



# News Release

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

### **1 Death, 21 New Cases, Free Course Available for Businesses**

FAYETTEVILLE – One Cumberland County resident has died from complications associated with the coronavirus and 21 new COVID-19 cases have been reported, according to the Department of Public Health. Cumberland County’s case count is now 569 with 16 deaths.

The patient was in their 70s and a resident of the N.C. State Veterans Nursing Home in Fayetteville where there is an outbreak with 36 total cases and two deaths. 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.

#### **Wear. Wait. Wash.**

[As North Carolina moves into Phase 2 of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) the Department of Public Health is asking people to remember these three things to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve.

If you leave home, practice your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash

- Wear a cloth face covering if you will be with other people.
- Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

“When we leave our homes, we are exposing ourselves to many factors,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green. “Practicing your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash will help keep us protected and keep the viral spread low.”

#### **Count on Me Program Provides Free Training for Businesses**

NC Department of Health and Human Services, NC Restaurant Association, NC State Extension, and Visit NC partnered together and developed [Count On Me NC](#) to assist businesses as restrictions are relaxed.

Count on Me NC is free and offers online courses that provide a consistent approach based on state and national guidelines. The program has a marketing campaign component and customer expectations with the intent to create shared responsibility for preventing the spread of COVID-19. The program utilizes user-friendly modules to incorporate the best available science in social and physical distancing, employee health, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfection.

At the completion of the training, businesses will receive a Count On Me NC certificate and be featured on the list of participating businesses. They will also receive a Count On Me NC toolkit that includes materials that promote a mutual commitment to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Visit [www.countonmenc.org/business-training/](http://www.countonmenc.org/business-training/) for more information.

### **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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