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COVID-19 Update **3rd COVID-19 Death Reported, 94 Total Cases**

FAYETTEVILLE – Department of Public Health officials are reporting the third COVID-19 associated death of a Cumberland County resident.

The individual died April 14 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center from complications associated with the virus. The patient, who was in their 80s and had underlying medical conditions, was a resident of Village Green Health and Rehabilitation Center. To protect the family’s privacy, no further information about the individual will be released.

This case is among seven cases associated with the long-term care facility; five involve patients and two are staff members. The health department is coordinating testing at the facility among asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals and those assigned to a certain area.

Health officials report the center has been following the guidance from the health department, state and Centers for Disease Control, including having a single entrance to the center, instituting visitor restrictions to all except critical medical need, screening staff and visitors according to CDC guidelines, ensuring all staff wear facemasks at all times, canceling group activities and creating an isolation unit.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to this family,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. “Older adults and people with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, but anyone can have complications from the virus. We want everyone to remain engaged in preventing the spread of the virus, especially by following the stay at home order and social distancing.”

Cumberland County now has 94 cases. The Health Department is conducting contact tracing investigations and will notify any contacts who fall under the guidelines for additional monitoring and testing.

The County has created a COVID-19 Dashboard that includes a zip code map, as well as gender and racial information based on available data. The dashboard is posted on the County’s website at co.cumberland.nc.us/COVID19 and on the [Cumberland County Coronavirus Response page](#).

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