



NEWS RELEASE
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04-09-2020: COVID-19 UPDATE

Rutherford County Health Department, in conjunction with Rutherford County Emergency Operations Center, posts daily updates on testing numbers to keep the public informed of the impact of the virus on the community. Today's daily update is as follows:

- 297 individuals tested
- 229 tests are negative
- 37 tests are pending
- 31 tests are positive which includes 1 death

The Top 3 Local Positive Efforts to Share Today from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC):

- The Rutherford County YMCA Family Programs donated all after school care snacks to the county schools for the ongoing breakfast/lunch program for students ages 0-18.
- Washburn Community Outreach Center is giving food to families in our community.
- Chad Conner with Redeemed Food Ministry is taking food around to people that are not able to get out.

CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. [Click here](#) for more information from the CDC. Thank you to many citizens who are wearing these masks in grocery stores, on the Thermal Belt Rail Trail, at work, and other locations. The EOC is working to post information on where you can purchase cloth facemasks; as well as, recommendation on how to make them yourself.

Please stay at home, wash your hands, and maintain a 6-foot social distance from others. To receive daily alerts from the EOC, please text your zip code to 888777. For general information go to [facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement](https://www.facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement), [rutherfordhelp.com](https://www.rutherfordhelp.com) or call 211.

