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COVID-19 Update **117 New Cases, Testing Expands**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 117 new COVID-19 cases and one additional death since the Friday report. Cumberland County's case count is now 3,647 with 56 deaths. Due to a change in data reporting, the COVID-19 updates will shift from Mondays and Fridays to Tuesdays and Fridays. Data will continue to be updated daily on the [Cumberland County COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

The resident who died was in their 70s, lived in a congregate living setting and had underlying health conditions.

COVID-19 test collection is set to expand in Cumberland County. The Health Department will continue test collection by appointment on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Manna Church (5517 Cliffdale Rd., Fayetteville) and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Southview Baptist Church (4089 Elk Rd., Hope Mills).

Expanded test collection sites begin Aug. 27:

- Aug. 27; Sept. 3; Oct. 8 and 15
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tabernacle of Miracles
2574 Hope Mills Rd., Fayetteville, NC, 28306
- Sept. 10 and 17; October 22 and 29
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Second Missionary Baptist Church
522 Old Wilmington Rd., Fayetteville NC, 28301

To protect the health and safety of our staff and clients, test collection is by drive-up appointment only (walk-ins cannot be accommodated at this time). Testing is free. Please do not call offsite testing locations for assistance. The Health Department has a dedicated COVID-19 hotline ready to assist. Call (910) 678-7657 or you can make an appointment online at co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19.

WIC is Here to Help During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Health Department encourages those who are enrolled in the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#) to use their food benefits during COVID-19 to support good nutrition for their families.

Many of the WIC beneficiaries in North Carolina have not used their full food benefits each month since March

27, when the state's initial Stay at Home Order in response to COVID-19 went into effect. Because WIC allowances do not roll over, beneficiaries lose any food balance they do not spend during a family issue month.

WIC food allowances are auto-issued each month. Families enrolled in WIC can download the Bnft® App, available in the App Store or on Google Play, and enable notifications to ensure they never miss an update to their eWIC account.

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 5, 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.

Job Retention Grant Program

Businesses and nonprofit organizations in North Carolina that have experienced interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic could qualify for up to \$250,000 from a new state grant program. The Department of Commerce is now accepting applications for the Job Retention Grant Program (JRG) through the agency's website.

To qualify for a grant award, applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements, which include:

- The applicant cannot have participated in the federal Paycheck Protection Program, the federal Main Street Loan Program, or the state Rapid Recovery Loan Program.
- The applicant must have maintained at least 90 percent of the number of full-time employees in North Carolina at the end of June 2020 as it did as the end of February 2020.
- The applicant must have had a reduction in sales (in the case of a for-profit business) or receipts (for nonprofits) of more than 10 percent when comparing March-May 2020 to March-May 2019 levels.

The Department hopes to award grants by early October. All grantees will have to comply with federal and state reporting requirements as a condition of the grant.

More information about the Job Retention Grant Program, including access to the program's online application form, can be found at the Department of Commerce website at nccommerce.com/jrg.

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.