



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**04-15-2020: COVID-19 UPDATE**

Rutherford County Health Department and the Rutherford County Emergency Operations Center, posts daily updates on testing numbers to keep the public informed of the impact of the virus on the community. Today's daily update is as follows:

- 429 individuals tested
- 328 tests are negative
- 54 tests are pending
- 47 tests are positive which includes 2 deaths

The EMS medical strike teams are making contact with all 47 positive patients each day. While EMS cannot share specific patient information, they have stated that several of the positive patients have moved into the recovery stage of this virus.

Thank you to the following local individuals and organizations for donations to our local efforts.

- Element Church donated \$1,500 to the Rutherford Senior Center to help with purchased food for their daily distribution to local seniors.
- The local Republican Party donated 450 surgical masks
- Several women in Lake Lure have adopted the name "masketeers" who are making cloth masks for first responders and the medical community. Women include Nancy Evans, Yvonne Cooley, Mary Ellen Jones, Carol Wolfe, Yates Marsic and Julie Parsell.

Please stay at home, wash your hands, and maintain a 6-foot social distance from others. To receive daily alerts from the EOC, please text your zip code to 888777. For general information call 211 or go to [rutherfordhelp.com](http://rutherfordhelp.com), or facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement.

