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03-28-2020: RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been zero positive cases of COVID-19 in Rutherford County.

- 112 individuals tested
- 66 tests are negative
- 46 tests are pending
- 0 tests are positive

Rutherford County issued a Stay at Home Order which went into effect this morning at 6:00 am. To read the full order go to rutherfordcountync.gov and click on the Covid-19 box. Our local Public Health Director, Karen Powell stated today a great reminder to us all, "The virus doesn't move. People do. If we stay still it will die." We are urging citizens to please stay at home.

If you have been tested you must quarantine yourself until the Health Department receives your lab results. The Emergency Operations Center encourages all citizens to practice social distancing whenever possible. If you are symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath) please call the COVID-19 Medical Screening Hotline at (828) 289-1185. To receive daily local COVID alerts, please text your zip code to 888777.