



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**04-02-2020: RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE**

There are nine (9) positive cases of COVID-19 in Rutherford County.

- 167 individuals tested
- 114 tests are negative
- 44 tests are pending
- 9 tests are positive

Ongoing investigations continue as the Health Department in regards to contact tracing. We know that one individual traveled outside of Rutherford County and we believe several of the other positive cases are connected to each other. Contact tracing is a priority for the Health Department, but it takes time to make sure all contacts are explored. If they determine you were a direct exposure to a positive case, they will contact you directly. We'd also like to share some good news going on in Rutherford County and the many partners working together to help our cause locally. Here are just a few:

- Parker Hannafin is creating face shields for us utilizing their 3D printer
- Defiant Whiskey has made hand sanitizer for first responders
- Westrock has donated bleach and rubbing alcohol
- Trelleborg and Spencer Baptist both donated Tyvek suits
- Multiple dentists have also donated PPE: Dr. John Crossland (surgical masks), Dr. Thompson (gloves), Dr. Frank Jones (disposable gowns), Blanton Miller & Moore (surgical masks and disposable gowns)

We know there are many more individuals, organization and businesses doing good will. We have more businesses to share tomorrow and will continue to share this information with you as we receive it. Please email us at [covid19@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:covid19@rutherfordcountync.gov) if you have a positive story to share. To get the text alerts please text your zip code to 888777. To watch the daily video, please go to: [www.facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement/](https://www.facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement/).

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