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Good Afternoon Transit Partners,

Welcome to another weekly Transit to Vaccine Digest.

Important Information: Ride United NC

We wanted to give you a heads up on a new partnership between Lyft, United Way, and Blue Cross NC called Ride United NC that will be announced very soon. The Ride United NC program, funded primarily through private contributions, will provide free Lyft rides statewide for trips to/from vaccine appointments starting in early April 2021. NCDOT has been involved in program development on a limited basis and will be announced as a program partner. The press release and other communications about Ride United NC will clarify that this program is supplemental to the great work NC transit agencies are already doing to enhance access to the vaccine.

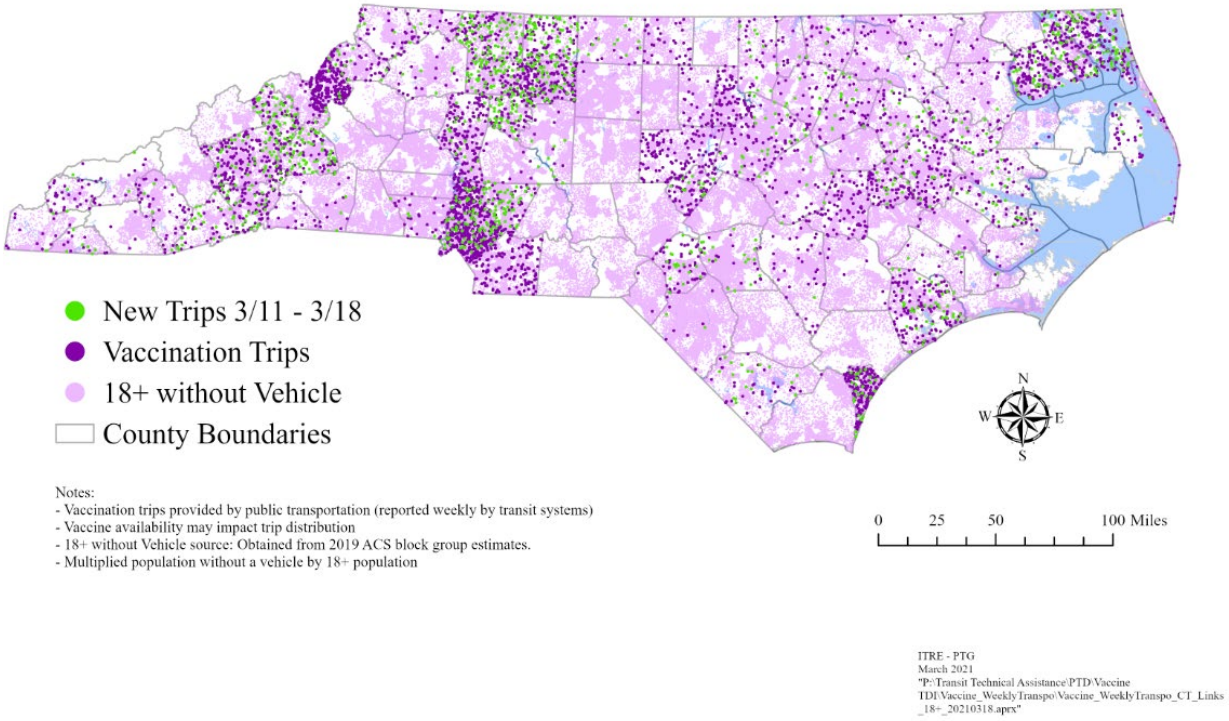
There are two ways that eligible individuals will be able to access transportation to coronavirus vaccines through Ride United NC, beginning in early-April:

1. Through local nonprofits: United Ways across North Carolina will work with local community-based organizations to identify nonprofits that serve communities of color, seniors, and the underinsured. These organizations will help educate individuals about the vaccination process and provide ride codes that can be used to access transportation to already scheduled appointments.
2. Through a dedicated call center: Dedicated call specialists will be able to schedule roundtrip transportation for individuals without access to or understanding of Lyft's rideshare technology, those without bank accounts, and seniors. All individuals must still have pre-scheduled coronavirus vaccine appointments to be eligible for a ride.

IMD will provide further detail on collaborative opportunities with systems and details as the Ride United NC program launches. Please consider this program as a potential supplemental resource to help your customers in the event you are not able to meet increasing demand in later phases of the vaccine rollout. We will provide additional information, including a central call center number, once it is announced for the project.

Weekly Wins*

Number of Vaccine Trips Provided Compared to Estimated Need



Since the beginning of the T2V efforts, **68 Transit Systems** have provided over **5,476 Trips** and traveled over **44,121 miles** to provide transportation to **3,667** people for vaccinations.

192 Dedicated Vehicle Days have been provided.

**Non-map data from Weekly Data survey through Tuesday, March 23, 2021*

System Spotlight: Orange County Public Transportation and Rutherford County Transit

This week we'd like to update you on two systems with unique approaches to helping their citizens get vaccinated.

Orange County Public Transportation, in collaboration with the Orange County Health Department, has provided trips to various vaccination sites throughout the County using its new Mobility on Demand (M.O.D.) vans. They have provided vaccination trips to local hospitals, clinics, community centers, and pop-up sites. To date, OCPT has reported providing 20 trips, covering over 194 miles. This is just the beginning of their effort, as they are poised and ready to provide more trips as more vaccine dosages become available to the community. Congratulations on providing a new approach to serving your citizens!

Rutherford County Transit recently shared a successful initiative they have created in partnership with their local health department. At a local vaccine site, the health department created a special express lane exclusively for transit. As their marketing and need increases, they will both be well prepared to serve their citizens quickly together. Way to go Rutherford County for finding a way for transit riders to be vaccinated quickly!

Weekly Data and Claims Reminder

Reporting Hall of Fame

Shout out to the following systems, who have consistently submitted their data. Thank you for your dedication to communicating successes:

- Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave) – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- GoWake – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- Hoke County – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- McDowell County – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- Mecklenburg County – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- Union County – 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- Madison County - 11 reports (all reporting weeks)
- Avery County – 10 reports
- High Point Transit – 10 reports

Remember, even if you have no rides, please still submit a data report for the week.

General

Transit Systems, please remember to submit your weekly data survey by end of day on Tuesdays. The requested information helps our team understand resource and funding needs and communicate those needs and successes.
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Additional Information

Don't forget all the good info on our Website! : https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/Transportation-COVID-19-Vaccine-Sites.aspx

Thank you!

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