



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**03-24-2020: RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE**

There have been zero positive cases of COVID-19 in Rutherford County.

- 78 individuals tested
- 0 tests are positive

Rutherford Regional has instituted a No Visitor policy at the hospital. Furthermore all elective procedures at the hospital that are not deemed medically necessary will be pushed out at least thirty days. If you are symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath) please call the COVID-19 Medical Screening Hotline at (828) 289-1185. The operator will ask a list of screening questions and will provide the caller with the appropriate medical instructions based upon the answers given. The hours of operation for this hotline are 8AM – 5PM, 7 days per week. The Emergency Operations Center encourages all citizens to practice social distancing and shelter at home whenever possible. To receive daily local COVID alerts, please text your zip code to 888777.

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