

Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness Task Force Background Materials – Meeting 2

Meeting Theme and Context

This meeting will focus on identification of the disease outbreak and lessons learned during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic (January – March/April 2020). We also plan to incorporate discussion related to the recent surge in cases.

General

New York Times: [Helping Drug Users Survive, Not Abstain: ‘Harm Reduction’ Gains Federal Support](#)

New York Times: [A Timeline of the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

New England Journal of Medicine: [COVID-19 – Navigating the Uncharted](#)

New York Times: [Catching Up With One of the First Covid Patients to Be Put on a Ventilator](#)

The Atlantic: [How the Pandemic Now Ends](#)

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: [COVID-19 Projections](#)

North Carolina

2020

News & Observer: [CDC reports first coronavirus case in North Carolina](#)

News & Observer: [NC governor declares state of emergency as state deals with coronavirus](#)

News & Observer: [How has North Carolina been hit by COVID-19? Let’s look at the numbers.](#)

News & Observer: [Gov. Roy Cooper orders NC bars and restaurants closed, new help for unemployed](#)

News & Observer: [Community transmission of coronavirus is now ‘widespread’ in NC. What does that mean?](#)

NC Health News: [COVID-19 prompts a shift to telehealth](#)

News & Observer: [Coronavirus shuts NC schools for the academic year, but virtual learning continues](#)

ABC11: [Here are the 3 phases of Gov. Roy Cooper's reopening plan](#)

2021

UNC Kenan Institute: [Venture-backed vs. Main Street: A Widening Business Gap](#)

News & Observer: [COVID-19 hospitalizations in NC continue to mount; almost 5,000 new cases reported](#)

South Carolina

2020

The State: [Here’s how South Carolina is preparing for a potential coronavirus outbreak](#)

The State: [What would change if the coronavirus outbreak is officially declared a pandemic?](#)

The State: [Gov. McMaster: SC not changing coronavirus plan after WHO declares pandemic](#)

The State: [Gov. McMaster closes all SC public schools through March as coronavirus cases rise](#)

The State: [To keep seniors safe at home, Medicare expands telemedicine](#)

The State: [Gov. McMaster orders restaurants to close in-house dining because of Coronavirus](#)

The Post and Courier: [COVID-19's effects on businesses have varied. Here's how SC's top private employers are doing](#)

2021

WLTX News: [A look at South Carolina businesses since the pandemic started](#)

The State: [Let parents make decision whether to mask their child in school, SC Gov. McMaster says](#)

Background Materials – Meeting 1

General

[COVID-19 and the Carolinas Part I](#)

[COVID-19 and the Carolinas Part II](#)

[COVID-19 and the Carolinas Part III](#)

[COVID-19 and the Carolinas Part IV](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: [Public Health Emergency Support Functions](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency: [Emergency Management in the United States](#)

North Carolina Medical Journal: [COVID-19 and the Drivers of Health](#)

North Carolina

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan Summary](#) (additional information linked [here](#))

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control: [COVID-19 Dashboards](#)

[South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan](#)