



Foothills Health District (FHD)



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Today's update will reflect 35 additional Rutherford County residents that have tested positive for novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This brings the total number of positives to 1468, with 175 total active cases, 23 hospitalizations, and 51 deaths.

“Some of our most vulnerable individuals live-in long-term care facilities. Rutherford County has seen several outbreaks and many deaths related to COVID19 in these facilities. It is heartbreaking to see the reality of devastation that this virus can leave in a community. Unfortunately, community transmission continues to be widespread. It is critical now, more than ever, to be safe when you are out and about in public. By wearing your face covering you protect yourself, your family, our vulnerable populations, employees that go to work every day, our school children, and our community. The U.S. Surgeon General said it best: “COVID 19 STOPS WITH ME”. Get tested and if you do test positive for COVID-19, stay at home for the full 10 days in order to not pass the virus to others.” stated Public Health Director Karen Powell.

Today's numbers include current data from 7 outbreaks in 7 different congregate living facilities within Rutherford County. Data concerning these outbreaks can be seen by visiting the following link: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-COVID19-Ongoing-Outbreaks.pdf>. Please keep in mind that this report from NCDHHS will update every Tuesday and Friday at 4 p.m.

For those unable to access this link, the current data for each outbreak is as follows:

The outbreak at Accordius Health at Rutherford has a current total of 4 cases, with 4 being staff and 0 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Fair Haven of Forest City has a current total of 27 cases, with 7 being staff and 20 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Fair Haven of Bostic has a current total of 6 cases, with 3 being staff and 3 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Oak Grove Healthcare Center has a current total of 55 cases, with 19 being staff and 36 being residents. There have been 2 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Willow Ridge Rehabilitation and Living Center has a current total of 115 cases, with 35 being staff and 80 being residents. There have been 17 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Sunnyside Retirement Home has a current total of 16 cases, with 1 being staff and 15 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Brookdale of Forest City has a current total of 2 cases, with 0 being staff and 2 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility.

The Rutherford County Health Department will continue to provide updates on the status of these outbreaks as they are available. The Foothills Health District is also continuing efforts in contact tracing any positives and close contacts of positives within the community. **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 8:30AM – 5PM, Mon. - Fri. If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 and inform the dispatcher that you have symptoms of COVID-19.**

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