

Notes for Friday Conference Call, August 7, 2020

Status: 1274 [up from 1128] cases in Chatham; 52 deaths [up from 47] [You can get the most recent figures at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>]

Good morning, I hope all is well with you. This is our 21st call.

As we normally do, we'll pause a minute to think about the frontline heroes who are helping protect and otherwise serve us during this COVID-19 pandemic. This includes our special guest today who is a member of our Public Health staff. This pause will also give you an opportunity to grab a pen and paper in case you want to take any notes during the call. Don't rush, we'll wait for you.

I am going to get right to our special guest today. I'm really excited about introducing you to **Nellie Benitez, who is the Lead Outreach Worker at the Chatham County Public Health Department and also a Focus on Fathers Specialist.** You may recall that on a previous Friday I mentioned that a high percentage of the COVID-19 cases in Chatham are among our Latino/Hispanic population.

I've asked Ms. Benitez to join us this morning to share what is being done to reach and assist our Latino community. First, though, Nellie, can you tell us about yourself and the position that you hold within the Health Department. Once you are done sharing, folks may have a few questions. I'm turning the call over to you.

Thanks so much Nellie for joining us today and for all you do. You are a frontline hero.

Also next week—you will be blessed to have Larry Ross again as your host. My wife and I will be traveling to Oxford, Mississippi to assist our son Matt as he moves to attend the University of Mississippi for his graduate studies. Please keep us in your thoughts as we travel to a state that right now is really having a difficult time with COVID-19.

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Now let's hear from Jackie with news about any upcoming activities. This is the end of our first week of a new monthly calendar of exciting programming.

Thanks for sharing this information and for all you do.

In honor of our Latino theme today, I am going to ask a couple of questions about our Latino population and history here in the U.S.

When was the first time Hispanic Heritage was celebrated in this country?

- 1988
- 1968** Congress authorized then-president Lyndon B. Johnson to declare National Hispanic Heritage Week for the week including the 15th and 16th of September. Later, in 1988, Congress extended the celebration to one month (from September 15 to October 15).
- 1990
- 1978

How large was our nation's self-defined Hispanic population in 2017?

- 132 million
- 50.5 million
- 1.3 million
- 58.9 million** According to the U.S. Census, the Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2017, was 58.9 million, altogether representing 18.1% of the total population.

How many states had a population of more than 1 million Hispanic residents in 2017?

- 8
- 9
- 10** According to the Census, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Texas.
- 11

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Here in Chatham, among those aged 65 and older, how many were estimated to be Hispanic or Latino as of 2018:

525

157

328 [2% of our senior population; about the same % as in NC—numbering 30,448]

1,210

How many Hispanic young men and women serve in the U.S. Army?

- 500,000
- **1.2 million** 1.2 million Hispanic young men and women 18 years or older serve in the country's army.
- 4.7 million
- 800,000

2000 marked the first time Hispanic surnames made the list of the 15 most common surnames in that year's census. Do you know which one was the most common?

- Rodríguez
- Martínez
- Hernández
- **García** García was the most common surname in the 2000 census, with 858,289 reported.

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The Hispanic population is projected to be one of the largest by 2060. That is...

- 109 million
- **119 million** According to projections, the Hispanic community will represent 28% of the total population.
- 150 million
- 175.5 million

When was the Congressional Hispanic Caucus founded?

1927

1965

1976

1984

There are 47 members of the [116th United States Congress](#) who are Latino or Hispanic Americans. 40 of these members are Representatives in the [United States House of Representatives](#), 4 of them are members of the [United States Senate](#), and the final 3 members are [territorial delegates](#).^[12] The [116th Congress](#) contains a record number of 4 Senators: [Bob Menendez](#), a [Democrat](#) from [New Jersey](#); [Marco Rubio](#), a [Republican](#) from [Florida](#); [Ted Cruz](#), a [Republican](#) from [Texas](#); and [Catherine Cortez Masto](#), a [Democrat](#) from [Nevada](#). Prior to the 21st century, only 3 Hispanic or Latino Americans had ever served in the [United States Senate](#).

As usual, we'll do a couple of trivia facts about today's date in history: August 7th:

1606--first performance of [Shakespeare](#)'s tragedy Macbeth, performed in the Great Hall at Hampton Court Palace for [King James I](#)

In 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

1929 NY Yankees slugger [Babe Ruth](#) ties MLB record by hitting grand slams in consecutive games for the second time in 13-1 win v Philadelphia A's

In 1959, the United States launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back images of Earth.

1960 - Protests Over White Only Restaurants

In Oklahoma city more than 200 black protesters had a sit-in to protest the ban on blacks eating at white-only restaurants. The protesters marched from Calvary Baptist Church to the downtown area in 90 degree temperatures. Although the group maintained a policy of non-violence, the leader Mrs. Luper decided that if the sit-in failed the next step would be a boycott of Oklahoma city businesses.

In 1971, the Apollo 15 moon mission ended successfully as its command module splashed down in the Pacific Ocean.

1990 US deploys troops to Saudi Arabia beginning [Operation Desert Shield](#)

1995 - Interactive Television

Interactive television is the buzz word in technology this year. It would allow people to order groceries, do banking, or get movies without leaving home. A few test sites have sprung up but interactive television is unlikely to go main stream soon. The Daily Herald explains, "Ameritech aimed to deliver the technology to 1 million people in [1996](#), but now is working to deliver just regular cable service to 200,000 households."

In 2000, Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman as his running mate; Lieberman became the first Jewish individual on a major party's presidential ticket.

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2007 - Barry Bonds 756th Home Run

American baseball star Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run on this day, beating the previous home run record set by Hank Aaron in 1976. Despite his success, baseball fans were skeptical of his record amid rumors of steroid use.

In 2010, Elena Kagan was sworn in as the 112th justice and fourth woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

As we always share, the Council is still working hard for you. You can call the Pittsboro or Western Center if you need assistance with food, supplies, assistive equipment, or just want a friendly call. We also have a supply of **box fans**. You know our numbers: at the Pittsboro Center, 919-542-4512, or the Western Center in Siler City at 919-742-3975.

In addition, let me remind you of a few more:

"The Hope Line," run by the NC Baptist Aging Ministry, call: 866-578-4673

"The Friendship Line," 800-971-0016.

Dementia Alliance: 919-832-3732

For those of us who may be experiencing emotional or mental health distress, you can call 855.587.3463 for support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is called the **Hope4NC Helpline**. You can also call the **Cardinal Innovations Help-line** at **275.

Also let me remind you of a few other items:

Medical rides

We are still working through Chatham Transit to schedule essential medical rides. Again, before you call us though, contact your medical provider to be sure they still want you to come to their office. If they do and you need a Chatham Transit

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ride, you can schedule through Sigi Markworth by calling 919-542-4512, ext. 222. Sigi tells me requests for rides are picking up.

Again, Chatham Transit is now requiring riders to:

1. wear a face covering (a mask, or anything covering your mouth and nose, i.e., a bandana)
2. let Chatham Transit or us know if your healthcare provider requires you to wait in the car/van before entering for your appointment.

SHIIP

All NC SHIIP/Medicare related calls are still being handled by the State SHIIP Office through their toll free line at 1-855-408-1212.

Census

Don't forget to participate in the Census. This is very important. Call [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020)! You may have heard that now all offices are scheduled to complete their work by September 30, 2020. If you have not yet participated or know of folks who have not – please promote the idea that every needs to participate—everyone needs to be counted!

Remember to wash your hands often –try not to touch your face; keep your distance from others; sanitize contact surfaces (especially if someone has entered your house). And a few more things: Stay hydrated—drink lots of water, especially as we reach warmer summer temperatures. Get plenty of sleep.

3Ws= Wear ... Wait ... Wash

Does anyone have any questions or comments? If you want to say something, just state your name first. Please try not to speak over someone who is already talking.

Thanks for sharing.

Given our focus on the Latino population today, I have chosen to end today's call with some Latino music. I hope you enjoy this.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDeTnqNn8ME>

Take good care this coming week. I know you will enjoy your time with Larry. Now here's my music choice. And hasta luego! (meaning until later)
