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## ***COVID-19 Update*** **County Reports 880 Total Cases, 4 Deaths** **Health Department to Offer Drive-Thru Tests on Thursdays**

FAYETTEVILLE –The Department of Public Health reports 78 new COVID-19 cases and four additional deaths since Monday, June 8. Cumberland County's case count is now 880 and there have been 30 deaths.

The four patients who died from complications associated with COVID-19 were in their 60s and 80s and had underlying medical conditions.

There are four ongoing outbreaks in congregate living settings in Cumberland County reported by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services on its website. The outbreaks are located at Harmony of Hope Mills, Highland House Rehabilitation and Healthcare, N.C. State Veterans Nursing Home, and the Cumberland County Detention Center. A COVID-19 outbreak in a congregate living setting is defined as two or more cases.

### **Health Department Drive-Thru Testing Change**

The Cumberland County Department of Public Health is revising its drive-thru testing days and locations. The department will offer testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays while supplies last and staffing is available. Visit our [Testing and Collection](#) page to schedule an appointment.

On Tuesdays, test collection will be conducted at Manna Church, 5117 Cliffdale Road, Fayetteville, NC 28314 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursdays, test collection will be conducted at Cumberland County Health Department, 1235 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC, 28301 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Increased access to testing, including those without symptoms, is important to control the transmission of COVID-19 in our community,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green.

Testing is free and available for any individual over the age of 13 who meets the following criteria:

- Any individual over the age of 13 experiencing COVID-19 symptoms\*
- Individuals without symptoms but who have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or longer) with someone who tested positive COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If you are not having symptoms, you should wait 6 days after your last exposure to get tested.

- Regardless of symptoms, anyone over the age of 13, at higher risk of exposure or at higher risk for severe disease
  - Persons who live or work in a long-term care facility, homeless shelter, correctional facility, or migrant farmworker camp
  - People over age 65
  - People with underlying health conditions who are at high risk for severe illness
  - Persons from historically marginalized populations
  - Healthcare workers or first responders (e.g. EMS, law enforcement, fire department, military)
  - Front-line and essential workers (grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, childcare staff, etc.) in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
  - Individuals who have attended protests, rallies, or other mass gatherings in crowds where it is difficult to practice effective social distancing.

### **Disproportionate Cases**

North Carolina continues to ramp up testing and has expanded the criteria to include persons from historically marginalized populations. Americans and LatinX/Hispanic communities make up a disproportionate number of North Carolina’s COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases and deaths. Additionally, front line and essential workers, by nature of their jobs, experience higher rates of infection and ongoing exposure.

These areas appear to be at high-risk to develop and potentially transmit COVID19 for many reasons, including close proximity of housing, challenges to practice social distancing, occupational exposure and barriers in transportation, as well as historical obstacles to access health care, a concentration of unmet health needs and chronic disease burden.

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Online tools are now available to help people know if they may need a test, how to get a test, and monitor their own symptoms if advised to do so by a contact tracer. These tools include:

- **Check My Symptoms ([www.ncdhhs.gov/symptoms](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/symptoms))**, a public website that allows people to enter their symptoms to determine if they should consider getting tested for COVID-19. If a test is recommended, they will receive a link to a list of nearby testing sites via email or text.
- **Find My Testing Place ([www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace))**, a public website that allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online.

### **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.