



## News Release



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### **COVID-19 Update**

## **Schools Close Meal Site for 14 Days After Positive Case**

FAYETTEVILLE – Department of Public Health officials report a total of **133** positive COVID-19 cases involving Cumberland County residents, an increase of nine cases since Monday.

One of the cases involves a person who worked at the Douglas Byrd Middle School meal site for Cumberland County Schools. The Cumberland County Public Health team is conducting a contact tracing investigation and notifying individuals who may have been in close contact with the person who tested positive.

The individual was wearing gloves and a face mask during food distribution.

The site was set up for drive-thru distribution only, and health officials say the exposure risk is low to anyone coming through the line because close contact was limited to less than 10 minutes.

Out of an abundance of caution, Cumberland County Schools is going to close the site for 14 days. Cumberland County Schools staff and volunteers are following best practices for food pick-up:

- Providing face masks for employees
- Maintaining 6 feet of separation between staff and families when possible
- Not leaning into car when delivering food curbside
- Practicing hand hygiene
- Minimizing contact with touch surfaces (car door handles, common pens, and doorknobs)
- Providing pre-wrapped utensils to minimize contamination
- Disinfecting common touch surfaces regularly (door handles, equipment handles, tables, work surfaces, pens, etc.)

“I am grateful to all of our Child Nutrition staff and volunteers for working hard to provide meals for our students,” said CCS Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. “Our thoughts are with the individual, and we are hopeful for a full recovery. We will continue to follow the guidance of local health officials and take the necessary precautions to keep our staff, volunteers and families safe.”

The meal sites at other school and community locations will continue to operate. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/mealpickup>.

Anyone who visited or worked at the meal site who starts to experience COVID-19 symptoms (fever, coughing, or shortness of breath) should stay home and separate themselves from other people in the home. Most people do not need a COVID-19 test.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home if you have mild symptoms – such as fever and cough without shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Once your symptoms resolve, you should remain at home without fever for three more days. You can call your doctor to see if you need medical care.

**Call your doctor or 911 right away if you have shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure, confusion, or blue lips.**

The Cumberland County Epidemiology Clinic (910-433-3655) will provide information about the location and dates for potential exposure. Due to confidentiality, no further information about the patient will be provided.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or the NC DHHS hotline at 1-866-462-3821.

Information is available on the Cumberland County COVID-19 webpage at [co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19](http://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19) and the NC DHHS website at [ncdhhs.gov](http://ncdhhs.gov).

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