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04-17-2020: 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:

- 532 individuals tested
- 382 tests are negative
- 87 tests are pending
- 63 tests are positive which includes 3 deaths

Thank you to the Rutherford Women's League for their \$7,000 donation to Washburn Outreach Center today. Washburn Outreach Center works to provide food and assistance to many citizens affected by COVID-19.

In Rutherford County, citizens have been abiding by both the Local Stay and Home Order and Governor Cooper's Executive Order 121. In order to reduce confusion between the orders, our local order was allowed to expire at 6:00 am this morning. All North Carolina citizens must still abide by the Governor's orders, until the Governor terminates or extends his order.

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.

