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Ashe COVID-19 Situation Update

January 7th, 2022

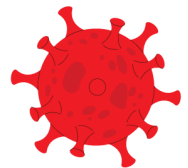
COVID-19 Updates & Important Points

COVID-19 Data At-A-Glance

Additional information about each measure can be found in this report.

Ashe New Cases (Dec 26-Jan 1)	Ashe Positivity Rate (Dec 26-Jan 1)	Ashe COVID-19 Deaths (To date)	Current Regional Hospitalizations (As of 1/6/22)	Ashe Percent Partially or Fully Vaccinated (As of 1/6/22)
149 (84% unvaccinated)	24.71%	67	Increased	56%

COVID-19 cases are increasing locally and transmission remains **high** for Ashe county as of 1/6/2022: ([CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)). The sharp increase in cases is largely due to the Omicron variant which is able to spread very easily from person to person. While we don't know the exact percentage of Omicron cases locally since there is a delay in sequencing, it is safe to assume the majority of the cases are the Omicron variant. In areas of high transmission, wear a mask in indoor public places to decrease the spread. **The majority of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated.**



Vaccines are the best protection we have against COVID-19. The vaccine is free, safe and effective at preventing severe outcomes. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated to get a vaccine to protect yourself, loved ones and the community. We offer walk-in hours Monday through Friday 1:00-4:00pm for those wanting to complete the initial series of vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are available for all COVID-19 vaccines. They will increase your immune response and extend your protection. If you are eligible, we encourage you to get a booster as soon as possible. Everyone ages 12 and older can get a booster shot:

- 5 months after your 2nd dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine,
- 6 months after your 2nd dose of the Moderna vaccine; or
- 2 months after your single dose of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine.



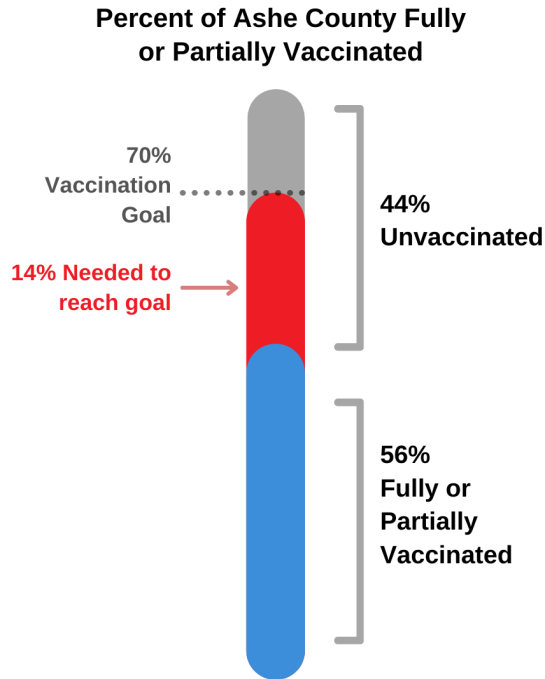
If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, get tested. We offer drive-thru testing Monday through Friday 8:30-10:00am, no appointment is needed. For more information about testing, [visit our website](#).

Do you have questions about COVID-19, vaccinations, testing or guidance?

Visit our website at www.AppHealthCare.com or call our COVID-19 Call Center at (828) 795-1970.

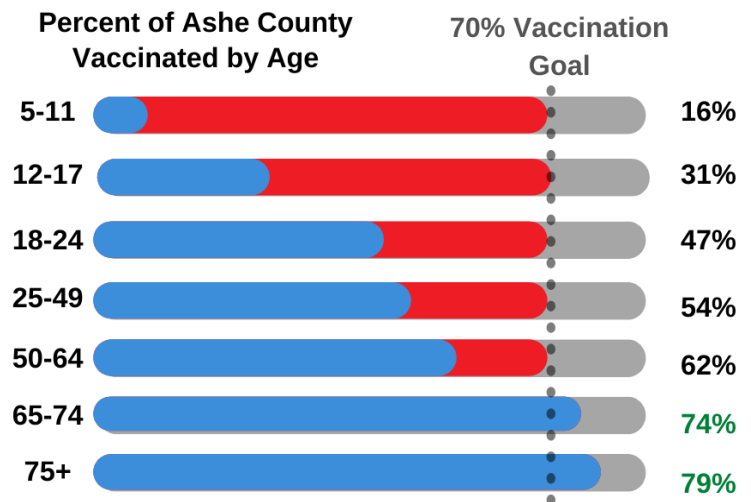
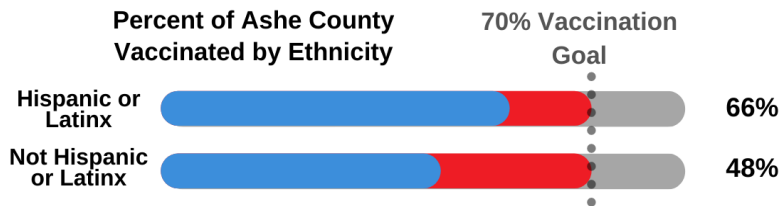
COVID-19 Ashe County Vaccination Updates

County-specific race, ethnicity and age data are from the [NCDHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#),
 - (All vaccine demographic data are current as of 1/6/2022 at 12:00pm).



15,454
 Vaccines Administered by
 AppHealthCare in Ashe County
 as of 1/6/2022.

Percent of Population by Race Fully or Partially Vaccinated	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%
Asian	0%
Black or African American	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Other	34%
White	49%



North Carolina COVID-19 Updates

North Carolina State Synopsis

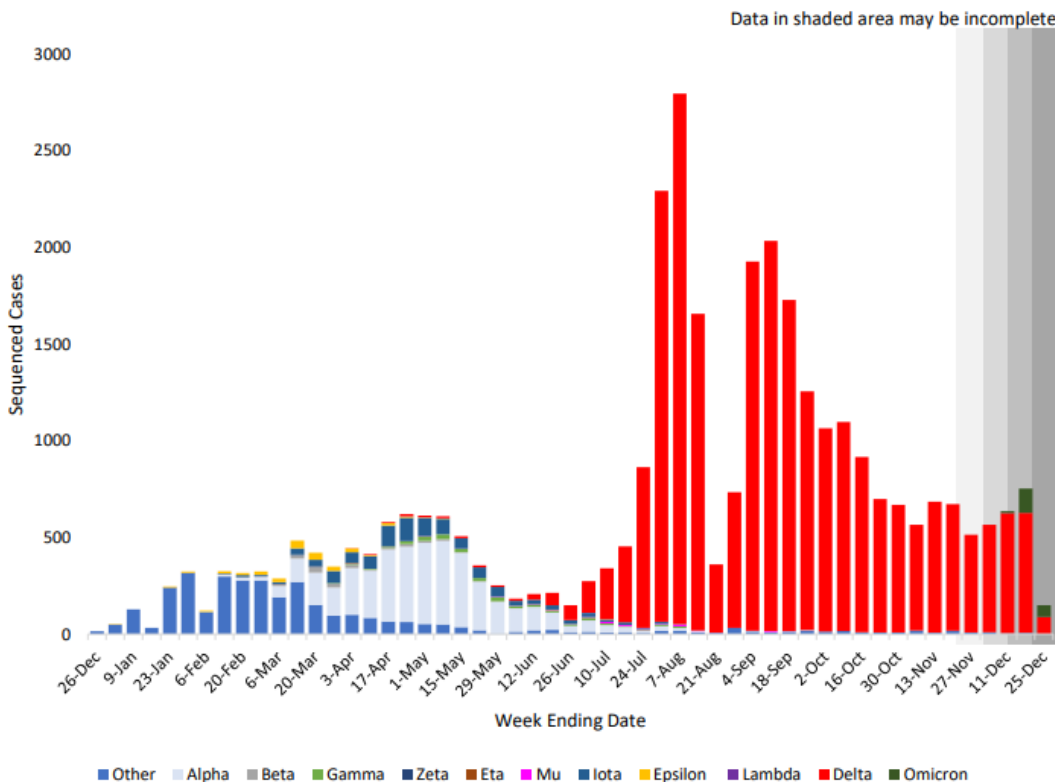
Data is from [COVID-19 State Profile Report](#), provided by White House COVID-19 Team, Joint Coordination Cell, Data Strategy and Execution Workgroup - (All data is current as of 12/30/2021)

	LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 CASES PER 100,000	366	+41%
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	14.0%	+4.7%
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS / 100 BEDS	8.1	+27%
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000	0.4	-58%
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION LEVEL	HIGH TRANSMISSION	
PEOPLE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	8,008,038 people	76.4% of total pop.
PEOPLE 5-11 RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	195,999 people	22.0% of 5-11 pop.
PEOPLE 12+ RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	7,811,152 people	86.9% of 12+ pop.
PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED	5,951,239 people	56.7% of total pop.
PEOPLE 12+ FULLY VACCINATED	5,832,283 people	64.9% of 12+ pop.
PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVED BOOSTER	508,560 people	34.3% of fully vaccinated 65+ pop.

COVID-19 Variants Detected in North Carolina by Week

Data is from [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' COVID-19 Surveillance Study](#). (Data is current as of 1/6/2022 at 4:00pm)

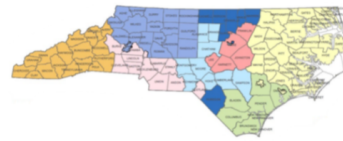
What COVID-19 variants are being detected in North Carolina?



The Delta variant was first detected in the United States in March 2021. This variant seems to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is by getting a COVID-19 Vaccination.

Regional COVID-19 Hospitalization Data

The hospitalization data reflected includes Ashe County. All hospitalization data is from [NCDHHS' Hospitalization Data Dashboard](#).
(All data is current as of 1/6/2022 at 2:00 pm)



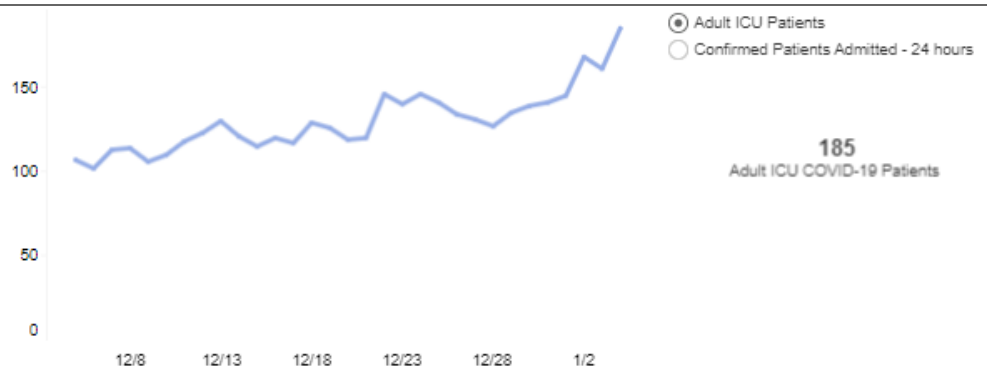
CapRAC - Capital Region Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
DHPC - Duke Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
EHPC - Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
MAHPC - Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
MCRHC - Mid Carolina Regional Healthcare Coalition
MHPC - Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
SHPR - Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region
THPC - Triad Healthcare Preparedness Coalition

Currently Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients in Triad Health Preparedness Coalition Region (THPC)



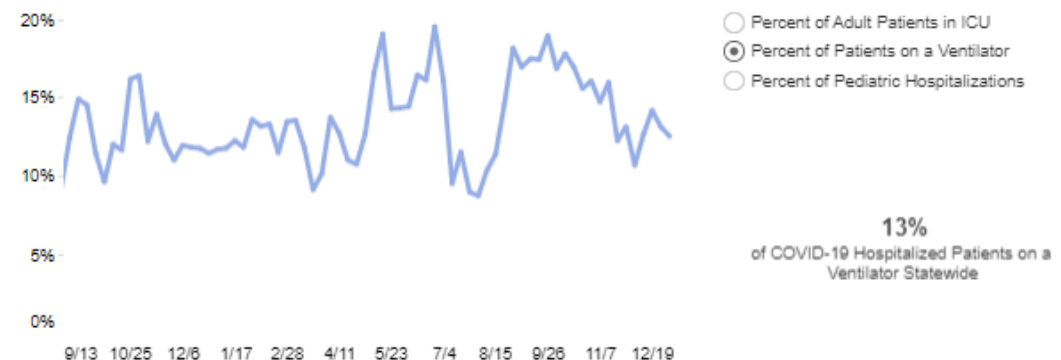
THPC	782	97%
All	782	97%
	Currently Hospitalized	Hospitals Reporting

Number of COVID-19 Adult ICU Patients in THPC



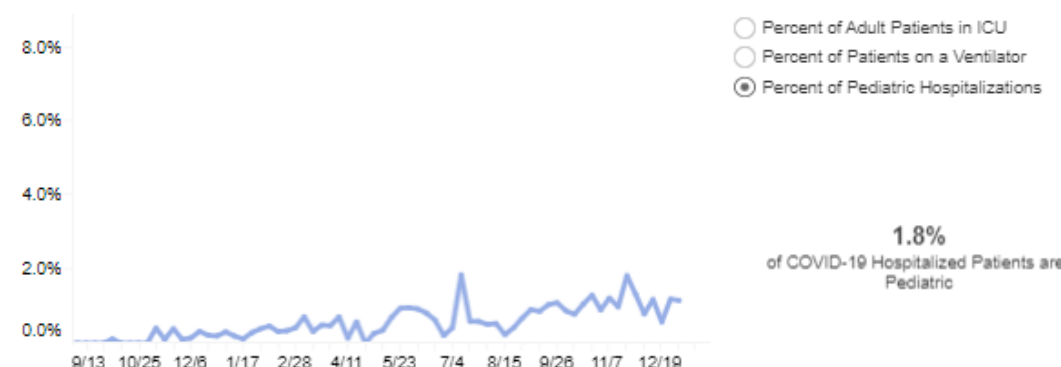
● Adult ICU Patients
○ Confirmed Patients Admitted - 24 hours
185
Adult ICU COVID-19 Patients

Weekly COVID-19 Hospital Severity Trend: Percent of Patients on a Ventilator in THPC



○ Percent of Adult Patients in ICU
● Percent of Patients on a Ventilator
○ Percent of Pediatric Hospitalizations
13%
of COVID-19 Hospitalized Patients on a Ventilator Statewide

Weekly COVID-19 Hospital Severity Trend: Percent of Pediatric Hospitalizations in THPC

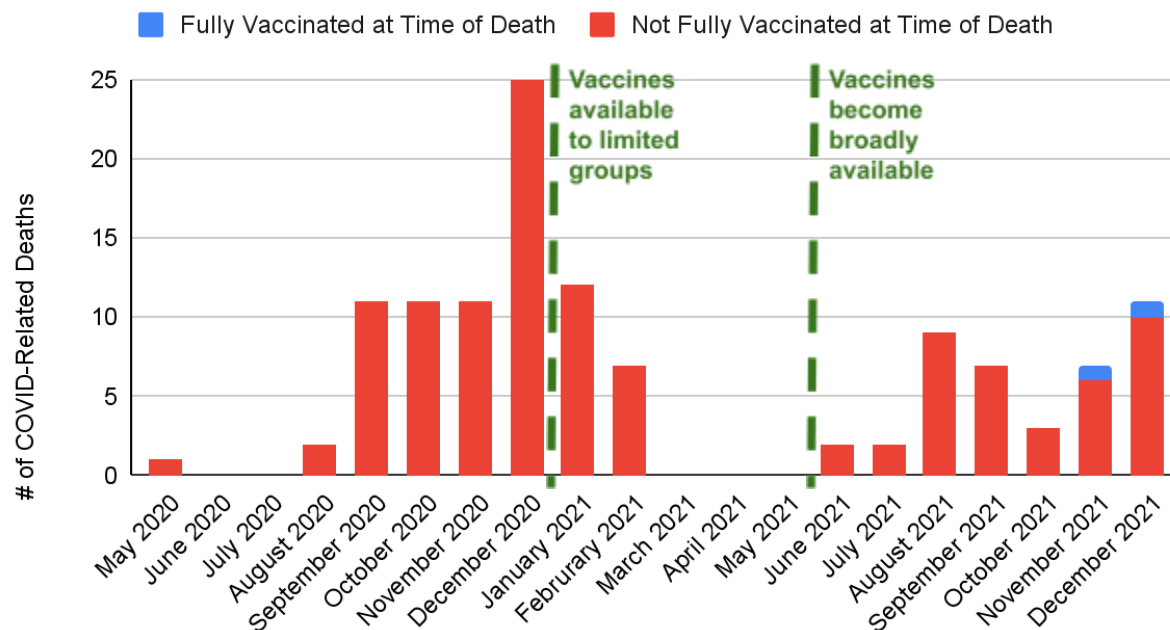


○ Percent of Adult Patients in ICU
○ Percent of Patients on a Ventilator
● Percent of Pediatric Hospitalizations
1.8%
of COVID-19 Hospitalized Patients are Pediatric

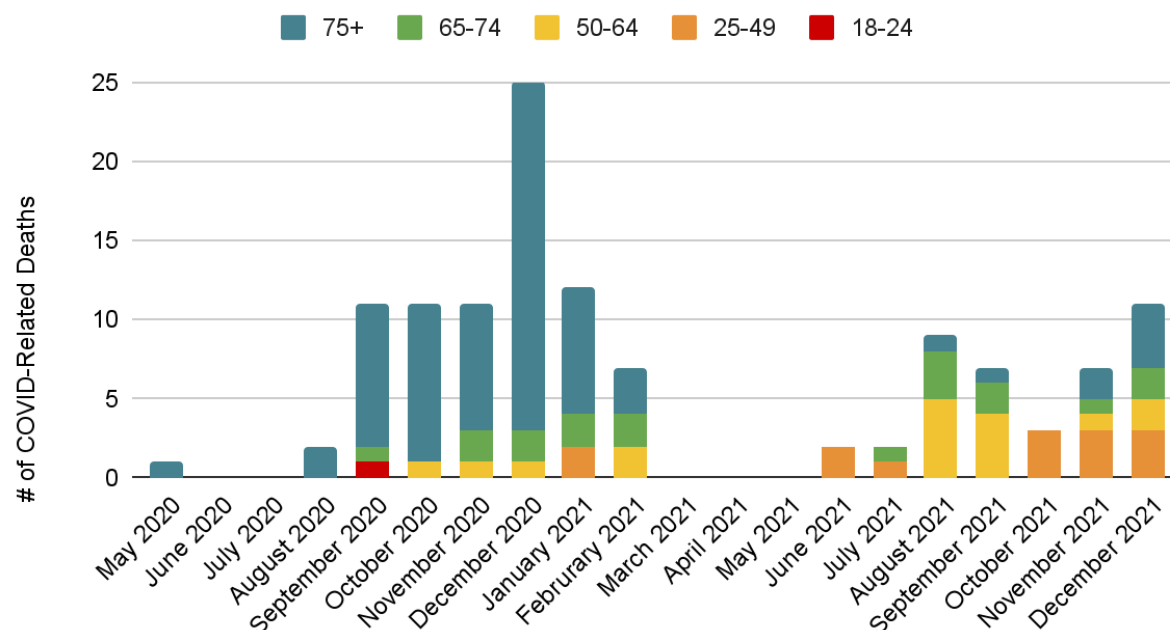
COVID-Related Deaths in the Appalachian District

The data reflected includes COVID-19 related deaths for residents of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties combined. Data is collected from hospital reports (*All data is current as of 1/6/2022 at 9:00 am*)

COVID Deaths Over Time in Appalachian District Residents

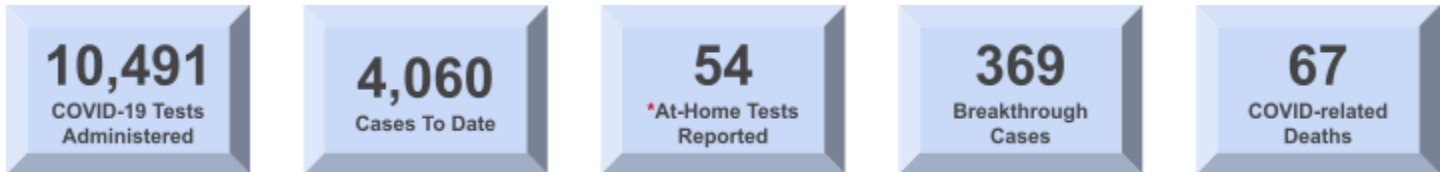


COVID-19 Related Deaths in App District by Age



Ashe County COVID-19 Case Updates

Updated Cases to Date in **Ashe County** (All data is current as of 1/6/2022 at 9:00 am- Cumulative case counts may decrease or fluctuate due to ongoing reconciliation of data sets and elimination of duplicate data.)



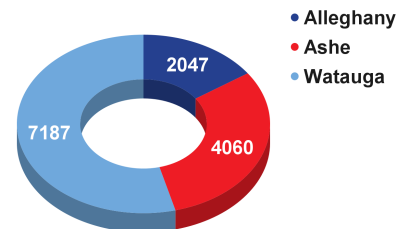
*At-Home tests, while they provide valuable information regarding COVID status and potential spread, are reportable to NCDHHS as suspected cases and are thus not included in our cases to date.

A breakthrough case is when someone who is fully vaccinated becomes infected. **Breakthrough cases occur in only a small proportion of vaccinated people and the vast majority are avoiding serious illness, hospitalization, or death.**

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (regardless of whether or not you have symptoms), we recommend you be tested.

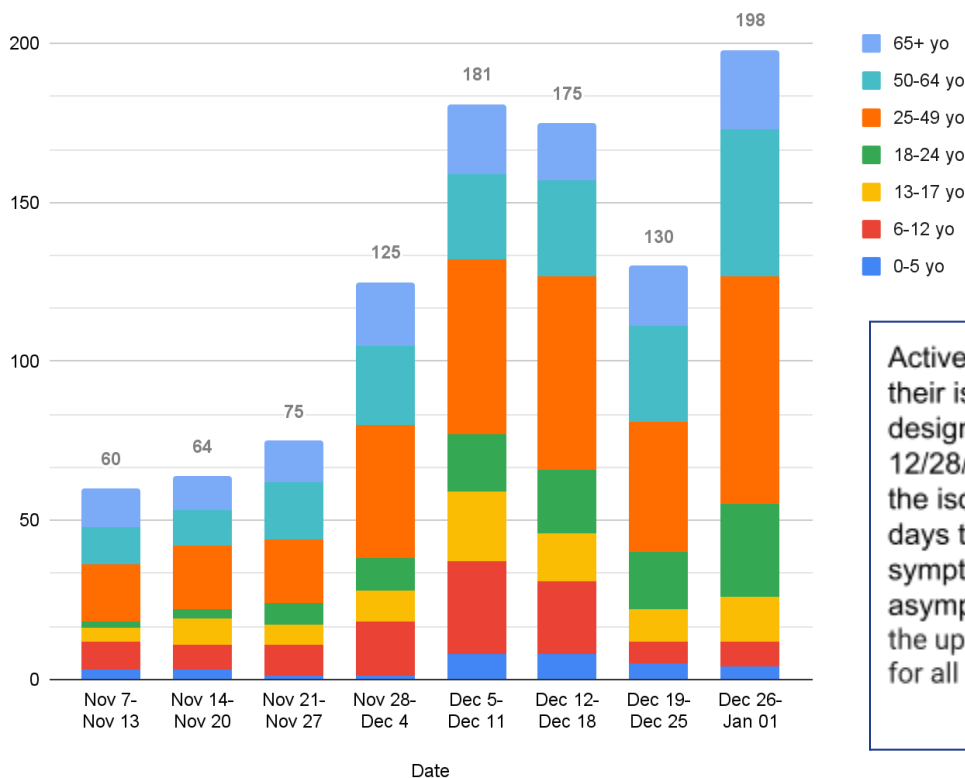
AppHealthCare offers free drive-through testing. Refer to our [website](#) for more information and FAQs regarding getting tested for COVID-19.

Positive Cases

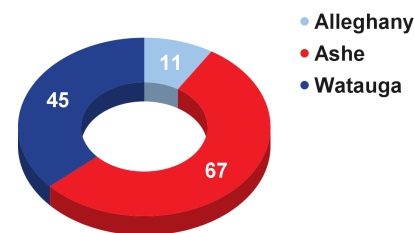


Active Cases/Week Broken Down by Age Group

Ashe County



COVID-19 Deaths



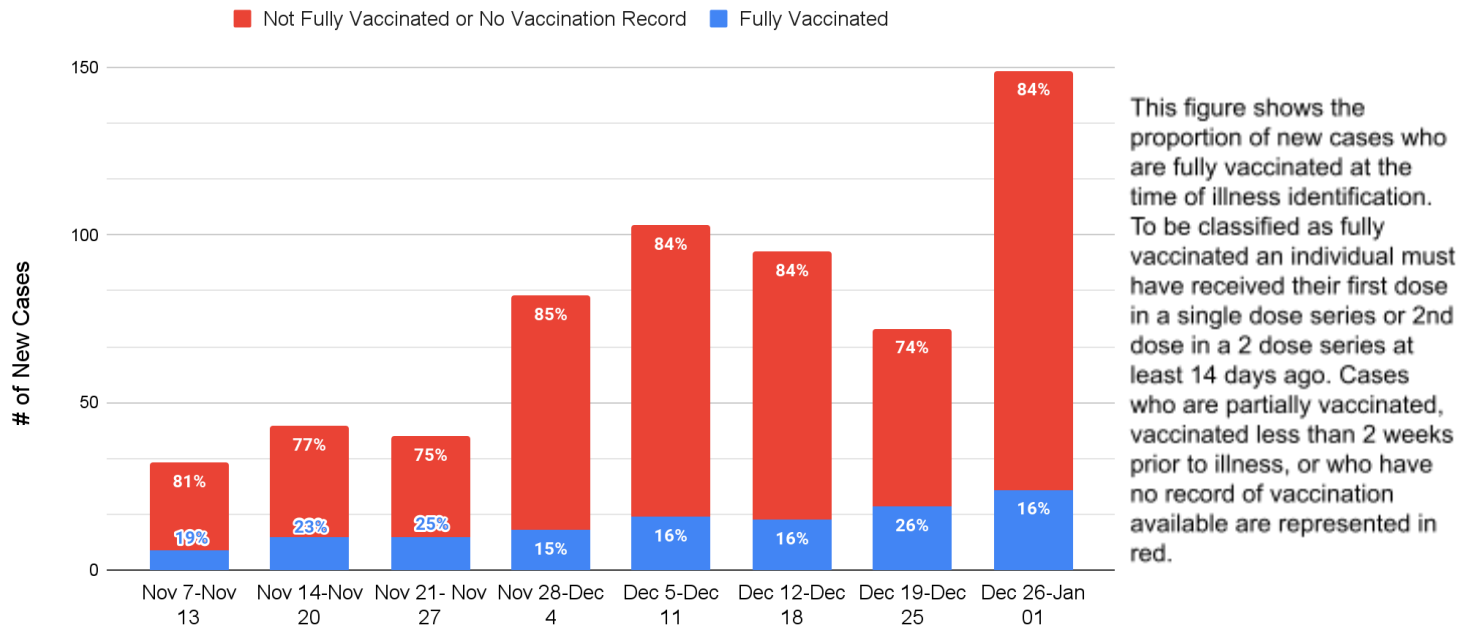
Active cases include those in their isolation period within the designated time frame. On 12/28/2021 the CDC reduced the isolation period from 10 days to 5 days, starting from symptom onset, or test date if asymptomatic. The data reflects the updated 5-day isolation period for all date ranges represented.

[Click here to view COVID-19 case and trend distribution by demographic groups for Ashe County.](#)

Ashe County COVID-19 Case Trends

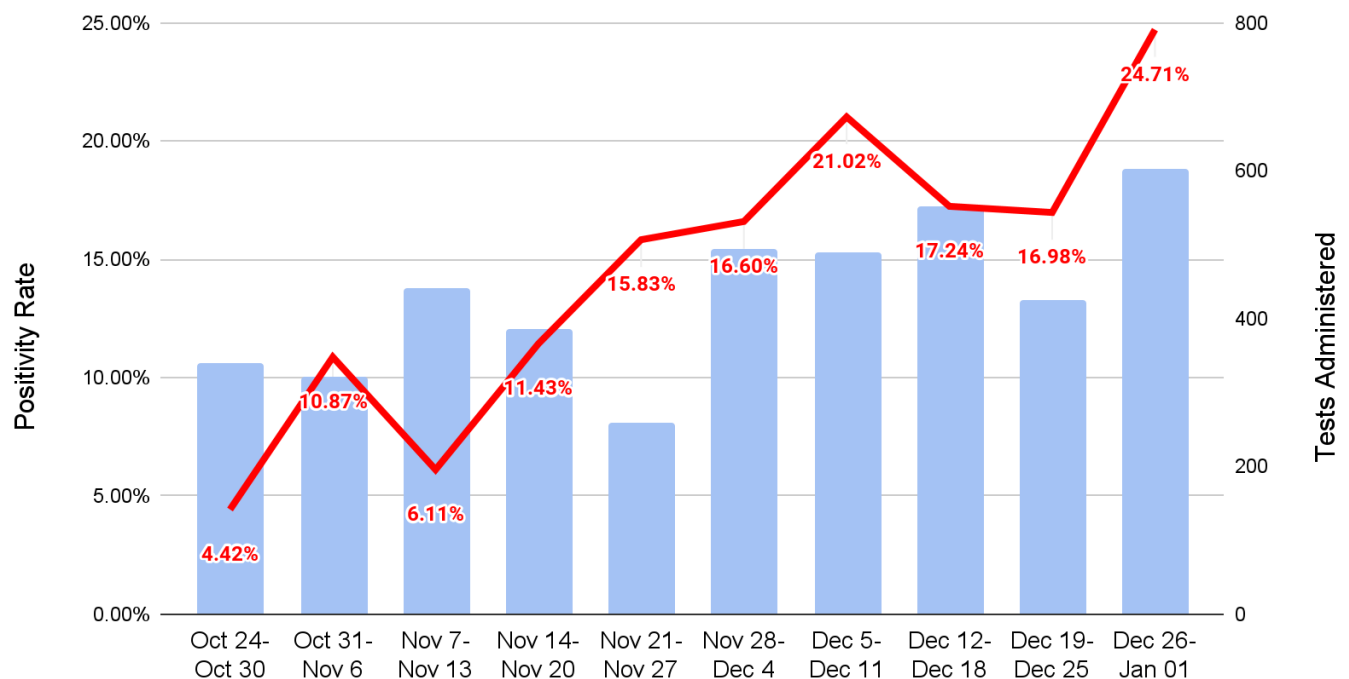
New Cases per Week by Vaccination Status

Ashe County



Tests Administered Vs Positivity Rate

Ashe County



Active Clusters and Outbreaks in Ashe County

An outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory confirmed cases within a 28 day period in a congregate living setting. A cluster is defined as a minimum of five cases within a 14-day period and plausible epidemiologic linkage between cases. An outbreak or cluster is considered active until 28 days have passed with no newly identified cases. Additional information on the [definitions of outbreaks and clusters](#) is provided by the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services.

County	Setting Name	Setting Type	Active Cases	Cumulative Cases	Latest Positive Result
Ashe	Mountain View Elementary School	Education	0	7	12/13/2021
Ashe	Margate Health and Rehab	Long Term Care Facility	1	3	1/3/2022
Ashe	Generations Ashe	Long Term Care Facility	2	2	1/4/2022

(Cluster and outbreak data is current as of 1/5/2022 at 9am)

