

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

March 28, 2020

Updated daily by 11:30am

Public Health Update

Nine new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. The County's total case count is thirty-three. As community spread continues to increase, we can no longer delineate between travel and community spread. Of the thirty-three cases, six individuals have recovered. 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 at the beginning of the April 2, 2020 Board of County Commissioners meeting, which will be conducted remotely. The public can listen to and watch the meeting on WSTV 13 or by clicking on this link: <https://www.cityofws.org/493/WSTV-13>

The Public Health Director will hold an online Question & Answer session with the media on April 2, 2020 at 4:00pm. A call-in number and link will be sent to the media directly next week.

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, "Every resident should assume there are undiagnosed cases of COVID-19 in our community since we have community transmission and people may be unknowingly transmitting the virus to others. You must follow the stay at home order. The stay at home order directs people to stay at home except to visit essential businesses, to exercise outdoors or to help a family member. Specifically, the order bans gatherings of more than 10 people and directs everyone to physically stay at least six feet apart from others."

Case Count

Forsyth County Cases	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
33	935	4	17,527	104,865	1,709

North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: NCDHHS; Forsyth County Department of Public Health

*John Hopkins University as of 11:00am

Operational Update

Forsyth County Board of Commissioners issued a Stay-at-Home Order that went into effect at **5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020** for unincorporated areas of the county and Kernersville, Tobaccoville, Bethania, and Walkertown. The governor's order does not replace the county's order. We will review the governor's order to determine its impact. For more details on the local order, please visit <http://forsyth.cc/assets/documents/StayatHomeFAQ.pdf>.

Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) has created a COVID-19 Cases and Planning Report that provides a snapshot about Forsyth County. They are updating the information daily. Please click here to view the report: <https://esridc.github.io/covid-report/?county=Forsyth%2C+NC>

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