 2x a week/free calls weekly. 14 day separation from general population.
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: 4 incarcerated people tested (neg results), 12 officers tested (neg results)

New Hanover

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 530
- Current Population: 450
- Some safety/health adjustments: (specific protocol available) screening of all new incarcerated individuals, court proceedings by video, canceled face to face visitation except Attorney visitation (includes work crew, weekend population, probation, GED courses, programming, special invitation, etc.), tracking of personnel with sickness, some best practices posted in jail, temp. Check protocol, modified housing for special populations.
- Some adjustments in population: *Between the Judicial system and sending those that were convicted to prison, we released about 100 inmates.*
- Regarding COVID cases: No testing or cases of those incarcerated or staff/contractors.

Pitt

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 370
- Current Population: 312
- Some safety/health adjustments: testing for symptomatic cases at discretion of medical officials, some hygiene offered for those incarcerated and staff at not cost, video visitation vendor offered free visits, ICS vendor also offering free phone calls, additional policies available
- Some adjustments in population: *We have worked with our D.A.'s Office, P.D.'s Office, Probation/Parole and ultimately, our Judges to enhance efforts for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the facility.*
- Regarding COVID cases: two tested for transferring (neg results), three staff tested (neg results)

Surry

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 220

- Current Population: 130 (some in additional facilities, overcrowding issues)
- Some safety/health adjustments: Lobby-wipes in public lobby that is still open; visitation-suspended for now, religious services can be streamlined; new arrestees-temp checks, taken to hospital if they have a fever; attorney visitation still open, cleaning of all areas increased; quarantine section available
- Some adjustments in population: *The court system is looking at certain types of crimes, criminal charges, and giving less restrictive bonds in some instances. Medical history is somewhat of a factor when a bond is being considered. We are in consent communication with our judicial officials and the district attorney's office to make sure that our population is being monitored during this pandemic.*
- Regarding COVID cases: 2 people tested (neg results),

Transylvania

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 60
- Current Population: 42
- Some safety/health adjustments: *If either a staff member or an inmate exhibits any of the symptoms as indicated by the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), including but not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat, then they will be tested.* Video visitation/no change in calls. Separation for first 3 days then 11 more in additional area prior to general population.
- Some adjustments in population: *Yes, we have sent all inmates in the State Misdemeanant Confinement Program (SMCP) have been sent back to the state prison system; we have sent back all inmates that we were housing for other counties; we are not currently accepting any from SMCP, and we are not currently housing for other counties.*
- Regarding COVID cases: 1 incarcerated person tested (neg result), 0 staff tested

Warren

- Average Population Pre-COVID:
- Current Population: 15-20, general decrease
- Some safety/health adjustments: no separate policies, PPE available for staff, tested if they test positive but none have shown symptoms, no visitation/calls the same, Visitations by lawyers, attorneys, and arresting officers are allowed.
- Some adjustments in population: early release and communication with DAs
- Regarding COVID cases: None incarcerated tested, no symptoms shown in staff or those incarcerated.

Wilkes

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 211
- Current Population: 116
- Some safety/health adjustments: screening document available
- Some adjustments in population:

- Regarding COVID cases:

***Alamance**

- Average Population Pre-COVID: 363
- Current Population: 242
- Some safety/health adjustments: all arrestees participate in screening with form by Southern Health Partners, 1 free phone call a week, online visitation except for professional visits, some information posted for those incarcerated regarding safety protocols
- Some adjustments in population: some adjustments to weekenders, additional screening occurs with those susceptible to COVID-19 on a daily basis, recommendations to cite & release when possible in cases of public safety and domestic violence
- Regarding COVID cases:

***Cumberland**

- Average Population Pre-COVID:
- Current Population:
- Some safety/health adjustments: isolation upon entrance into the detention center, screening upon entry, visitation suspended, signs posted about hygiene, etc.
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: referred to NCDHHS tracking, immediate isolation if someone tests positive, *Any inmate that is symptomatic is tested. Any staff member that is symptomatic is sent home immediately and provided information for where to get tested. All close contacts of positive cases (both staff and inmates) are tested and immediately quarantined for 14 days from last exposure. CDC guidelines are followed for quarantine and isolation. To date, the Detention Center has been able to isolate and quarantine all inmates according to NC DHHS recommendations. All positive tests of inmates are reported to Cumberland County Health Department. All cases among staff associated with the outbreak are linked back to Cumberland County Health Department regardless of county of residence and where the individual was tested. If staff members are residents of other counties or were tested in other counties, their cases still get linked back to Cumberland County Health Department. This is done in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services state reporting system. In addition, the Sheriff's Office notifies us of all positive test results of inmates and staff members, regardless of county of residence.*