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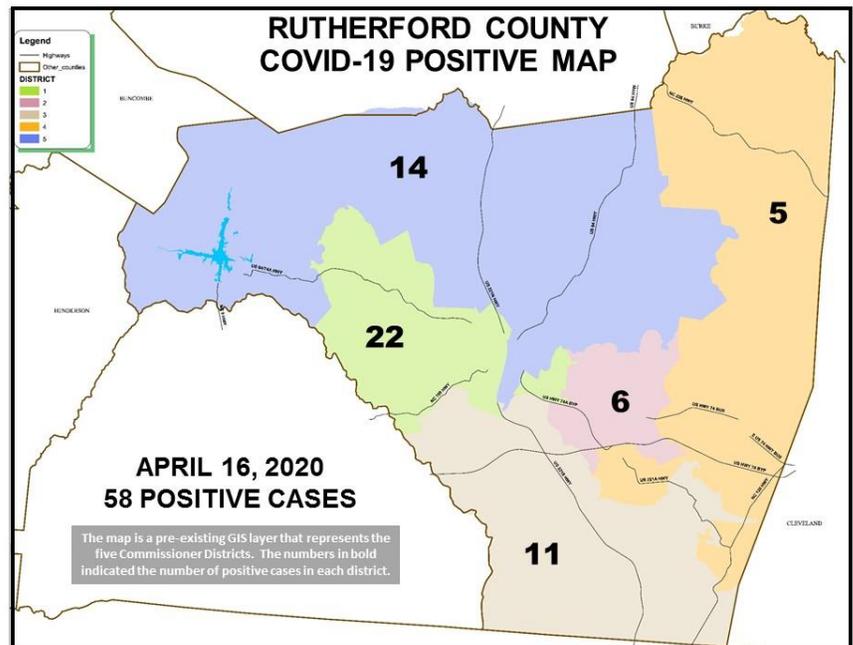**April 16, 2020**

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04-16-2020: 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:

• 485 individuals tested
• 355 tests are negative
• 72 tests are pending
• 58 tests are positive which includes 2 deaths

As more positive tests are returned from the labs, the more contact tracing the Health Department conducts. This inevitability results in additional positive tests because many of the people being tested through contact tracing live in the same household as the current positive case.

Johns Hopkins University has launched a new interactive map that permits the user to drill down on their dashboard to find Rutherford County specific data. Click on the link below to go to the interactive site. Data on positive cases is based on the previous day's numbers. This information is compiled by Johns Hopkins University and Rutherford County is sharing this resource for information only and is not responsible for the content of this data. https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/37161.html.

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, or facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement.

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