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COVID-19 Update **Cumberland Reports 11 New Cases**

FAYETTEVILLE – Department of Public Health officials report a total of 124 positive COVID-19 cases involving Cumberland County residents, an increase of 11 cases since Saturday.

Cumberland County will work with local partners and the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to increase COVID-19 testing. The Board of Commissioners heard this during an update from Public Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green during their regular meeting today at 9 a.m.

“We are working on partnering with providers to expand testing capacity to our residents with cost not being a barrier. Currently, our barriers include access to test kits, staff to perform tests, and availability of personal protective equipment,” said Dr. Green. “In the coming days, we will be working on strategies to increase our testing capabilities.”

You can watch the Commissioners meeting on our Youtube page (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos), and on Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5. Four commissioners participated through the GoToMeeting platform to comply with social distancing.

Cumberland County has had six COVID-19 related deaths.

[The County’s COVID-19 Dashboard now includes a daily cumulative chart of cases.](#) The dashboard is posted on the County’s website at co.cumberland.nc.us/COVID19 and on the [Cumberland County Coronavirus Response page.](#)

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