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COVID-19 Update **County Has 399 Total Positive Cases**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports there are 399 total positive COVID-19 cases involving Cumberland County residents, an increase of eight since Monday. To date, 11 residents have died from complications associated with the coronavirus.

The average age is 43 for positive cases and 54% are female. The case count has almost doubled from 200 positive tests reported to the Health Department on April 25. Testing is increasing in the County and additional testing locations are expected to be announced by the Health Department in the coming days.

Commissioners Meet Thursday

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will hold an agenda session on Thursday, May 14, at 1 p.m.

Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green is requesting \$75,610 in funding for a new permanent full-time epidemiology nurse and \$60,000 for three temporary nurses to work three months as part of the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Nurses in the Epidemiology Clinic are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are responsible for identifying positive cases, conducting case investigations and contact tracing for each positive case, and facilitating testing for suspected cases. They conduct these activities in addition to their other mandated duties to prevent the spread of other communicable diseases,” Green said in her memo to the commissioners.

In addition to the three temporary nurses funded by the county, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services will fund two temporary positions for a total of five nurses.

“The additional temporary nursing staff will support our efforts to deploy mobile test units in zip codes with the highest number of cases. As we increase testing, we will also see an increase in the number of positive cases, which require contact tracing,” Green said in her memo.

In order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order 121, Section 3.A.1., prohibiting more than 10 people gathering, this meeting will be available to the public and media live via the Cumberland County website at co.cumberland.nc.us, the County's Facebook page (facebook.com/CumberlandNC), Youtube page (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos), and on the Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5. Several commissioners will be participating via teleconference. The agenda is available on the County's website at co.cumberland.nc.us.

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.