# Forsyth County Government COVID-19 Daily Briefing March 21, 2020

Updated daily by 11:30am

### **Public Health Update**

Four people from Forsyth County tested positive for COVID-19 after yesterday's daily briefing was issued. That brings the County's total case count to twelve. Seven of the cases are travel-related. One case is considered community spread. The four new cases are currently being investigated to identify if they are associated with travel, close contact, or are community spread. The case count is subject to change throughout the day but will only be reported once per day in the daily briefing.

The Public Health Director will provide a detailed briefing at 2:00pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the beginning of the Board of County Commissioners meeting. Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline (336) 582-0800 is automatically being forwarded to NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) over the weekend. NCDHHS COVID-19 helpline can be reached at (866) 462-3821.

#### **Public Health Director Comment**

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "With community spread the number of COVID-19 cases will grow. This is why it is crucial that people practice social distancing, hand washing, refrain from mass gatherings and monitor themselves for signs and symptoms which are cough, fever and shortness of breath. If you believe you have been in contact with someone that has been exposed to COVID-19, voluntarily quarantine yourself. All persons with fever and respiratory symptoms should isolate themselves and call their healthcare provider for guidance."

#### **Case Count**

| Forsyth County<br>Cases | NC Cases | NC Deaths | NC Completed<br>Tests | US Cases | US Deaths |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
| 12                      | 184      | 0         | 5,276                 | 15,219   | 201       |

### North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: NCDHHS; Forsyth County Department of Public Health

## **Operational Update**

County Fire has restricted fire code inspections to construction enforcement, permits, imminent hazard inspections, and inspections that can be done observing the CDC guidelines. They are constantly reviewing the mandated inspections processes to ensure safe practices. Emergency scene response continues per usual. The medical first response has been adjusted based on medical direction.

Any additional changes in Forsyth County's operations will be provided in this daily briefing which will be updated by 11:30am daily.