

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting

July 21, 2021

12-1:3.0 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Facilitated by: Pam Diggs

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
Welcome <i>Pam Diggs</i>	Pam Diggs welcomed everyone to the Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly meeting and introduced the panel.	
COVID-19 Updates and Panel Discussion <i>Rod Jenkins, Durham County Department of Public Health</i>	<p>Durham County has the same prevention strategy, “vax up or mask up”. Continue the 3-W’s wear a mask over your nose and mouth, wait 6-feet apart and avoid close contact, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to protect yourself, your family and community, even if fully vaccinated. We are in a 2-way race against the variants and the seasons (winter).</p> <p>The latest 7-Day moving average of positive cases is 17, an increase from 15 last week and 8 the previous week. There are 116 current total active cases in Durham county. There are a total of 334 Covid-19 cases July 1-July 20th. Any positive cases we currently see in Durham county are from the Delta variant. Ninety percent of all new cases in the United States are from the Delta variant.</p> <p>Public Health continues to keep a lens of equity. Hispanic or Latinx individuals are proportionately represented in COVID-19 cases (16.93% of cases while making up 14% of Durham county population). Black or African American individuals are under-represented in COVID-19 cases (34.01% of cases while making up 37% of Durham county population). White individuals are under-represented in COVID-19 cases (42.64% of cases while making up 54% of Durham county population).</p>	

<p>Elizabeth Stevens, Durham County Department of Public Health</p>	<p>Durham county's level of transmission is considered modest according to the Center for Disease Control. Fifty three percent of Durham county total population is fully vaccinated. The age group with the highest percentage of vaccination is 65 and older with 83.1%. According to North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, 57% of Durham county residents have at least one does of the vaccine and 55% of the population is fully vaccinated. The goal is to have 75-80% of the population vaccinated.</p> <p>There have been 338,580 vaccinations performed through July 18, 2021. There has been a decrease of about 65% in the number of vaccinations administered to Durham county residents from June 1-18 to July 1-18. A surge in vaccines as school goes back in session is anticipated.</p> <p>Whites (non-Hispanic), Black or African American, and Asian populations have the greatest number of vaccinations. Nearly forty three percent of Hispanic or Latinx population is fully vaccinated. Vaccine equity continues to be a priority. Work has begun with Bull City Strong-Federal OMH Vaccine Literary 2-year grant. Durham County has contributed the matching \$650,000 to the City of Durham for the Mayor's Vaccine Equity Campaign involving community health workers.</p> <p>Elizabeth Stevens is a Deputy Health Director at Durham County. The current Executive Order is 215 originally implemented May 14, 2021 and extended June 11, 2021. Social distancing requirements and capacity restrictions are lifted. Face coverings are no longer required in most settings except schools, childcare centers, camps, certain healthcare settings considered high risk, public transportation, and other congregate settings. Face coverings are still recommended for those unvaccinated. Durham County did not opt for more restrictive ordinances. Businesses can still require masks.</p> <p>Liz shared a graphic with guidance on when to mask depending on vaccination status and level of risk in environments.</p>	
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<p>Regina Youngblood, City of Durham</p>	<p>Durham County protocols: requires face coverings (ages 2+), social distancing and avoiding large gatherings, screening questions and temperature checks upon entering County building, temporary COVID-19 Employee Policy, Pre- and post-travel surveys required for employees traveling outside the countries, Durham County COVID Response Committee, and targeted employee vaccination events.</p> <p>Durham County strongly encourages vaccination for people ages 12 and older. Durham Public Health is in close contact with Durham Public Schools. Funding will be available for additional staff and surveillance. Strongly encourage vaccination for partitioners and social distancing.</p> <p>Regina Youngblood is the Human Resources Director at the City of Durham. Two hundred twenty-one City of Durham employees tested positive for COVID-19. There were 4 new cases last week, 1 employee fully vaccinated with Johnson and Johnson vaccine. About 39% of employees have confirmed that they are vaccinated. An additional 20% unconfirmed but have reported they are vaccinated. City employees are offered incentives for verifying vaccine status such as counting as a wellness activity and an additional day off work. The building will reopen July 22, 2021 for City Council Work Session. July 26,2021 the campus will be reactivated and operates 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday. Each department director determines whether employees will be on campus or working remotely. There will be a flexible arrangement working policy beginning August 2021. The City will continue evaluating and adjusting as needed.</p> <p>Support needed is continuing to educate people about the value of being vaccinated, support vaccine equity, and help employers understand what has worked for their peers with getting employees vaccinated and reporting vaccination status.</p>	
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<p>Partnership for a Healthy Durham Co-Chair Acknowledgements</p> <p><i>Pam Diggs</i></p>	<p>Pam Diggs shared a slideshow acknowledging outgoing Co-Chairs Donna Biederman-Health and Housing Committee, Caressa Harding-Health and Housing committee, Jeff Howell-Obesity, Diabetes, and Food Access committee, Tara Ilsley- Communications committee, Heather Mountz- Communications Committee, Angel Romero- Overall Partnership Co-Chair, and Marissa Mortiboy-former Partnership Coordinator.</p> <p>Partnership 2021-2022 Co-Chairs include Angel Romero and Katie Lipe-Communications Committee, Ashley Bass-Mitchell and Sofia Edelman-Mental Health Committee, Don Bradley and Brian Goings-Health and Housing Committee, Mel Downey-Piper and Raina Bunnag-Obesity, Diabetes, and Food Access Committee, Kimberly Alexander and Kearston Ingraham-Access to Care Committee, and Pam Diggs and Jeff Howell overall Partnership Co-Chairs.</p>	
<p>Partnership for a Healthy Durham Updates</p> <p><i>Bria Miller and Jeff Howell</i></p>	<p>Bria Miller, Partnership for a Healthy Durham Coordinator, presented on the 2020 Community Health Assessment. Durham County Department of Public Health, Duke Health, and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham administers the Community Health Assessment every 3 years. The assessment provides a comprehensive set of valid and reliable information about the health of the Durham community. This process involves community organizations as well as community members.</p> <p>The survey was conducted by 243 community volunteers, Partnership members, Durham County Department of Public Health staff, and Duke Health staff. 612 resident surveys were completed in county wide or Hispanic/Latinx neighborhood samples. 117 authors contributed to writing the 532-page 2020 Community Health Assessment.</p> <p>Key findings include the following: Racial and ethnic disparities exist across nearly all health outcomes. Structural racism and historical policies such as redlining, immigration laws and segregation are causes of health disparities. Issues are linked: for example, housing issues are also access to care and food insecurity issues. Top ways to better support communities such as transportation, crime reduction, physical activity infrastructure, affordable housing, access to care, education system improvements and stronger communication and outreach to</p>	

<p><i>Jeff Howell, Racial Equity Successes</i></p>	<p>community could also address some issues that impact quality of life and top health concerns. The majority of residents feel safe where they live in Durham.</p> <p>The top 5 health priorities in Durham county are affordable housing, access to healthcare and insurance, poverty, mental health, and obesity, diabetes, and food access. Community listening sessions are being conducted now. These are opportunities to hear community members' experiences/feedback on the health priorities.</p> <p>New aspects of the 2020 Community Health Assessment include intentional framing around equity, a chapter on climate change, focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, and community involvement from beginning to end.</p> <p>The 2020 Community Health Assessment and Executive Summaries (in English and Spanish) or available on the Partnership website.</p> <p>All committees have been asked by the Racial Equity Task Force embed the racial equity principles in their work as a gateway to build this into all aspects of our work. We are focused on better integrating these principles and keeping equity at the center of our work. Community members can expect racial equity and transparency at the core of Partnership conversations.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Jobs and Shots at 715 N Hoover Rd. Durham, NC 10am-2pm Saturday, July 24, 2021.</p> <p>The Lincoln Community Health Center with the Office of Health Equity at the Duke Cancer Institute with host a men's health screening Saturday, September 25, 2021 8am-12pm. This is ideally from men over age 40 but will be services available for men under age 40.</p> <p>UNC and NC SEAL alliance are giving a webinar on returning to school and vaccines. Webinar: COVID-19: Kids, Variants, and Do I Really Still Have to Wear this Mask? Jul 27, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Timehttps://zoom.us/webinar/register/8716252067054/WN_zlUHrkyrRKuuXNyoPyiugA</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>April 21, 2021- noon to 1:00 pm</p>	

