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COVID-19 Update Test Collection Relocates to Serve Residents in Hope Mills Area

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 232 new COVID-19 cases since the Friday morning report. Cumberland County's case count is now 2,489 with 49 deaths.

"The average number of daily cases has been steadily climbing since the beginning of July," said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. "This level of community transmission stretches our resources to do contact tracing and testing thin. I am urging the public to continue to stay home when possible. When you are in public, wear your face mask and practice social distancing."

Drive-Thru Test Collection Relocation

The Health Department continues to offer drive-thru testing on Tuesdays at Manna Church (5117 Cliffdale Rd., Fayetteville) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday testing will relocate from the Health Department to Southview Baptist Church (4089 Elk Rd., Hope Mills) on July 30 and August 13 to serve residents in the Hope Mills area.

Due to staff training, the Health Department will not hold drive-thru test collection on Tuesday, August 4 and Thursday, August 6. Visit our <u>Test and Collection website</u> to find other locations throughout the community.

To protect the health and safety of our staff and clients, test collection is by drive-up appointment only. You can make an appointment after completing the <u>Online Assessment</u>. If you need assistance with the online assessment, please call (910) 678-7657.

Waiting on COVID-19 results

Due to increased testing, results can take five-to-seven days to return. Individuals will receive a phone call with positive or negative results. Follow these three actions after testing for COVID-19:

- Quarantine at home and avoid others in your household as much as possible.
- Wait seven days before calling the Health Department for results as high call volumes slow response times.
- If you tested with another individual, do not anticipate your results will return on the same day.

Video messaging to African American and Hispanic/LatinX

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Historically Marginalized Populations Workgroup has shared messages in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> on the effects of COVID-19 on African American and Hispanic/LatinX communities as well as measure to slow the spread of the virus.

The videos are available on YouTube @NCDHHS.

Staying Updated

Cumberland County has made it easy for you to stay updated on the latest information about COVID-19. You can visit our <u>COVID-19 webpage</u>, which has a list of <u>COVID-19-related closures and service changes</u>. The county is also sharing important information on its <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> accounts.

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