



## Foothills Health District (FHD)



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**June 12, 2020**

The Rutherford County Health Department has been notified that 19 additional Rutherford County residents have tested positive for novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Public health staff have already initiated an investigation and will be identifying close contacts to contain the spread of disease. To protect individual privacy, no further information about the case will be released.

This brings the total number of positives to 221 in Rutherford County. There have been 2942 people tested, 2461 negative results and 260 tests are pending results. Currently, there are 42 individuals in quarantine, 172 out of quarantine and 7 deaths.

The Rutherford County Health Department and Rutherford County Emergency Management will keep the public informed by announcing any additional cases that may arise through our social media outlets and local media partners.

It is important for the community to understand that the identification of additional cases does not change our local strategies for preventing and reducing the spread of disease.

“The new results from this week are largely from close contacts with other positives, an outbreak at a group home, community transmission, and 2 individuals from our community testing site at ICC on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>,” stated Foothills Health District Health Director Karen Powell. “To summarize, this brings us to 4 positives from the ICC testing sites, two from each occasion.” The Rutherford County Health Department is working diligently to get in touch with all contacts of positives to offer testing. In addition, positives are being quarantined for 14 days. “We must stay vigilant in social distancing, good hygiene and using protective measures to keep ourselves safe. We cannot lose focus of this serious situation, which is to stop the transmission of COVID-19 and to save lives. Your Public Health team is dedicated and committed to keeping you safe and protecting the community.”

The Health Department is continuing to test individuals for COVID-19. If an individual would like to be tested, they can call the medical screening hotline at (828) 289-1185. The operator will ask a list of questions and will provide the caller with the appropriate instructions based upon the answers given. The hours of operation for this hotline are 8:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Stay at home inquiries and Public Information can be addressed by calling (828) 289-0636. If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 and inform the dispatcher that you have symptoms of COVID-19.

*For additional information about Foothills Health District or other community resources and health related data, please call our offices, Rutherford Co. (828) 287-6100, McDowell (828) 652-6811, or visit our website at <http://www.foothillshd.org/>*

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