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03-31-2020: RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

There are five (5) positive cases of COVID-19 in Rutherford County.

- 135 individuals tested
- 95 tests are negative
- 35 tests are pending
- 5 tests are positive

Ongoing investigations continue as the Health Department works with these five individuals to ensure self-isolation and limit future spread. All five individuals are residents of Rutherford County. In order to protect patient confidentiality per HIPAA, patient information and location will not be shared. If you are a potential exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, the Health Department will be in contact with you. Our local EMS medical strike teams are making contact with these individuals and tracking their progress. We know that COVID-19 is in our community so please take standard precautions no matter where you are. **STAY AT HOME**, wash your hands, maintain social distancing, and wipe down surfaces. Keep our community safe and avoid unnecessary physical contact with others. To receive daily local COVID alerts, please text your zip code to 888777.

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