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Work Session - Tuesday, January 11 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

You will be receiving information on joining the WebEx Events session on Monday; staff will be available to assist with log ins and joining the virtual City Council meeting.

INFORMATION:

Citizens Annual Financial Report

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Finance staff has prepared and, in collaboration with Communications, published the Citizens' Annual Financial Report for FY21, which concluded June 30, 2021. This report provides interested parties with a user-friendly overview of the City's financial results and is produced to increase awareness of the City's financial operations. The financial information is obtained from the audited financial statements in the FY21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), or annual report. The Citizens' Annual Financial Report is intended to serve as a condensed communication tool to highlight the overall financial condition and trends of the City government, strategic planning initiatives, recent accolades, and other demographics of interest.

This edition also features a spotlight article on the Office of Sustainability and the initiative to establish Raleigh's first Community Climate Action plan.

The Citizens' Annual Financial Report is prepared to meet specific requirements as outlined by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The City annually participates in the GFOA Award Program for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting. Staff has achieved the award for the report on an annual basis since FY12 and has applied to the Award Program again for the FY21 report.

The published report can be accessed on the City's website at:

<https://raleighnc.gov/services/government/citizens-annual-financial-report>.

The report will also be made available on various social media platforms.

(No attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

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Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the January 4 City Council Meeting

COVID-19 Local Hospitalizations (Council Member Buffkin)

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During the meeting staff provided an update for Council related to the status of the COVID-10 pandemic. During discussion staff was asked to research current local hospitalization rates in light of the recent dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases in the United States.

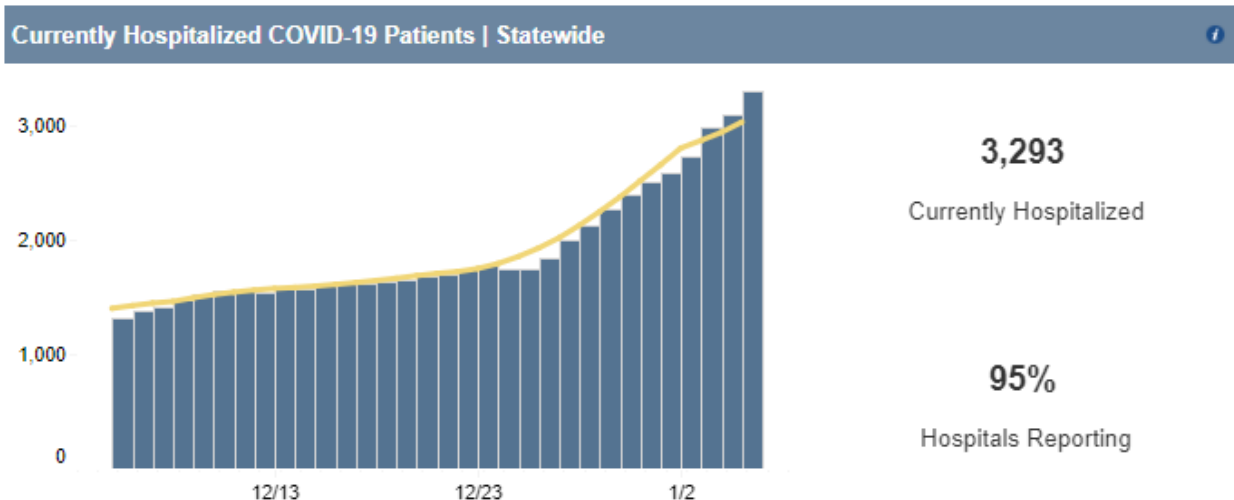
Wake County, along with Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, and Lee counties, is part of the CapRAC, or the Capital Region Healthcare Preparedness Coalition. Since the beginning of December, CapRAC has seen an increase in hospitalized patients with COVID-19 from approximately 70 individuals to 237 as of January 6th. Similar increases can be seen in adult COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations, from about 20 patients to 46.

Local hospitals have noted that emergency rooms are experiencing backups because of an influx of patients with mild symptoms, as well as those looking for COVID-19 testing. Hospital leaders are urging individuals to only visit the ER in true emergency situations and are directing people to local testing locations when appropriate. A compounding factor adding to hospital strain is that a number of hospital staff are out of work due to having COVID-19 themselves.

Both locally and nationally, hospital admissions have increased in the last week, but still fall short of the peak a year ago, when the vast majority of the U.S. was unvaccinated. Deaths have been stable, also well below the all-time high last January. Public health experts suspect that these factors reflect the vaccine's continued effectiveness at preventing serious illness, even against the omicron variant, as well as the possibility that omicron does not make most people as sick as previous variants.

The graphics from NCDHHS below reflect statewide hospitalizations in the last month, as well as a broader overview of hospital severity trends (patients in ICU and on ventilators) since September 2021. Triangle J Council of Governments, which serves as the regional planning organization for local government agencies in our area, predicts that cases and subsequently hospitalizations will continue to increase through January. Medical demand projections for Wake County and surrounding counties can be found in the last graphic. Note that hospitalization projections are based on a March 2020 CDC report and state reports of cases, and do not necessarily reflect the severity of the current prevalent variant.

Local hospitals have surge plans in place should they exceed capacity. City staff will continue to work with Wake County Public Health, NCDHHS, and hospital leaders to provide support if needed.



Percent of Adult COVID-19 Patients in NC in ICU:

Weekly COVID-19 Hospital Severity Trend | Statewide



Percent of Adult COVID-19 Patients in NC on a Ventilator:

Weekly COVID-19 Hospital Severity Trend | Statewide



Medical Demand Projections:

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:			Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] (Ventilator) For:											
	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/11				1/18				1/25			
Chatham	7,988	8,063	8,107	8,734	(1,747)	{419}	{210}	9,657	(1,931)	{464}	{232}	10,970	(2,194)	{527}	{263}
Durham	41,185	41,793	42,344	49,105	(9,821)	{2,357}	{1,179}	61,313	(12,263)	{2,943}	{1,472}	81,552	(16,310)	{3,915}	{1,957}
Johnston	37,603	37,945	38,197	40,945	(8,189)	{1,965}	{983}	44,918	(8,984)	{2,156}	{1,078}	50,382	(10,076)	{2,418}	{1,209}
Lee	10,511	10,600	10,658	11,405	(2,281)	{547}	{274}	12,559	(2,512)	{603}	{301}	14,256	(2,851)	{684}	{342}
Moore	15,482	15,612	15,680	16,763	(3,353)	{805}	{402}	18,392	(3,678)	{883}	{441}	20,765	(4,153)	{997}	{498}
Orange	14,238	14,424	14,579	16,471	(3,294)	{791}	{395}	19,614	(3,923)	{941}	{471}	24,723	(4,945)	{1,187}	{593}
Wake	161,309	164,130	166,012	197,330	(39,466)	{9,472}	{4,736}	252,663	(50,533)	{12,128}	{6,064}	340,776	(68,155)	{16,357}	{8,179}
TJCOG	288,315	292,567	295,577	340,753	(68,151)	{16,356}	{8,178}	419,116	(83,823)	{20,118}	{10,059}	543,424	(108,685)	{26,084}	{13,042}

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, January 7 – Thursday, January 13

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Illuminate Art Walk](#)

Downtown Raleigh

Friday, January 7

Event Time: 5:00pm - Midnight

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the installations. Market Plaza will be used until 5:00pm on 1-15-22. The off-street, east-side portion of City Plaza will be used until 11:00pm on 1-6-22.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, January 7

Downtown Raleigh

[Hurricanes vs. Flames](#)

Friday, January 7

PNC Arena

[NC State vs. Clemson](#)

Saturday, January 8

PNC Arena

[Hurricanes vs. Panthers](#)

Saturday, January 8

PNC Arena

[Public Listening Session: City Council Terms and Compensation](#)

Monday, January 10

Virtual

[Environmental Lecture Series: The Fermi Paradox – Why E.T. Can't Phone Home](#)

Monday, January 10

Virtual

[2022 Small Business Recovery Grant Workshop](#)

Tuesday, January 11

Virtual

Public Resources

[Pilot Text Alert Program](#): Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure and Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.