2025 SOTCH Report

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Progress on CHIP

All Caswell County priorities are addressed in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Click on the links below for progress made in 2025.

Priority #1: Structured Activities for Youth

Youth Council

Trauma Informed Community Building Youth

Education Collaborative

Sense of Belonging

Academic Readiness

Non-School Hours

Technology

Priority #2: Improved Race Relations

Trauma Informed Community Building General

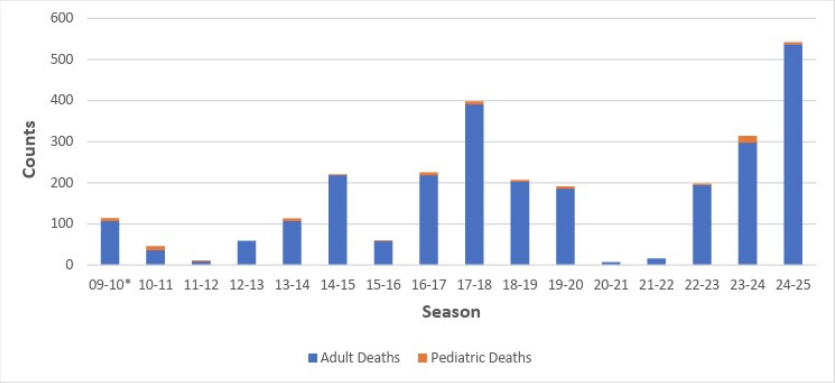
Morbidity and Mortality Changes Since Last CHA

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services released the 2024-2025 NC Respiratory Disease Annual Report. This report includes Influenza, RSV, COVID and other respiratory viruses, but we are only highlighting influenza. For more detailed information this report can be found at: NC Respiratory Diseases Annual Report 24-25

Below are the changes from this past influenza season.

During the 2024-2025 flu season there were 542 associated deaths, this was the highest number reported statewide since 2009 (see below for a visual) In comparison the 2023-2024 flu season had 319 deaths.

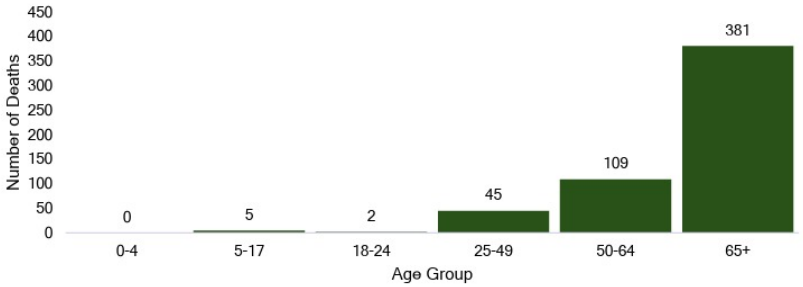
Influenza Associated Deaths Reported in North Carolina per Season, 2009-2025



*Broad reporting of flu-associated deaths started after 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

The graph below breaks down the 542 deaths by age. Those 65 and older had more deaths combined (381) than the total number of deaths the previous year (23-24 =319).

Influenza Associated Deaths Reported in North Carolina by Age Group, 24-25



Importance to Caswell County: The vulnerable population, specifically those 65 and older, make up 23.1% of the total population. This estimates to about 5,168 people of the total 22,404 population in Caswell County. US Census Bureau 2024 Estimates . The 65+ vulnerable population has increased from 22% as noted in the 2023 CHA.

Emerging Issues Since Last CHA

Measles has been a growing concern in Public Health the past year. Currently North Carolina has 17 cases. Nash County is the closest County to Caswell. The following table breaks down vaccination status and age groups based on these cases.

Cases by Vaccination Status

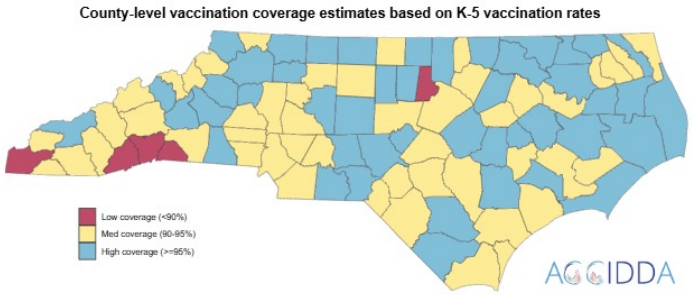
Vaccination Status*	Percent of Cases
Unvaccinated/unknown	71%
One dose of the MMR vaccine	29%
Two doses of the MMR vaccine	0%

*Depending on someone's age and risk level, one dose may be considered up to date

Cases by Age Group

Age Group	Number of Cases
17 and younger	15
18 and older	2
Total	17

Caswell County has an estimated 94% measles vaccination rate in students K-5. Comparison with the whole state can be seen in the picture below.



New/Paused/Discontinued Initiatives Since Last CHA

- NEW: Caswell County Opioid Committee
  - This committee was formed by the Caswell County Board of Commissioners (BOC) to provide guidance and recommendations on the planning, distribution and oversight of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to the county.
  - Purpose:
    - Advise the BOC on strategies that align with the NC Memorandum of Agreement regarding the use of settlement funds.
    - Ensure funds are directed toward evidence based programs and strategies for prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery.
    - Promote transparency and accountability in the management of settlement funds.
  - Key Partners: Department of Social Services, EMS, Law Enforcement, Solid Waste, Health Department, Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Collaborative, Caswell Family Medical Center, Starting Point, Caswell County Schools and Piedmont Community College.