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COVID-19 Update
165 New Cases, Percent Positive Shows Decline

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 165 new COVID-19 cases and one additional death since the Tuesday report. Cumberland County's case count is now 4,094 with 66 deaths.

Cumberland County currently has 118 cases per 10,000 residents with 7.8% of those tested returning positive for COVID-19.

According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) COVID-19 dashboard, of the 66 deaths:

- 80% were age 65 and older
- 69% were male
- 57% were African American
- 74% were hospitalized
- 88% had at least one comorbidity
- 49% lived in a congregate living setting

Turnaround Time for Test Results Improves
The average turnaround time for COVID-19 test results is now 2.1 days.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, were tested because you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, or you suspect you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you should stay home and, as much as possible, avoid others in your household. In addition, if you were tested because you have COVID-19 symptoms, everyone in your household should stay at home as much as possible until your results are known.

The most timely and efficient way to get results is to call the provider where you were tested. The Health Department will follow up with positive cases after you receive results from your provider. Each provider's method of notification is different. Some report by phone, electronic message or mail. When you are tested ask your provider how you will receive your results.

Answer the Call
The Cumberland County Department of Public Health is responsible for contact tracing after a positive case of COVID-19 is reported. Increased testing and extensive contact tracing are key to helping slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina so that we can safely return to gatherings with family and friends, sporting events, and other activities and events outside of our homes.

Individuals who have tested positive will receive a call from the Health Department. In addition, through contact tracing, people who have recently come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 will get a text message, email notification, or phone call, along with information and support to help minimize the risk of spreading the virus further. Any information you share is confidential and will remain private.

If you receive one of these notifications, please cooperate with the instructions. This will allow us to rapidly identify those who may have been exposed and quickly get them the necessary supports and resources that can help protect them and their loved ones.

See how contact tracing works in a test scenario provided by NCDHHS.

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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