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COVID-19 Update

6 New Cases, North Carolina Begins Reporting Presumed Recovery Rates

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports six new COVID-19 cases. Cumberland County's case count is now 717 with 25 deaths.

Presumed Recovery Rates for North Carolina

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is releasing presumed recovery rates and will update the data every Monday by 4 p.m. As of June 1, 18,860 patients in North Carolina are presumed recovered.

The estimated number of patients presumed to be recovered from symptoms from COVID-19 is used in combination with other measures to provide a general sense of how many people with COVID-19 have likely recovered from symptoms.

NCDHHS estimates a median time to recovery 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.

It is important to note that patients' actual recovery times could be shorter or longer depending on the severity of illness. This interval was chosen based on World Health Organization (WHO) guidance, and in consultation with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state health departments. A median recovery time of two weeks from illness onset for mild cases and three to six weeks for patients with severe or critical disease was reported by WHO.

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.