Forsyth County Government COVID-19 Daily Briefing March 31, 2020

Updated daily by 11:30am

Public Health Update

Two new cases and one death have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. The individual died on March 30th from complications associated with COVID-19. The patient was in their early 90s and had several underlying medical conditions. The County's total case count is forty-two. As community spread continues to increase, we can no longer delineate between travel and community spread. Of the forty-two cases, fourteen 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 a Question & Answer session with the media on April 2, 2020 at 4:00pm. A call-in number will be sent to the media today.

Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline is (336) 582-0800.

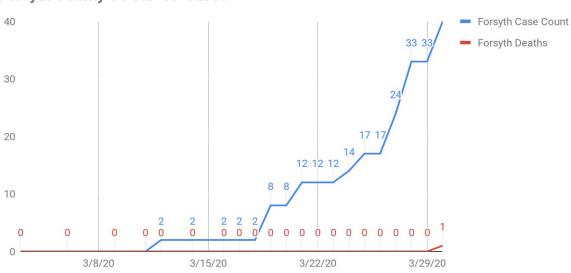
Public Health Director Comment

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "On behalf of Forsyth County Government, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones. This unfortunate situation is a reminder that we must follow the stay at home order and utilize social distancing to protect ourselves and to protect those around us who are the most vulnerable. To protect the family's privacy, no further information about the patient will be released."

Case Count

| Forsyth County Cases | Forsyth Deaths | NC Cases | NC Deaths | NC Completed Tests | US Cases * | US Deaths * |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| 42 | 1 | 1,498 | 8 | 23,106 | 164,719 | 3,170 |

Forsyth County COVID-19 Cases



North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: NCDHHS; Forsyth County Department of Public Health

*John Hopkins University as of 9:45am

Operational Update

The Forsyth County Public Library is allowing customers to keep checked out books and materials through May 15.

Cooperative Extension is operating NCDA & CS Agronomy labs on a limited basis, accepting only samples deemed essential. The samples being accepted include the following: soil diagnostic (agricultural samples only), nematode diagnostic, nematode pinewood, nematode molecular diagnostic, plant tissue, solution, soilless media and waste samples not covered by the NCDEQ waiver on liquid animal waste.

Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) COVID-19 Cases and Planning Report is updated daily and can be found here: 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.