



# News Release

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## **COVID-19 Update** **162 Cases Over Weekend, Community Testing at VFW** **Canceled Due to Heat on Tuesday**

FAYETTEVILLE –The Department of Public Health reports 162 new COVID-19 cases and one death since Friday morning. Cumberland County's case count is now 2,011 with 48 deaths. The resident who died was in their 70s with underlying health conditions.

North Carolina remains in Phase 2 of the COVID-19 restrictions and everyone must protect yourself and others by doing the 3 Ws: WEAR a cloth covering over your nose and mouth, WAIT six feet apart and WASH your hands.

### **Community Testing canceled due to expected excessive heat warning**

Dangerously hot and humid conditions are expected in the area on Tuesday, July 21, and will mark the fifth consecutive day of heat index values more than 102 degrees.

Due to the expected sweltering conditions for July 21, Community Testing (previously referred to as Pop-Up testing) at the VFW at 161 Chance Street has been canceled.

Testing will be offered on Tuesday by the Health Department at Manna Church, 5117 Cliffdale Road. Take the [online assessment to make an appointment](#).

Officials will continue to monitor conditions for future drive-thru and community test collections. [Visit our COVID-19 Testing and Collection](#) page to find other testing locations and view testing criteria.

### **Food access during the pandemic**

Access to food remains a priority to Cumberland County Government during the COVID-19 pandemic response. The County plays an essential role in addressing food insecurity with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). WIC provides resources for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age 5 who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Most current WIC participants can expect to receive benefits without an in-person visit through the month of September. For families with a North Carolina eWIC card, WIC benefits can be added to your card remotely during an active certification period. WIC staff may call or text you to confirm information about your account

or to participate in nutrition education requirements.

If you or someone you know has been financially affected by recent events and are pregnant, just had a baby or have children younger than five, WIC is accepting applications and is here to help provide healthy foods and other resources.

Eligible families, dads, grandparents and foster parents caring for eligible children should contact WIC at 910-433-3730 to enroll. The WIC office in Fayetteville (1235 Ramsey Street) and Spring Lake (103 Laketree Blvd.) are open by appointment only. The Hope Mills location (2622 Hope Mills Road) remains closed until further notice.

### **Staying Updated**

Cumberland County has made it easy for you to stay updated on the latest information about COVID-19. You can visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#), which has a list of [COVID-19-related closures and service changes](#). The county is also sharing important information on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

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