



# News Release

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## ***COVID-19 Update***

### **Cumberland County Reports First COVID-19 Related Death**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health is reporting the first COVID-19 associated death of a Cumberland County resident.

The individual had traveled out of state and died in Georgia on April 6 from complications associated with the virus. The patient was in their 40s. To protect the family’s privacy, no further information about the patient will be released. The individual was already included in the 66 reported positive cases for Cumberland County residents.

“We extend our deepest sympathies to this family and others who are grieving this loss,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green.

“I want to continue to encourage everyone to follow the guidance about social distancing, especially with the Easter holiday weekend approaching.”

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, call Cape Fear Valley Health System’s nurses’ line at **910-615-LINK (5465)**. If you have general questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or the NC DHHS hotline at 1-866-462-3821.

Information is available on the Cumberland County COVID-19 webpage at [co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19) and the NC DHHS website at [ncdhhs.gov](https://ncdhhs.gov).

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