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COVID-19 Update

2,730 Cases in Cumberland, Testing Call Center Available

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 241 new COVID-19 cases since the Monday afternoon report. Cumberland County's case count is now 2,730 with 49 deaths.

“Now is not the time to relax our mitigation measures for slowing the spread of COVID-19,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. “The message might sound repetitive, but we need everyone to hear it and put the 3Ws into their daily routine. Wear your face covering, wait 6 feet apart and wash your hands.”

Testing Call Center

The Health Department continues to partner with organizations throughout our area to provide drive-thru testing. These organizations are reporting an increase in call volume related to COVID-19. It is important for the community to understand these testing locations cannot answer questions or make appointments for COVID-19 testing.

The County has a dedicated COVID-19 call center prepared to handle calls about the Health Department's testing. Call (910) 678-7657 for assistance.

The Health Department conducts testing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Manna Church (5117 Cliffdale Rd., Fayetteville) and Thursdays at Southview Baptist Church (4089 Elk Rd., Hope Mills).

The department will not conduct testing on Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Thursday, Aug. 6, due to staff training. Health Department drive-thru testing resumes the week of Aug. 10. Visit our [Test and Collection website](#) to find other locations throughout the community.

To protect the health and safety of our staff and clients, test collection is by drive-up appointment only. You can make an appointment after completing the [Online Assessment](#). If you need assistance with the online assessment, please call (910) 678-7657.

Hurricane Prep With COVID-19 Considerations

As we enter the peak hurricane season we want to remind all residents to prepare now for a severe storm with COVID-19 considerations. Emergency shelters will look different than in years past. If you evacuate, a shelter should be your last resort. Make plans now to stay with family or friends if you need to leave your home or do research on hotels. Do not wait until disaster strikes—make plans now.

If you do go to a shelter, you will be required to wear a face mask or covering to help reduce the spread of

coronavirus. Be prepared to bring your own bedding if cots are not available. Visit readync.org for hurricane preparation tips.

New Executive Order Takes Effect Today

With actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 beginning to have impact, Governor Cooper issued [Executive Order 153](#), stopping the sale of alcoholic drinks in restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries at 11 p.m. North Carolina bars that are currently closed will remain closed. This order will take effect Friday, July 31. The order will not apply to grocery stores, convenience stores or other entities permitted to sell alcohol for off-premises consumption.

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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