

6/15//2020 Information Update

10 counties included: Alleghany, Ashe, Cabarrus, Duplin, Franklin, Iredell, Lee, Stanley, Swain, and Yancey

**italicized text refers to information directly from policies/protocols/responses*

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Alleghany

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 29
- Current Population: 27
- Some safety/health adjustment: temperature taken of those incarcerated upon arrival then taken to the local medical facility for further evaluation and testing. All new intakes are isolated for a minimum of 14 days before moving to general population. All staff have their temperature taken before each shift and required to wear face masks when interacting with those incarcerated. Soap and cleaning materials are available daily for both those incarcerated and officers. No visitation. 1 free phone call per week. Some transfers following certain protocols.
- Some adjustments in population: did not actively attempt to reduce population
- Regarding COVID cases: no testing of those currently incarcerated or staff at this time.

Ashe

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 136
- Current Population: 81
- Some safety/health adjustment: 14 day quarantine upon entry, staff wear masks and all have temperature taken when coming to work. Soap is provided to those incarcerated when needed. Video visitation continues. Paytel provides one free phone call per week.
- Some adjustments in population: *We stopped housing for other counties and our county stopped arresting for lesser offenses and also stopped serving warrants.*
- Regarding COVID cases: no cases, 1 staff member tested (neg result)

Cabarrus

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 340
- Current Population: 216
- Some safety/health adjustment: *At this time we are currently testing everyone enters the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office. Employees are have their temperature checked every time they enter the building. Each division within the department have been segregated from each other. This means that an officer that works in the civil division will remain in his/her division unless and emergency arises. The same goes for the detention center. Our booking officers do not go to the housing units unless there is an emergency and vice versa. This allows us to limit the amount of cross exposure between divisions. If an inmate comes into the facility, he/she has their temperature checked. The arresting*

officer is checked as well. If an inmate receives a commitment order placing them in the detention and they have a fever, the inmate will be placed into our medical wing. If the inmate does not have a fever, he/she will be placed into a negative pressure pod for 14 days. We have 48 negative pressure beds for males and 48 for females. Visitation suspended. Hygiene items available upon request.

- *Some adjustments in population: We first identified the inmates that fell into the high-risk category as defined by the CDC. A list of inmates was given to the DA's office, judge's office and their attorneys. They worked on clearing the cases. The resident Superior court judge issued an administrative order to all local Law Enforcement Agencies reference a new bond policy for arrestees. The next step we took was to look at all inmates' misdemeanor and felony cases where an inmate had originally waived counsel. These inmates were then seen by the court and they were given an attorney or their case was heard. If given an attorney, the DA's office followed up with the attorney to dispose of the case at the next available court date. Even though the courts are on hold until June 1, 2020. Our DA's Office and judges worked to reduce caseloads from the jail, so there would not be a backlog when the courts reopen. We have been able to hold court via video for advisements, misdemeanor charges and felony pleas. Our courts have also been able to hold first appearances via video with inmates who are located in the Department of Adult Corrections. This has allowed us to reduce the number of inmates brought into our facility on a WRIT.*
- *Regarding COVID cases: No positive cases*

Duplin*

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 120
- Current Population: 60
- Some safety/health adjustment:
- *Some adjustments in population: Yes. sentenced inmates were transferred to NCDPPS, also worked with our Judicial officials and District Attorneys Office with assistance in lowering the population of our jail. Some have been placed on probation.*
- *Regarding COVID cases: All in our jail have been tested for covid with help from our medical staff and local health department. 9 have tested positive, none have died. All staff have been tested, 15 tested positive, none have died.*

Franklin

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 184
- Current Population: 134
- Some safety/health adjustment: cleaning more often and everyone's temp checked, visitation suspended
- *Some adjustments in population: Yes, Inmates are getting out on bond, community supervision(?)*
- *Regarding COVID cases: 1 incarcerated person tested (neg result), no staff tested.*

Iredell

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 330
- Current Population: 250

- Some safety/health adjustment: Free phone calls provided, visitations for attorneys only, some enhanced guidelines following the CDC.
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: limited information, no deaths of those incarcerated due to COVID.

Lee (additional policies available)

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 127
- Current Population: 103
- Some safety/health adjustment: temperature checks when entering the facility
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: 1 staff tested positive (see press release dated May 6th for more information about contact tracing, safety measures taken)

Stanley (limited information)

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 149
- Current Population: 143
- Some safety/health adjustment/Some adjustments in population/Regarding COVID cases: *Upon information and belief, Stanly County has no records responsive to numbers 3. through 7. of your request. Please note that a local government has no obligation to create records, compile information, or search for unidentified records in response to an information/records request.*

Swain

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 107
- Current Population: 58
- Some safety/health adjustment: *Any individual that has a fever of 99 or above is quarantined and tested by our local health department. If employee they are sent home for quarantine, if an inmate they are isolated.* Video visitation in place so that did not change.
- Some adjustments in population: Minor crimes were released on unsecured bonds.
- Regarding COVID cases: None of those incarcerated were tested, 3 staff were tested and quarantined until results came back (neg results).

Yancey

- Average Population Pre-Covid: 34
- Current Population: 21
- Some safety/health adjustment: screening upon entrance, quarantined for first 14 days, working with county health department, hand soap provided, CDC hygiene information posted, small facility so isolation cells will and have been used for quarantining; sick calls via video, video visitation
- Some adjustments in population:
- Regarding COVID cases: in conjunction with county health department tested 2 incarcerated people (neg results) and no staff tested.

Information from the NC DHHS COVID-19 Ongoing Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings: Updated June 12, 2020.

- Cumberland County Detention Center: 13 staff and 20 of those incarcerated
- Duplin County Jail: 7 staff and 3 cases of those incarcerated
- Durham County Detention Center: 8 staff and 8 of those incarcerated
- Edgecombe Youth Development Center: 2 staff
- Mecklenburg County Detention Center: 5 staff
- New Hanover County Jail: 2 staff

Information can be found here:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/congregate-living-settings>