



# News Release

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

### **148 New Cases, SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification App**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 148 new COVID-19 cases and two additional deaths since the Tuesday, Sept. 9, report. Cumberland County's case count is now 4,667 with 78 deaths.

Cumberland County currently has 137 cases per 10,000 residents with 8.1% of those tested returning positive for COVID-19.

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

- 78.8% were age 65 and older
- 70% were male
- 60% were African American
- 75% were hospitalized
- 87% had at least one comorbidity
- 49% lived in a congregate living setting

#### **NCDHHS Developing SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification App**

[The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \(NCDHHS\) is developing a COVID-19 Exposure Notification app called 'SlowCOVIDNC' that will launch across the state in September 2020.](#) The app will help North Carolinians slow the spread of the virus by alerting them when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

SlowCOVIDNC, which leverages Google and Apple's Exposure Notification System (ENS), will alert users that have the app if they have been in close contact with an individual who later tests positive for COVID-19. The app is completely anonymous and does not collect, store or share personal information or location data. SlowCOVIDNC is voluntary to download and use and designed to enhance the state's existing contact tracing efforts. The app, which is currently in Beta testing, will be free of charge and available to download through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

#### **Infection Prevention Coordinator and Consultants Needed**

[The North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies \(NCAPHA\) is recruiting for contract infection prevention coordinators and consultants for our region to strengthen infection prevention and control in long-term care settings.](#)

The coordinator and consultants will work with their team and long-term care settings to review infection

prevention practices, conduct infection prevention education to staff in these settings, provide infection prevention guidance to these settings, develop and/or revise tools to assist in the assessment and promotion of infection prevention compliance, assist in the investigation, control, education, prevention and care activities to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with COVID-19, and work in coordination with the NC Division of Public Health and the NC Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (NC SPICE) to address identified infection prevention and control gaps.

Visit [www.ncapha.org/employment\\_center](http://www.ncapha.org/employment_center) for more information or to apply.

### **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.