



# News Release

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## ***COVID-19 Update*** **158 New Cases, Get Your Flu Shot**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports 158 new COVID-19 cases and one additional death since the Friday, Sept. 11, report. Cumberland County's case count is now 4,825 with 79 deaths.

As we enter flu season during the COVID-19 pandemic, health officials are urging residents to get vaccinated against influenza.

“To further reduce the strain on our healthcare system during this pandemic, it's important that you protect yourself and the people around you by getting a flu shot,” said Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green.

### **Flu Vaccination Information**

Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, because it is an effective way to decrease flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Ensuring that people continue or start getting routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential for protecting people and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks, including flu. A flu vaccine may also provide several individual health benefits, including keeping you from getting sick with flu, reducing the severity of your illness if you do get flu and reducing your risk of a flu-associated hospitalization.

Information about the availability of flu vaccine from Cumberland County Department of Public Health will be available on the County website in the coming weeks.

### **COVID-19 Test Collection Available**

The Health Department continues test collection by appointment on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Manna Church (5517 Cliffdale Rd., Fayetteville).

On Thursdays, test collection will be conducted as follows:

Southview Baptist Church

4089 Elk Road, Hope Mills, NC, 28348

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., September 24, October 1, November 5 and 12

Tabernacle of Miracles

2574 Hope Mills Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28306

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., October 8 and 15

Second Missionary Baptist Church  
522 Old Wilmington Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28301  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., September 17, and October 22 and 29.

To protect the health and safety of our staff and clients, test collection is by drive-up appointment only (walk-ins cannot be accommodated at this time). Testing is free. Please do not call offsite testing locations for assistance. The Health Department has a dedicated COVID-19 hotline ready to assist. Call (910) 678-7657 or you can make an appointment online at [co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19).

### **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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