Trends - Our Metrics

We are looking at a combination of metrics over the last 14 days.

- COVID-like syndromic cases
- Lab-confirmed cases
- Positive tests as a percentage of total tests
- Hospitalizations

We are also looking at our capacity for testing, tracing and personal protective equipment.
The percent of visits to the Emergency Department for COVID-like illness is **declining**.
Trends
Trajectory of Cases
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Trajectory of Cases from 7/1

From 7/1, new cases from in North Carolina are stable.
The trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests is stable.
Trends
Trajectory of Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations are **declining.**
Where We Are Today

**Trends**
- Trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases
- Trajectory of cases
- Trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests
- Trajectory of hospitalizations

**Capacity**
- Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Personal Protective Equipment
Safer At Home Phase 2.5
Friday, September 4 at 5 pm
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Here’s what will change:

• Limits on mass gatherings will increase to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.

• Playgrounds will be allowed to open.
• Museums and aquariums can open at 50 percent capacity.

  Gyms and other indoor exercise facilities can open at
  • 30 percent capacity.
• The age requirement for mask wearing will include children down to age 5.

• Capacity limits at restaurants and personal care businesses like hair and nail salons will stay the same.
Some places will remain closed:

- Bars
- Nightclubs
- Movie theaters
- Indoor entertainment
- Amusement parks
Large venues will still be subject to the mass gathering limits.

We know that big gatherings are among the most dangerous settings for transmission.
The 11 pm curfew on alcohol sales at restaurants has been extended to **October 2**.