Forsyth County Government COVID-19 Daily Briefing April 4, 2020

Updated daily by 11:30am

Public Health Update

Eight new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. The County's total case count is eighty-eight. Of the eighty-eight, thirty-seven 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 9th Board of County Commissioners briefing, which will be conducted remotely. The public can listen to and watch the meeting on WSTV 13 or by clicking on this link: <u>https://www.cityofws.org/493/WSTV-13</u>

The Public Health Director will hold a Question & Answer session with the media at 4:00pm on April 9th. A call-in number will be sent to the media next week.

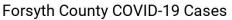
Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline is (336) 582-0800.

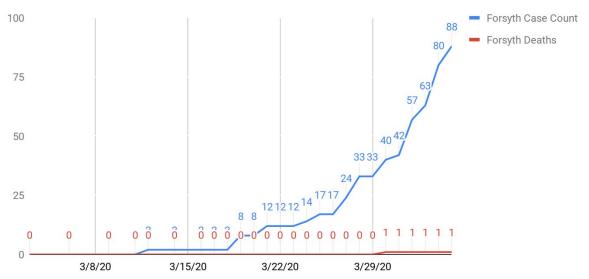
Public Health Director Comment

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Since recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms, you can do your part to reduce the risk to being exposed. The best thing you can do is to stay home. If you leave your home for an essential reason, the Centers for Disease Control recommends that you cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover. Continue to keep 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing. Please do not use a face mask meant for a healthcare worker."

Case Count

Forsyth County Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
88	1	<mark>2,093</mark>	<mark>19</mark>	<mark>31,598</mark>	278,568	7,163





North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: NCDHHS; Forsyth County Department of Public Health *John Hopkins University as of 11:00am

Operational Update

Effective Monday, April 6, 2020 the Forsyth County Department of Social Services building will extend its building access restrictions to include the Main Lobby. This means that the DSS building will be closed to customers until further notice. While we are no longer allowing public access, services are continuing as usual through phone, mail and online. Please click here for more details: <u>http://forsyth.cc/article.aspx?NewsID=25235</u>

Forsyth County Government's helpline is available to answer any questions about the County's stay-at-home order. Please click this link to ask a question online: <u>http://forsyth.cc/stayathome.aspx</u> or call (336) 464-7800.

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

Additional Information

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington has created a model for COVID-19 projections. The projections can be found here: <u>https://covid19.healthdata.org/</u>

Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) COVID-19 Cases and Planning Report is updated daily and can be found here: <u>https://esridc.github.io/covid-report/?county=Forsyth%2C+NC</u>