



NEWS RELEASE
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04-03-2020: RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

There are twelve (12) positive cases of COVID-19 in Rutherford County. The (12) positive cases are not all connected.

- 180 individuals tested
- 126 tests are negative
- 42 tests are pending
- 12 tests are positive

We'd like to share some good news going on in Rutherford County and the many partners working together to help our cause locally. We know there are many more individuals, organization and businesses doing good will. We have more businesses to share tomorrow and will continue to share this information with you as we receive it. Please email us at covid19@rutherfordcountync.gov if you have a positive story to share.

Here are just a few:

- Facebook donated 1,000 surgical masks
- Dominos Pizza in Rutherfordton and Forest City are donating over 400 Large Pizzas throughout the community. This includes Rutherford Hospital Staff, Fire Departments, Police Departments, School Personnel, Pharmacy Staff and Grace of God Rescue Mission.
- Big Springs Baptist Church in Hollis/Ellenboro area is making and donating cloth face masks to give to local healthcare workers, plus they are supporting two area schools with making and delivering backpack food, and assisting in preparation of breakfast and lunch at area schools.
- Current companies are finding suppliers of PPE for us.
- Parker Hannifin donated more face shields, but also gloves and aprons
- Isothermal Community College donated gloves

We know people are concerned about businesses violating the Stay at Home order. Citizens can go to www.rutherfordcountync.gov and click on the COVID-19 box. Once you click on the box you will see a violations form that can be filled out. To get the text alerts please text your zip code to 888777. To watch the daily video, please go to:

www.facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement/.

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