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## ***COVID-19 Update*** **County Reports 2 More Deaths, 4 New Cases**

FAYETTEVILLE – Department of Public Health officials have been notified today of two additional COVID-19 associated deaths and four new positive cases in Cumberland County. There are now 98 total positive cases in the county and five deaths.

One individual died April 15 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center from complications associated with the virus. The patient, who was in their 70s and a resident of Village Green Health and Rehabilitation Center, had underlying medical conditions. The Health Department is strongly recommending the testing of all patients and staff who are assigned to a certain area of the long-term care center, where there have been seven cases reported.

The second person, who was in their 50s, died at home today. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about the individuals will be released.

“We offer our deepest condolences to these two families as they deal with the loss of their loved ones,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green.

The average age of COVID-19 patients is 49 and 52% are males. The racial breakdown is 53% black, 24% white, 4% Hispanic and 19% unknown. 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](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/COVID19) and on the [Cumberland County Coronavirus Response page](#).

### **Updated County Operational Changes**

County Manager Amy Cannon announced additional operational changes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the remainder of April, the County is further reducing staffing levels by closing most departments on Fridays. The departments will be assisting citizens by telephone and email Monday through Thursday during business hours.

This change will not affect the Register of Deeds office and Solid Waste Management Department. The Public Health Department will see clients by appointment only until noon Friday, April 17. Individuals with WIC appointments scheduled for Friday afternoon will be contacted for a new appointment time. Environmental Health offices will be closed.

“It is my hope this will provide some relief for the many dedicated employees that continue to provide essential and mandated services in these uncertain and most difficult times,” Cannon said.

A complete listing of revised hours and operations is available at  
<http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/COVID19closures>

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