



# News Release

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

# **7,539 Total Cases, Local Leaders Commit to Protecting Our Community**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports a total of 7,539 COVID-19 cases and 103 deaths for Cumberland County residents. The average age for positive cases is 39 years old.

Cumberland County currently has 129 cases per 100,000 residents with 7.1% of those tested returning positive for COVID-19. The daily average of positive cases in Cumberland County is 66, which is an increase from 52 on Oct. 30.

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
- 51% lived in a congregate living setting

### **Committed to Protecting Cumberland**

Public health agencies, hospitals, school systems and higher education institutions are joining forces to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our area. [Leaders from across Cumberland recently issued a collaborative statement urging the community to practice their 3Ws.](#)

**WEAR** a cloth face covering, **WAIT** six feet apart and avoid close contact, and **WASH** your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

“As leaders in the educational, healthcare and public health infrastructures of our community, we are committed to protecting our community, especially those most susceptible. We affirm these preventive measures, and we urge our community to do the same. We advise universal adoption until we have sufficient control of the infection, even for those who are at little risk for severe disease.”

[View the entire collaborative message.](#)

## **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.