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COVID-19 Update **8,011 Total Cases, All Metrics Show Increase**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports a total of 8,011 COVID-19 cases and 108 deaths for Cumberland County residents.

Cumberland County currently has 126 cases per 100,000 residents with 7.8% of those tested returning positive for COVID-19. The daily average of positive cases in Cumberland County is 70.4. All of these metrics represent increases during the last seven days.

According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) COVID-19 dashboard, of the deaths in Cumberland County:

- 80% were age 65 and older
- 69% were male
- 52% were African American
- 3% were Hispanic
- 73% were hospitalized
- 84% had at least one comorbidity
- 49% lived in a congregate living setting

State Dashboards Revised

Two updates will be made to the NC COVID-19 dashboards on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, that will impact numbers—hospitalization data and time of reporting.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has revised the criteria for reporting COVID-19 hospitalizations. Previously, the CDC required that hospitals report patients only when they were under isolation precautions, which is typically a maximum of 21 days. Because patients may suffer the effects of COVID-19 for a longer period of time, the CDC now requires that hospitalizations be reported for the entire length of stay. As a result, it is likely that North Carolina will see a one-time increase in hospitalizations and a continued higher number under the new definition.

NCDHHS is modifying the time that the data is pulled for the dashboards. As a result, there will be a one-time artificial decrease in the number of tests, cases and deaths on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 as the data will cover 10 hours as opposed to the standard 24 hours. Future data will cover the standard 24-hour period.

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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