

289 N. Main Street • Rutherfordton, NC 28139 • 828.287.6060 (p) 828.287.6262 (f) • www.rutherfordcountync.gov



Media Advisory/COVID-19 Workplace Exposure

JULY 22, 2020 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Foothills Health District has identified and isolated a workplace exposure to COVID-19 at the Rutherford County Detention facility. The Sheriff's Office was notified by Foothills Health District of the positive COVID-19 tests, which included some inmates and Detention Center personnel. The Sheriff's Office staff, coordinating with Health personnel, responded immediately and have taken all appropriate actions to minimize the risk of transmission within the Detention Center and appropriate sanitation of the Center and staff work areas has taken place. 124 out of 126 total inmates have been tested and retesting will occur on an ongoing basis.

Rutherford County Government follows all public health guidelines published by state and national agencies and continually strives to promote health and wellness within Governmental departments. Rutherford County Government complies with all privacy regulations of its employees and individuals held in our charge.

County Commissioners Bryan A. King, Chairman I Alan Toney, Vice Chairman

Éddie Holland Greg Lovelace Michael Benfield

Steven W. Garrison, County Manager Hazel S. Haynes, Clerk to the Board Richard Williams, County Attorney