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COVID-19 Update **Case Count Rises to 633 with Two Additional Deaths**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports two Cumberland County residents have died from complications associated with the coronavirus and an increase of 26 new cases. Cumberland County's case count is now 633 with 20 deaths.

Both patients, one in their 80s and the other in their 90s, had underlying health conditions and were residents of the N.C. State Veterans Nursing Home in Fayetteville where there is an outbreak. This outbreak is one of three ongoing outbreaks in congregate living settings in Cumberland County reported by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services on its website. The other two are at Village Green Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Cumberland County Detention Center. In a congregate living setting, a COVID-19 outbreak is defined as two or more cases.

In order to standardize reporting regarding COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate living settings, the NC Department of Health and Human Services provides an update on outbreaks in congregate living settings two times per week that will include the names of facilities where there is an ongoing outbreak and the number of positive COVID-19 cases at the facility related to that outbreak. [The report is updated on Tuesdays and Fridays by 4pm.](#) Please note information will change as providers and labs report cases and deaths to the Health Department as required, especially over a holiday weekend.

Special Meeting

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 28, in Room 118 of the Judge E. Maurice Braswell Cumberland County Courthouse to consider a Coronavirus Relief Funding plan that must be submitted to the state by June 1.

This special meeting will be conducted as an electronic meeting under the N. C. Governor's State of Emergency Declaration. In compliance with the N. C. General Assembly's S.L. 2020-3, SB 704, this remote meeting will be simultaneously streamed online with live audio and video, and will be available to the public and media live via the Cumberland County website (co.cumberland.nc.us), Youtube (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos) and on Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5.

Small Business Grant Applications Accepted Through May 29

Cumberland County Community Development has established a Small Business Resiliency grant program to assist qualified local businesses that suffered economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The

program is supported by Community Development Block Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The program will provide grants up to \$10,000 and is targeting small for-profit businesses with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The goal is to help businesses retain employees and maintain economic stability during the crisis.

To apply, businesses must operate within the Cumberland County geographic service area, which includes the unincorporated areas of the county, as well as the towns of Eastover, Falcon, Godwin, Hope Mills, Linden, Spring Lake, Stedman and Wade.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 29. Application, submission requirements, and guidelines can be obtained via:

- E-mail request at cmclamb@co.cumberland.nc.us
- Small Business Resiliency Grant Program link on the Community Development 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.

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