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COVID-19 Update **2,975 Total Cases, Testing Pauses for Training and Severe Weather**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 245 new COVID-19 cases and one additional death since the Friday morning report. Cumberland County's case count is now 2,975 with 50 deaths.

“COVID-19 is spreading in Cumberland County. As we move into hurricane season it is important to have a plan to protect you and your family from severe weather and COVID-19,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. “Your emergency supply kit should include a mask, hand sanitizer, tissues and cleaning supplies. There is an increased risk for COVID-19 in congregate settings such as emergency shelters. Public shelters should be used a last resort.”

Testing information

FSU CARES Community Testing is canceled Tuesday due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Testing will continue Wednesday, Aug. 5, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Fayetteville State University Campus School of Nursing (1361 Gracie Black Circle, Fayetteville).

The Health Department drive-thru testing is canceled this week due to staff training and will continue Tuesday, August 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manna Church (5117 Cliffdale Road, Fayetteville).

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.

Community Engagement Grants

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) issued a Request for Applications for community engagement grants to organizations to assist our efforts in prevention and controlling the spread of COVID-19 in the African American community.

North Carolina continues to see a sustained increase in its confirmed cases of COVID-19 among the general population, and a disproportionately high percentage of cases statewide are among historically marginalized populations. Our state's African American residents are 21% of the North Carolina population, but represent 24% of the cases and 32% of the deaths where race and ethnicity are known. Health disparities among African

Americans in North Carolina are historic and persistent. African Americans are disproportionately at risk for more severe illness from COVID-19 including chronic kidney disease, obesity; serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, asthma, cerebrovascular disease, hypertension, HIV, liver disease, and smoking.

The African American Community Engagement grants will be used to fund organizations to build awareness and support for DHHS prevention, testing, contact tracing, and isolation supports initiatives in regions of the state disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Applications are due Aug. 14. The Request for Applications is online at <https://www.ncminorityhealth.org/#whatsnew>.

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.