



Town of Belville Issues COVID-19 Update as of May 14; Asks Residents to Be Patient as Gas Supplies Return to Normal

***All individuals 16 and older are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated;
Brunswick County Health Services expands vaccine availability to people 12 and older;
Residents remain encouraged to use services found at the upgraded TownofBelville.com***

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BELVILLE, NC, May 14, 2021: The Town of Belville wants to remind its citizens, and anyone using the town's facilities, about current Covid-related measures. Guidance just out from the CDC states that fully-vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in most indoor settings, in North Carolina.

As a result, Governor Cooper has stated the following: "Effective immediately, we are lifting all mandatory capacity and gathering limits and social distancing requirements and most mandatory mask requirements. That means in most settings indoors or outdoors the state will no longer require you to wear a mask or be socially distant. There will continue to be a mandatory indoor mask requirement on public transportation, in child care, in schools, in prisons and in certain public health settings. There will be strong recommendations by the North Carolina Department Of Health and Human Services for people to wear masks indoors in certain public places."

As of May 13th, there have been 9,146 positive cases in Brunswick County and there have been 987,837 positive cases in the State of North Carolina. More than 45% of the state's adults over 18 have been fully vaccinated, including more than 75% of people 65 and older.

Every North Carolinian 16 and older is encouraged to get vaccinated for free at any of a number of locations. After the FDA and the CDC approved expanded Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to include 12-15-year-old children this

week, Brunswick County Health Services have expanded their vaccine availability to people 12 and older. This action opens vaccination to approximately 17 million adolescents. Clinical trial data showed the Pfizer vaccine to be 100% effective in more than 2,200 adolescents.

In addition to the vaccine being available through approved providers, Brunswick County Health Services announced Thursday that all its public health COVID-19 vaccinations from May 18 onward will take place at the clinic at Brunswick Community College, 50 College Road NE, Bolivia, 28422. All eligible individuals age 12 and over can schedule an appointment online here or by phoning the Public Health Call Line at (910)253-2339 and selecting option 2. Lines are open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

The town also would like to ask our residents to be patient as gas supplies recover across the Southeast, especially here in North Carolina. Like our colleagues in other towns, we have been monitoring the situation and have taken steps to conserve fuel until supplies are restored to normal during the coming days. We ask our citizens to do the same. The Colonial Pipeline system has been restored, so panic purchases are discouraged.

The Belville Town Hall is still accepting visitors by appointment only. Please call (910) 371-2456 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm to make an appointment. We are also encouraging the use of our online services through Belville's upgraded www.townofbelville.com.

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Mike McGill
President

