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Here's the corrected release. The total case count is 1,227.

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COVID-19 Update: 1,227 Cases **7% of Tests Taken in County Are Positive**

FAYETTEVILLE – In Cumberland County, 7% of COVID-19 tests taken have been positive, according to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. The average for the state is 9%.

The information is now available on the NC-DHHS website at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/testing>.

“As we ramp up testing, there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases. Looking at what percent of total tests are positive helps us to understand whether laboratory-confirmed cases are increasing in comparison to the number of tests conducted,” said Dr. Jennifer Green, Cumberland County Health Director.

The Department of Public Health reports there are 106 new COVID-19 cases involving Cumberland County residents since Friday, bringing the total case count to **1,227**. There have been 36 deaths reported.

Face Coverings Required

Wearing a cloth face covering in public settings is now a [requirement](#) in North Carolina. It is a simple but powerful action to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone should wear a cloth covering for their nose and mouth. There are exceptions, including children younger than 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, anyone who cannot use a face covering due to developmental, medical, or behavioral needs, or anyone unable to remove the covering without help.

Testing in Cumberland

The Cumberland County Department of Public Health is offering drive-thru testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays while supplies last and staffing is available. [Visit our Testing and Collection page to schedule an appointment.](#) We also have information on other sites that are offering testing in the county.

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.

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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