



## Foothills Health District (FHD)



**For Immediate Release**  
**January 6, 2021**

### **RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 REPORTING MOVED TO STATE DASHBOARD**

The Division of Public Health/DHHS has recommended that with the addition of county level epidemiological data to the NC DHHS COVID Dashboard, local health departments should consider pointing local dashboards to the NC DHHS COVID dashboard, instead of duplicating those efforts locally. Therefore, today, January 6, 2021 will be the last day Rutherford County will be updating our local dashboard.

Below is information on accessing the state dashboard for Rutherford County and how to get a breakdown of data. Much of the data is the same information we have been providing locally. Positive tests come in from health departments, hospitals, doctor's offices, etc. and the state data is currently the most accurate and up to date information. To continue to report numbers inconsistent with the DHHS dashboard diminishes the integrity and reliability of the data we report locally and this will eliminate duplicity.

With the tremendous spike in positive cases throughout the state, plus the roll out of the vaccination program, directing people to the state dashboard is the most appropriate action at this time. This will also ensure that these data-trained staff could be redirected to other critical priorities such as contact tracing or working with the COVID Vaccine Management System (CVMS) and vaccine deployment.

"Rutherford County Emergency Management will continue sending out daily alerts Monday-Friday with basic statistics from the state regarding Rutherford County numbers and will direct citizens to the state dashboards to see a more specific breakdown of the data and demographics. We appreciate the support our community has given to both Foothills Health District and Rutherford County Emergency Management during these unprecedented times. We will continue to serve our citizens throughout this pandemic and beyond." - Karen Powell, Public Health Director.

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**See information below on navigating the state dashboard.**

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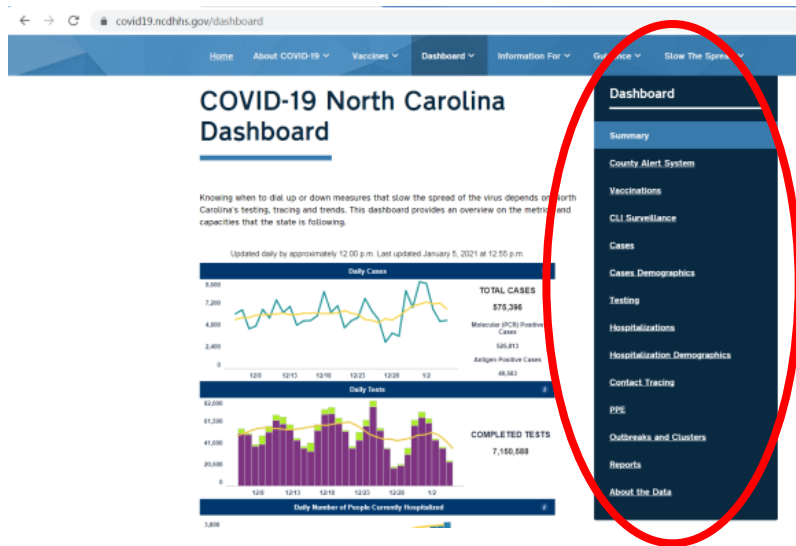
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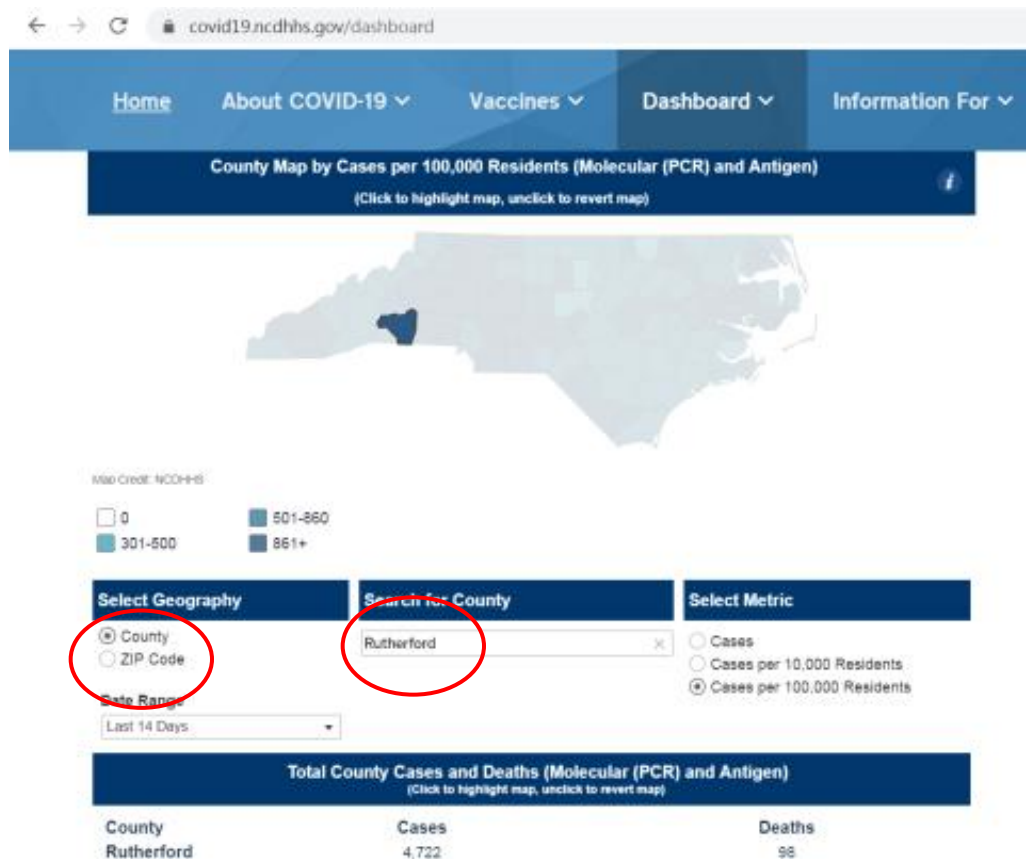
## Accessing the state dashboard:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>

Familiarize yourself with the navigation bar on the right hand side of the page, circled in red below. This will allow you to move to different pages and see Rutherford County data.



On the homepage, you can also scroll to the bottom of this page and enter Rutherford in the county search box. You can also search by zip code if you prefer.



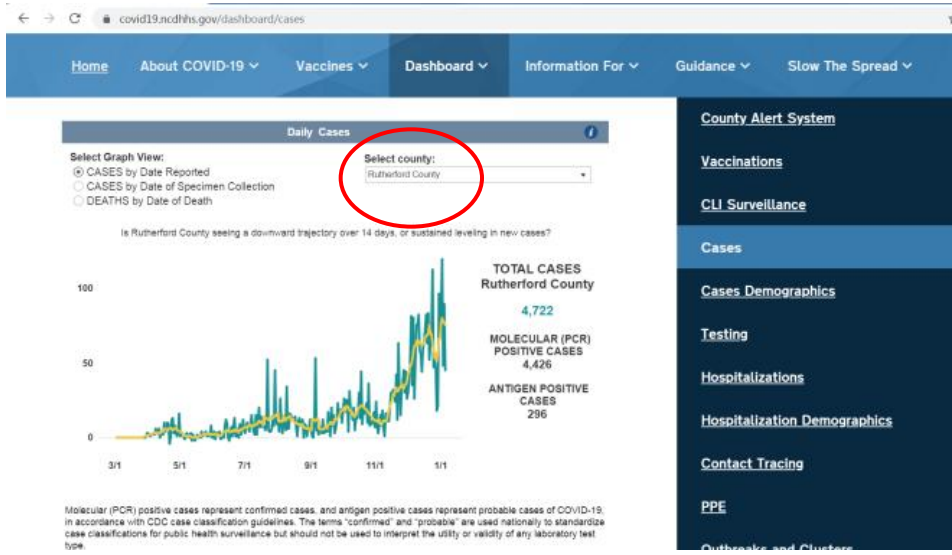
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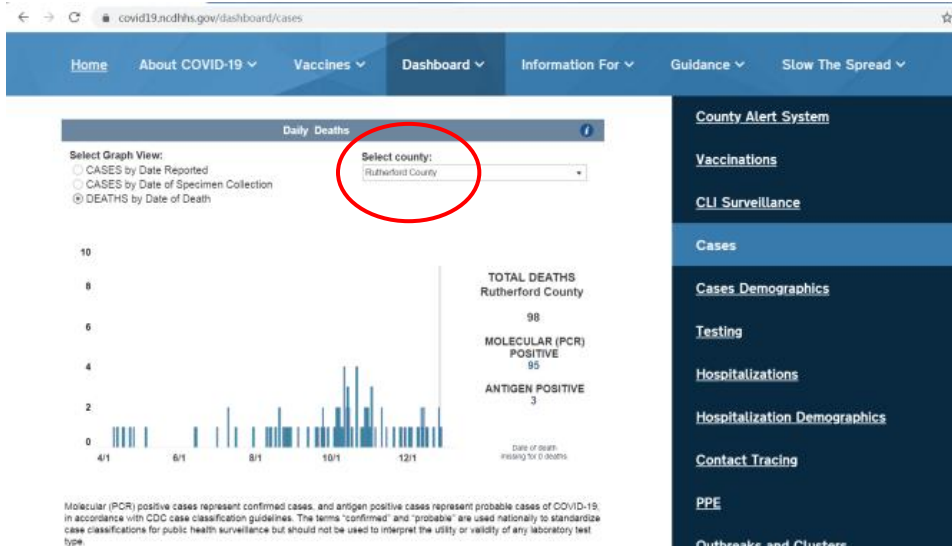
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# Case and Death Trajectory:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/cases>



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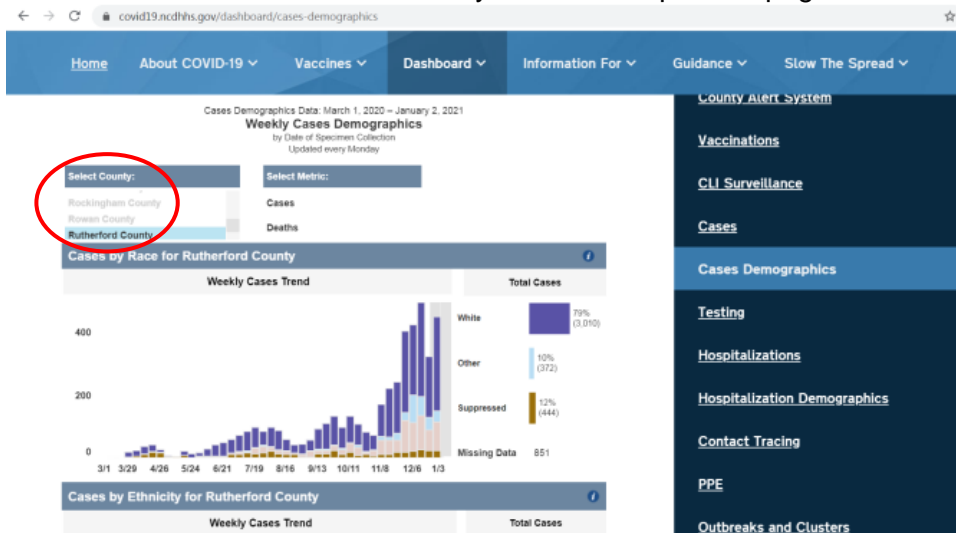
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## For Ethnicity, Race, Age and Gender:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/cases-demographics>

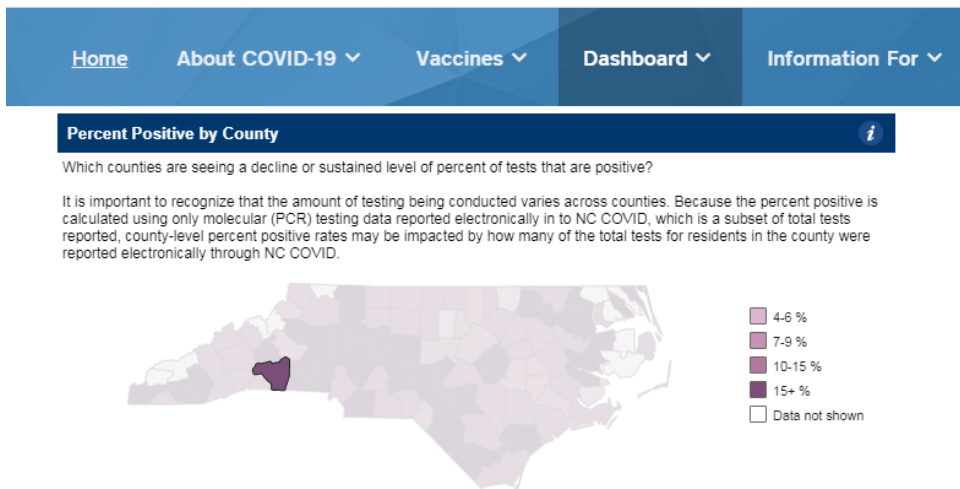
Enter Rutherford in the Select County box at the top of the page.



## Percent Positive from Testing:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/testing>

Scroll down to the box labeled: Percent Positive by County and click Rutherford County on the map.



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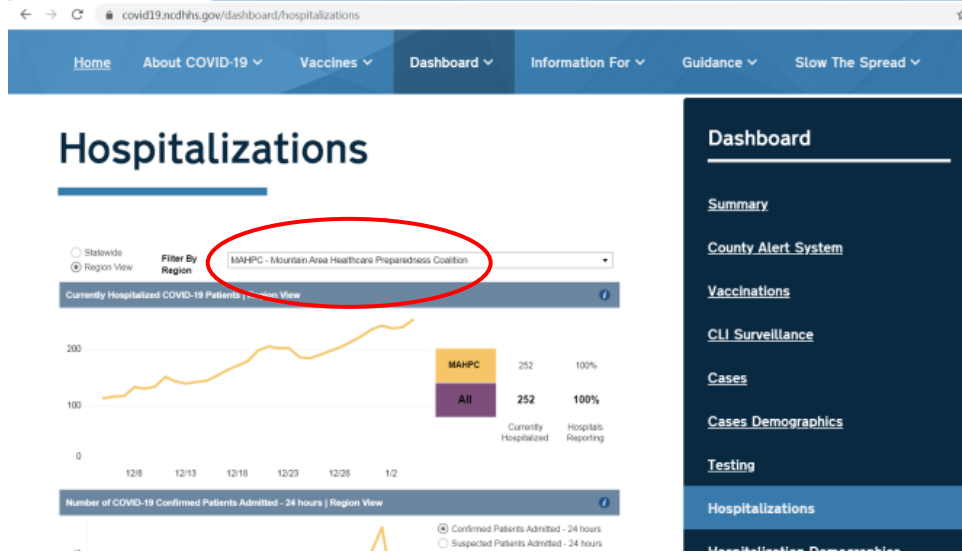
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## Hospitalizations:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/hospitalizations>

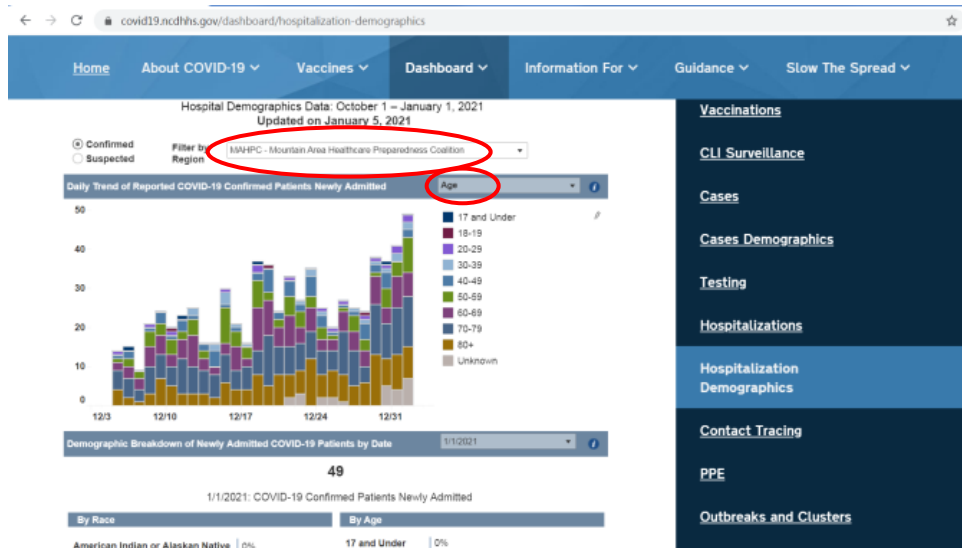
Hospitalization can only be filtered by region. We are in the MAHPC – Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition.



## Hospitalization Demographics

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/hospitalization-demographics>

The drop down menu lets you search by race, ethnicity, age, and gender. The breakdown is only available by region. We are in the MAHPC – Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition.



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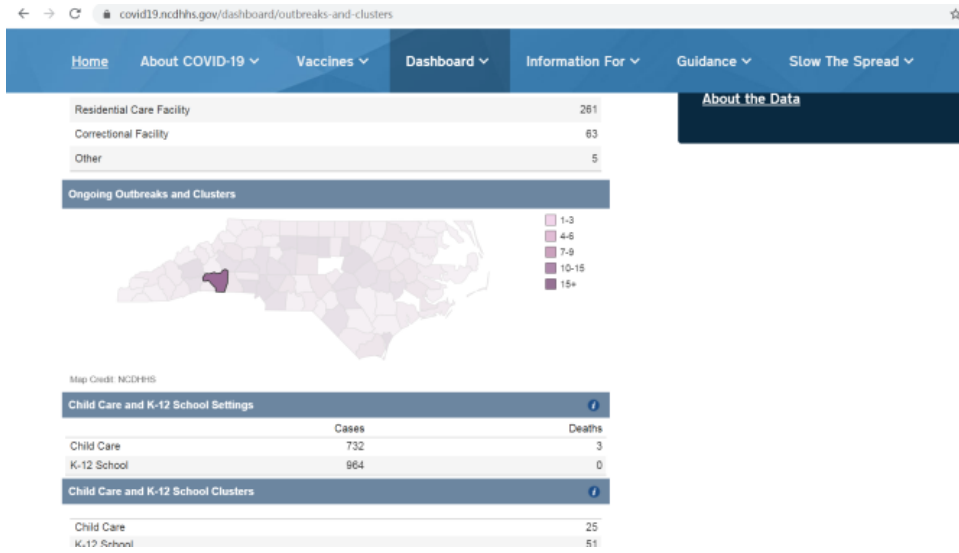
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## Outbreaks and Clusters:

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Scroll down to the map and click on Rutherford County



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