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COVID-19 Update County Reports 1,533 Cases, Pop-Up Testing Events

FAYETTEVILLE –The Department of Public Health reports 49 new COVID-19 cases since Monday, July 6. Cumberland County's case count is now 1,533.

In Cumberland County, 8% of COVID-19 tests taken over the past two weeks have been positive, according to the [N.C. Department of Health and Human Services \(NCDHHS\)](#). The average for the state is 9%. The World Health Organization recommends a 5% positive rate.

“Since last week we’ve seen an increase in our daily number of cases,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. “While we are faring better than other areas around the state and county, these numbers are concerning to us. We want to see a 14-day downward trajectory or at minimum a sustained leveling, in the number of positive cases and the percentage of tests that are positive.”

As we continue to ramp up testing, there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases. Looking at what percent of total test are positive helps us understand whether laboratory-confirmed cases are increasing in comparison to the number of test conducted.

Pop-Up Testing in Cumberland

As organizations partner with communities to increase testing across the state, [NCDHHS wants to make sure North Carolinians know about the COVID-19 pop-up community testing events](#). Fayetteville State University is offering testing at pop-up sites to anyone over the age of 13. Anyone interested in getting tested should call (910) 672-2545 to confirm testing criteria, availability, hours and registration. The testing sites and dates are listed below. The test is **FREE**.

- July 13, 1-7 p.m.
School of Nursing Parking Lot at Fayetteville State University
136 Grace Black Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28301
- July 14, 1-7 p.m.
Fayetteville Urban Ministry
701 Whitfield Street, Fayetteville, NC 28306
- July 17, 1-7 p.m.
Salvation Army Retail Store

433 Robeson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301

- July 21, 1-7 p.m.
VFW
161 Chance Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301
- July 24, 1-7 p.m.
Simon Temple AME Zion Church
5760 Yadkin Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303
- July 28, 1-7 p.m.
Kingdom Impact Global Ministries
2503 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Testing in Cumberland

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

A doctor's order is **NOT** required.

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.

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

- Any individual older than 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 older than 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 age 65 and older
 - 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.

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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.