News Release

COVID-19 Update

County Reports 1,849 Cases; Health Department, NCDHHS Spanish Website to Check for COVID-19 Symptoms in Cumberland

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 159 new COVID-19 cases and three additional deaths since Monday, July 13. Cumberland County's case count is now 1,849 and there have been 47 deaths. All were residents in congregate living settings with underlying conditions (ages 70s, 80s and 100).

Spanish Language Website

On Thursday, the Cumberland County Department of Public Health and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) launched new online tools to help Spanish-speaking North Carolinians to determine if they should consider being tested for COVID-19 and help individuals monitor their symptoms if they have tested positive for, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Lea el comunicado de prensa en español de la oficina del Gobernador Roy Cooper en el siguiente enlace: (Read the Spanish-language press release from the office of Gov. Roy Cooper at the link below.)
https://governor.nc.gov/news/gobernador-cooper-anuncia-el-sitio-de-web-de-ncdhhs-en-espa%C3%B1ol-y-las-herramientas-para

"In Cumberland County the Latinx/Hispanic population accounts for 19% of cases, but only represent 12% of the population. It is important that we have tools that are accessible to those hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Cumberland County Public Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green.

North Carolina's Latinx/Hispanic population is being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As of mid-July, our Latinx/Hispanic population represent 44 % of cases where ethnicity is known, although they make up 9% of the state's population. Many in the Latinx/Hispanic community work in essential industries that North Carolina relies upon, such as construction, childcare and food processing. Often, this work is in environments where social distancing can be challenging, health insurance is not provided and for a sick person, staying home could create a significant financial burden.

The new online tools are intended to help people in Cumberland County know if they may need a test, how to get a test and how to monitor their own symptoms if advised to do so. These tools include:

- **Check My Symptoms** (Comprobar Mis Síntomas) (https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/es-ES/), 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), a public website that allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online. To view in Spanish, users can select Spanish in the yellow box.

Supporting Latinx/Hispanic Community with Linguistically Appropriate Contact Tracing

Through contact tracing, Cumberland County Health Department reaches out to people who may have recently come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and connect them with the information and support needed to protect themselves and their loved ones. We have bilingual staff as part of our team.

All information provided to the Cumberland County Health Department is confidential, and personal information or names will not be released to anyone. Any information that is shared is a private health record and is strictly confidential. Personal information will not be shared with other government agencies, and the names of individuals and contacts will not be released or shared. Cumberland County will work to connect anyone who needs additional help as they monitor their symptoms or stay at home with the resources they need. Their name might be shared in this case, with their permission.

The Cumberland County Health Department will never ask for someone's Social Security Number, bank or credit card numbers, or any other financial information. If you are asked for this information, please hang up and call your local health department to report the incident.

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.

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