Trends - Our Metrics

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

- COVID-like syndromic cases
- 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 **increasing**.
Trends
Trajectory of Cases
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Trajectory of Cases from 9/23

From 9/23, new cases in North Carolina are increasing.
The trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests is **slightly increasing**.
Hospitalizations are increasing.
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
COVID-19 County Alert System Metrics

**Case Rate**
Number of new cases in 14 days per 100,000 people

**Percent Positive**
Percent of tests that are positive over 14 days

**Hospital Impact**
A composite score based on:
- percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations
- COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department
- staffed open hospital beds
- critical staffing shortages over 14 days
COVID-19 County Alert System color tiers:

- **Red**
  Critical Community Spread

- **Orange**
  Substantial Community Spread

- **Yellow**
  Significant Community Spread