

Beaufort County Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Health Department Conference Room

Call to Order:

The Beaufort County Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice-Chair, Jessica Triche, MD.

Members Present:

- Christ Padgett, OD
- Robert Belcher, Member-at-large
- Hood Richardson, County Commissioner
- Jessica Triche, MD, Physician
- Sheila Slade, RN
- Marty Poffenbuger, DVM
- Angela Biggs, PharmD

Members Absent:

- David Howdy, DDS
- Stewart Ham, Member-at-large
- Mark Roy, Engineer
- Joe Hooker, Member-at-large

Quorum Present

Staff present:

- JaNell Octigan, Health Director
- Meredith Mobley, Communicable Disease Nurse
- Stacey Harris, Environmental Health
- Pam Brinn, Certified Nurse Midwife

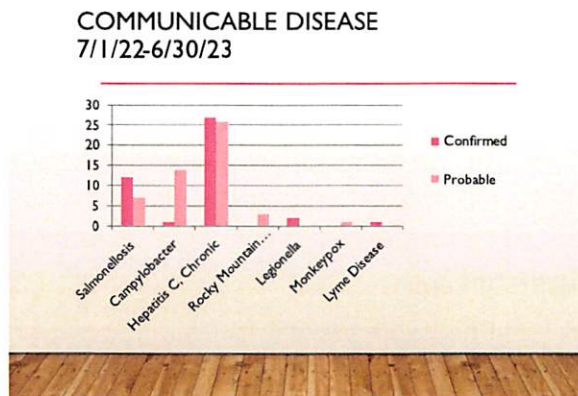
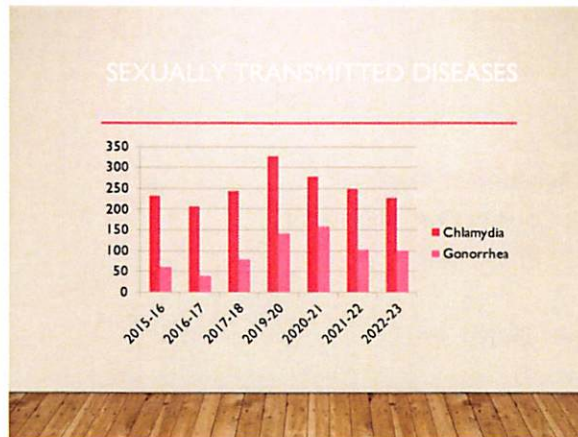
Public Comments: None

Training/Board Education:

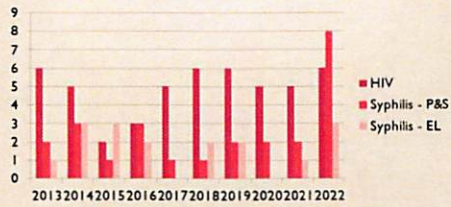
Communicable Disease Report:

FY 2022-2023 Annual Communicable Disease Report presented by Meredith Mobley, Communicable Disease Nurse (Slides 4-15). Meredith presented on COVID-19, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Communicable Diseases, Rabies, and Tuberculosis. The COVID presentation included the current process with outbreak/cluster reporting to the state and vaccinations offered in the general clinic. Meredith provided the Board with Sexually

Transmitted Infection statistics for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV, and Syphilis) and other reported communicable diseases from the review period. JaNell talked about the Health Department's outreach testing, which includes HIV, Hep C, and Syphilis. Dr. Triche spoke of PrEP, HIV prevention medication to reduce the risk of HIV infection. JaNell informed the Board that PrEP is available at the Health Department. Hood Richardson asked about the number of animal bites reported and how many tested positive for rabies. Meredith Mobley and JaNell reported that there had not been any cases of rabies resulting from these incidents. Robert Belcher asked about any malaria incidence in the county, and JaNell and Meredith denied any cases.



HIV + SYPHILIS



HIV STATS

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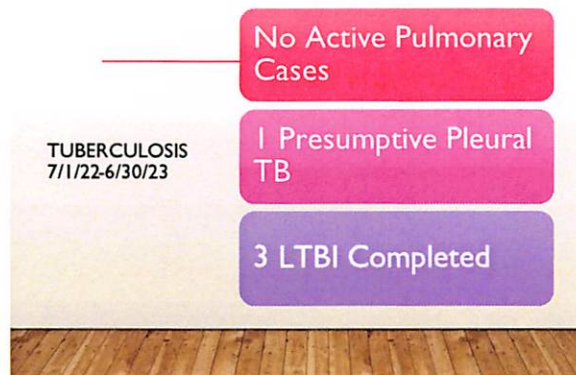
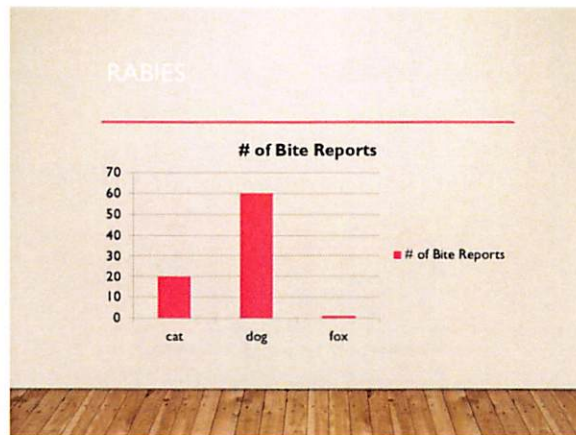
WHAT IS NORTH CAROLINA DOING TO DECREASE HIV?

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 Local health departments and other providers are working to offer Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV. For more information about PrEP, visit <https://www.med.unc.edu/hc/prep/>.



Old Business:

- Approval of the Board of Health minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. Jessica Triche asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. Chris Padgett made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Angela Biggs provided a second to the motion, which passed with all in favor.

New Business:

- **Upcoming Board Appointments:** JaNell reviewed the names of the Board members due for reappointment.
 - Sheila Slade, Angela Biggs, and Steward Ham have agreed to serve another term.
 - Terms Ending: Robert Belcher, Christ Padgett, and Marty Poffenberger. Several suggestions were made for replacements, and JaNell will contact these people to determine their interest in serving on the Board.

- **Board of Health Policy Review:** Angela Biggs motioned to accept the policy review with no revisions or edits. Chris Padgett provided a second to the motion, which passed with all in favor. Policies reviewed and approved were:
 - Adoption of Rules
 - Addressing Performance Issues
 - Appeals Process
 - Public Participation
 - Delegation of Duties
 - Conflict of Interest
- **Fee Revisions:** JaNell presented a schedule revision for a postpartum care fee increase from \$202.00 to \$311.00 (CPT Code 59430). Angela Biggs motioned to accept the fee increase, with Dr. Poffenberger providing a second to the motion, which passed with all in favor. A second fee revision was presented by Stacey Harris, Environmental Health, because of changes to NC Law 2023-90 which will result in an engineered option permit fee of \$35 (filing fee) and several newly added fees for different private permitting options, including AOWE permit fee of \$35 (filing fee); Improvement permit fee \$150; Construction authorization fee of \$50; and an Improvement permit/construction authorization (combined single submittal) fee of \$110. These fees will be effective September 1, 2023, per NC law. Chris Padgett motioned to accept the fee revisions for Environmental Health, with Robert Belcher providing a second, which passed with all in favor.
- **Budget Amendments**
 JaNell requested Board approval for the following budget amendments:
 - \$132,764 Regional ARPA Workforce Funding
 - \$250 National Survey of Syringe Service Program
 - \$5,207 WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Funding
 - \$1,300 NC Minority Diabetes Prevention Program
 Chris Padgett provided a motion to accept the budget amendments, with Angela Biggs providing a second, which passed with all in favor.

Financial Reports:

Two financial reports were shared with the Board.

- Approved FY24 budge total is \$5,082,433.
- Aged Account Summary as of 7/2023

Health Director's updates:

JaNell gave the following updates:

- COVID-19 vaccine updates as of 06/15/2023, including the number of COVID cases, testing, and inpatient hospital status (Slides 21-23)
- Pertussis Outbreak in Northeastern NC
 - July 10th – we received a memo regarding a pertussis outbreak in Northeastern NC among a predominately unvaccinated religious community.

- There are 5+ confirmed cases amongst the following counties: Northampton, Hertford, Hyde, Franklin
- First Pertussis outbreak in NE NC since 2013
- Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a vaccine-preventable respiratory disease that is highly contagious and spread through contact with respiratory droplets.
- Persons at greatest risk of poor outcomes are: Infants, Pregnant women in the 3rd trimester, Persons with pre-existing condition that may be exacerbated by a pertussis infection
- Memo was sent to all our partners and providers
- June 22nd – Community in Action event
- June 20th – Opioid Settlement Community Discussion event

Robert Belcher discussed previously presented stats on the county's health. He previously inquired about forming a task force to address the high prevalence of disease in the county. Robert Belcher asked the Board to take the statistics seriously. JaNell stated that there will be funding opportunities that BC360 is going to try and receive to help address these health issues and create sustainable programs and outreach that would help improve health in Beaufort County. JaNell also responded that the Community Health workers, through the task force, help extend education and services throughout the county regarding disease and disease prevention.

Adjournment of Meeting:

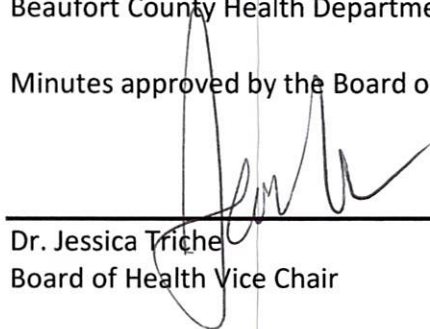
The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm with Angela Biggs monitoring the meeting to be adjourned, and Sheila Slade provided the section to the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by:



Pam Brinn, CNM, PEII
Beaufort County Health Department

Minutes approved by the Board of Health on September 19, 2023



Dr. Jessica Triche
Board of Health Vice Chair



Board of Health

July 18th, 2023

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Old Business

- May 16, 2023 – Approval of minutes

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Training/Education

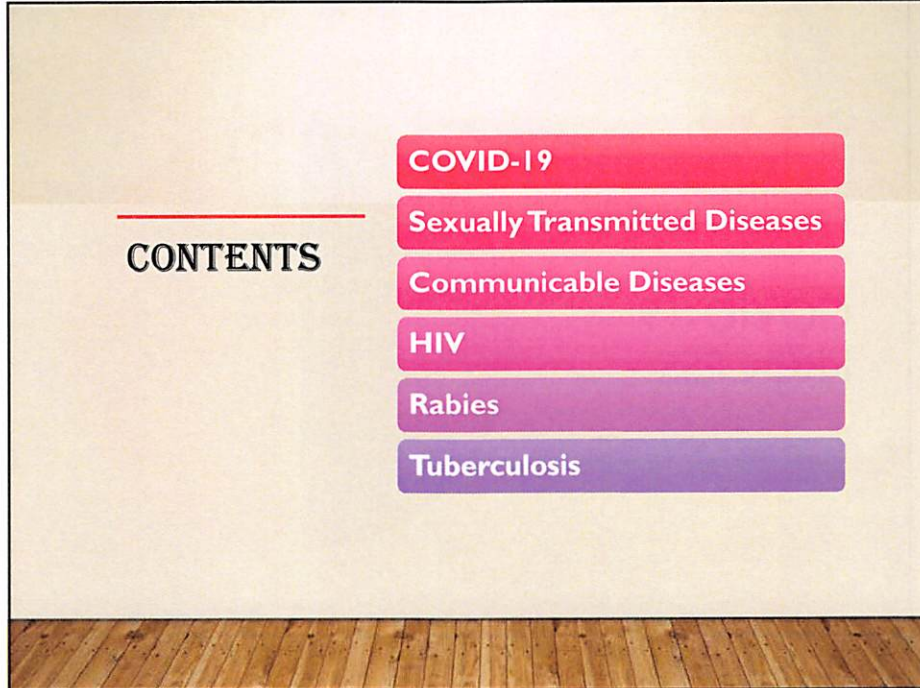
- Annual Communicable Disease Report
Meredith Mobley, RN
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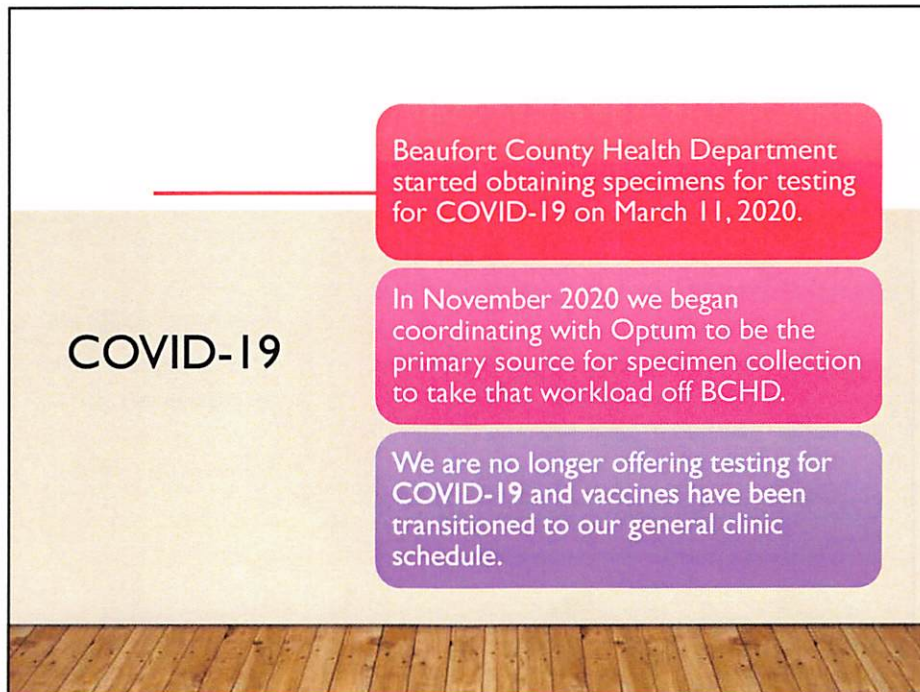
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT 7/1/22-6/30/23

BEAUFORT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MEREDITH MOBLEY, BSN, RN
CD/TB COORDINATOR

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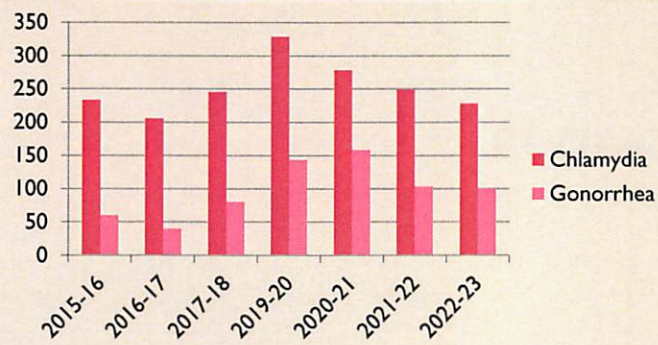
COVID-19 PROCESS

We are reporting outbreaks and clusters to the state as they arise.

We are no longer conducting interviews on individual cases or contact tracing.

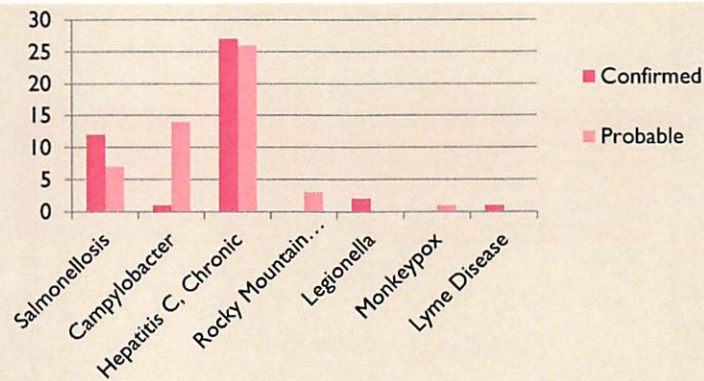
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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES



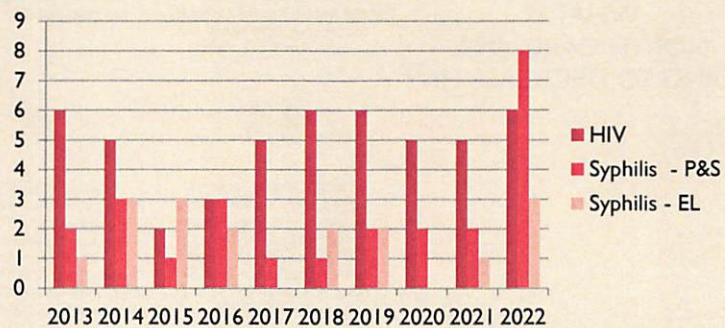
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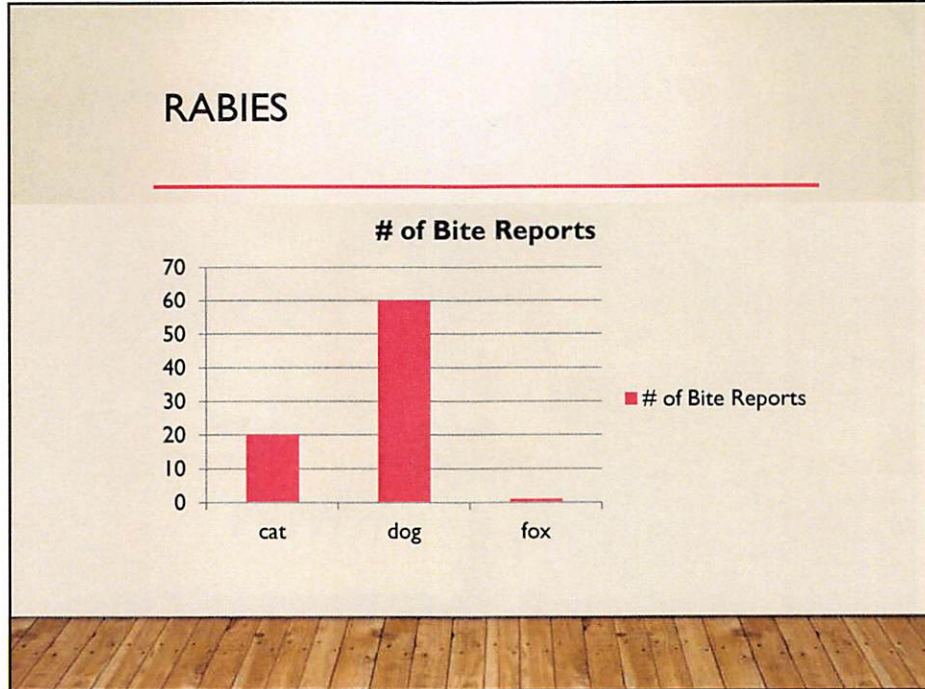


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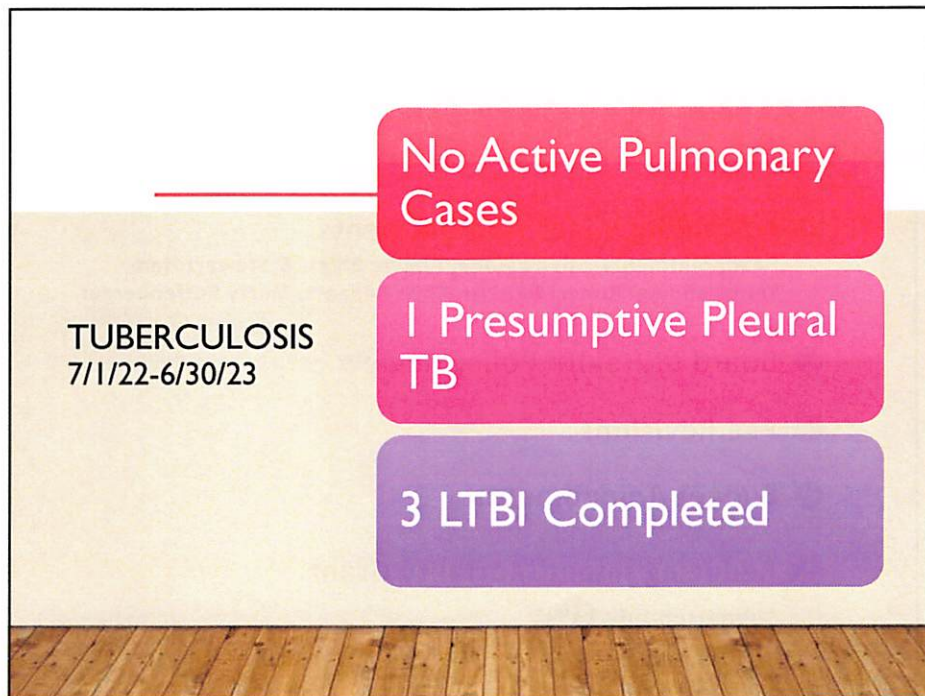


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New Business

- Upcoming Board Appointments
Reappointments: Shelia Slade, Angela Biggs, & Stewart Ham
Terms Ending: Robert Belcher, Chris Padgett, Marty Poffenberger
- Board of Health Policy Review
- Fee Revisions
- Budget Amendments
- Reducing Infant Mortality Grant
Submitted July 14th

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FY 2024 Fee Schedule Revisions

CPT	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
59430	Postpartum Care (only)	\$202.00	\$311.00

Effective July 1, 2023, NC Medicaid has increased the Medicaid rate for Maternal Bundled Payments for pregnancy care. This was a requirement of Senate Bill 20.

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Fee Revision

Due to changes in NC Session Law 2023-90, one of our existing fees is required to change by law. The following is the modification to an existing fee:

Service	Fee
Engineered Option Permit	\$35 (filing fee)

The following are newly added fees for different Private Permitting Options. These fees are established in the session law:

Service	Fee
AOWE Permit	\$35 (filing fee)
(a2) Improvement Permit	\$150 (100% of traditional IP)
(a2) Construction Authorization	\$50 (40% of traditional CA)
(a2)Improvement Permit/Construction Authorization (combination single submittal)	\$110 (40% of traditional IP/CA)

These fees are effective September 1st, 2023 per session law.



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Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- *Approved Budget \$5,082,433*



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Aged Accounts (as of 07/2023)

	<30	60	90	>120
Patient Pay	\$6,932.64	\$12,649.73	\$3,566.72	\$30,699.28
Insurance	\$8,644.50	\$4,149.00	\$1,150.50	\$948.00
Medicaid	\$9,448.64	\$927.50	\$215.00	\$226.00
Debt Setoff				\$97,971.41
Total \$177,528.92	\$25,025.78	\$17,726.23	\$4,932.22	\$129,844.69



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COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

•June 15th, 2023 - independent experts on the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee met to discuss a change to the current vaccine strain composition of COVID19, necessary for the 23-24 fall/winter season.

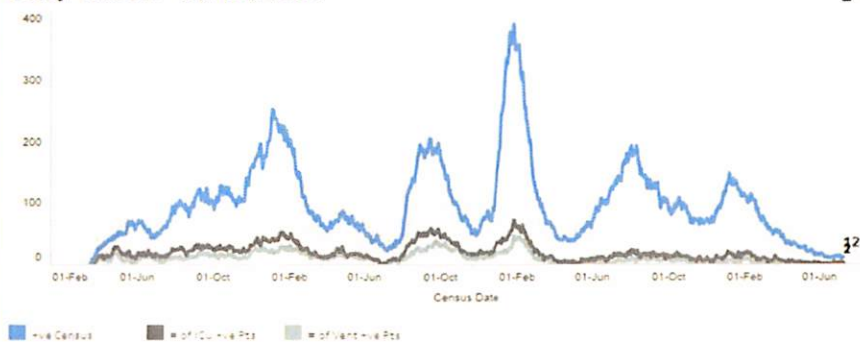
- Advised manufactures planning to offer COVID19 vaccines that they should develop vaccines with a monovalent XBB.1.5 composition.
- Anticipated availability of such vaccines mid to late September 2023
- These will likely be the first COVID19 vaccines available directly from the manufacturers as part of the commercial market
- Still awaiting full authorization and recommendation action by FDA and CDC



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COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Daily Census - IP, ICU, Vent

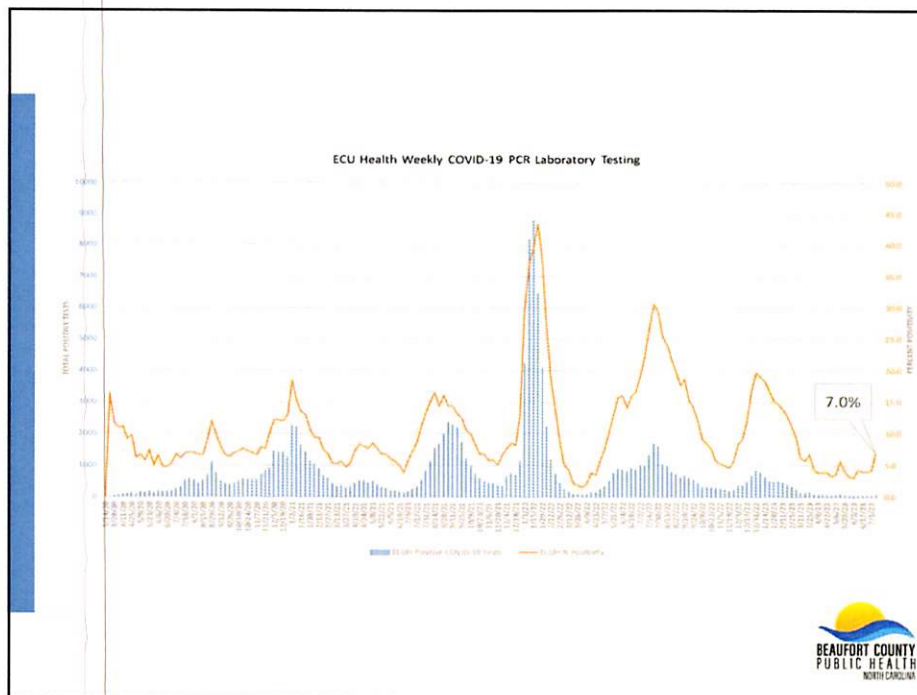


This chart is daily total number ECU Health COVID-19 patients hospitalized.

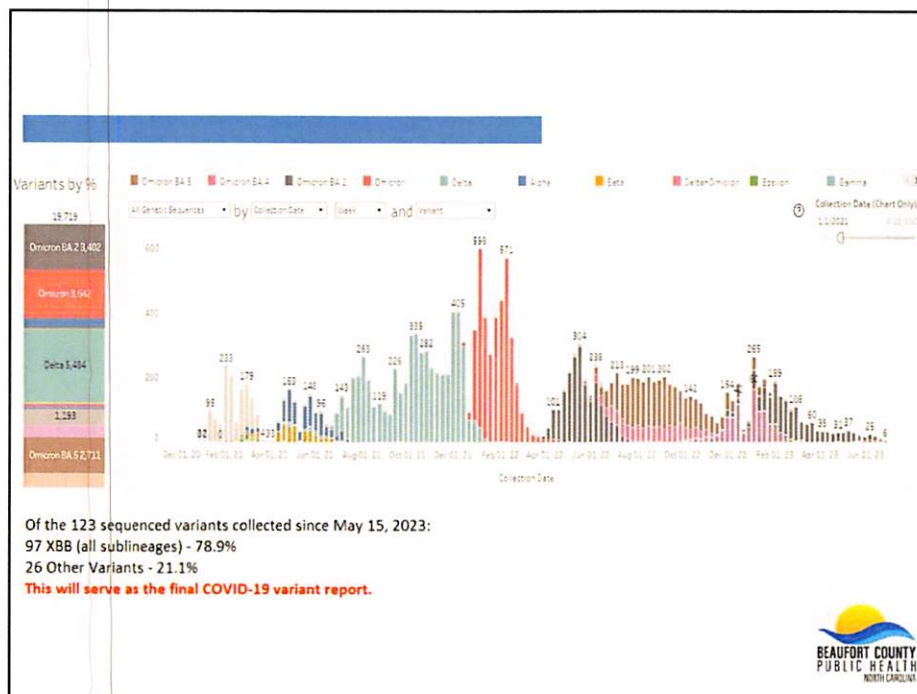
12 Inpatients
2 in ICU
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