

Phase 2 COVID-19 Restrictions To Remain On Place For Another 5 Weeks

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Governor Roy Cooper has ordered North Carolina to remain Phase 2 COVID-19 pandemic restrictions for another 5 weeks as students and staff return to schools, colleges and universities and the state doubles down on efforts to decrease COVID-19 numbers. "Other states that lifted restrictions quickly have had to go backward as their hospital capacity ran dangerously low and their cases jumped higher. We will not make that mistake in North Carolina," said Governor Cooper. "In keeping with our dimmer switch approach with schools opening, and in order to push for decreasing numbers which will keep people healthier and boost our economy, North Carolina will remain paused in Safer At Home Phase 2 for 5 weeks."

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services shared an update on North Carolina's data trends. Dr. Cohen explained that while some of North Carolina's numbers have mostly leveled, any progress is fragile as other states have shown with sudden and devastating surges in viral spread.

"While overall we are seeing signs of stability, we still have much work to do. Our recent trends show us what is possible when we commit to slowing the spread by wearing face coverings and following those simple but powerful 3Ws," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D.