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**COVID-19 Update**

**Be Safe this Holiday, County Has 430 New Cases and 7 Additional Deaths**

FAYETTEVILLE –The Department of Public Health reports 430 new COVID-19 cases and seven additional deaths since the last report on Friday, Dec. 11. Cumberland has a total of 11,164 COVID-19 cases and 132 deaths.

Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green reminds our community that we are close to the finish line with the approaching vaccine, but it’s critical to act now.

“We are seeing the impact of the Thanksgiving holiday,” said Dr. Green. “We know it’s a tough ask, but we must celebrate the upcoming holidays differently. Wear a mask when around non-household members, stay 6 feet away from non-household members and wash your hands frequently.”

Using case data as of Dec 11, 9,428 cases are considered recovered.

Recovery data is reported using the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) estimated median time to recover of 14 days from the date of specimen collection for non-fatal COVID-19 cases who were not hospitalized, or if hospitalization status is unknown. The estimated median recovery time is 28 days from the date of specimen collection for hospitalized non-fatal COVID-19 cases. Estimates are used since patient-specific data on the actual time to resolution of all symptoms are not available for all COVID-19 cases in North Carolina.

**Help is on the Way**

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHSS) announced initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccination arrived in North Carolina. Although a historical feat, supplies are limited at first.

Initial doses are prioritized for public health and other health care workers fighting against the virus and those working and residing in long-term care. More information will be available in coming days the provision of vaccines for healthcare workers and other individuals in Phase 1A. The vaccine supply is expected to increase from January to June and will be available to all who want a safe and effective vaccine.

Cumberland County residents should monitor the [COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19vaccine) at [co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19vaccine](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19vaccine) for up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccination.

**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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