



NEWS RELEASE
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04-10-2020: EASTER SUNDAY RECOMMENDATIONS

As Easter Sunday approached, many of us want to be with our families and at church. This creates a dilemma in our current crisis. It is vitally important that as Easter weekend approaches, Rutherford County citizens practice social distancing and staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The County is thankful and appreciative to the many churches broadcasting services online or using creative methods to maintain distance and staying in compliance with local and state mandates. The public information hotline has fielded many questions concerning drive-in church services in Rutherford County. Public Health Director Karen Powell has addressed the concern of these religious services with the following statement:

“Easter Sunday is quickly approaching and there have been many questions about drive-in church services in the community. I highly advise against any physical church services, even drive-in church due to the risk of spreading the virus. However, if a church holds a drive-in church service, it is mandatory that individuals stay in their car, and cars park at least 6 feet apart. I highly recommend that windows in the cars remain up to ensure social distancing. We know that COVID-19 is transmitted through air droplets; therefore, the virus could be passed from car to car. We do not want to become complacent with social distancing. The upcoming weeks will be critical to follow all stay-at-home orders and practice vigilant hand-washing.”

Social distancing is not simply about protecting yourself. It is as much about protecting other people from you. If someone were COVID-19 positive right now, they probably would not know it. This Easter weekend if your family gathers together, remember that we tend to let our social distancing guard down around those closest to us and yet they are the ones we want to protect the most. Keep your family safe. Keep a physical distance at any gathering this weekend. We have to all do our part to protect our community.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY COVID-19 NUMBERS:

Medical Screening Hotline (828) 289-1185
Public Information Line (828) 289-0636
General Information Call 211 or RutherfordHelp.com
Emergency Call 911
To receive daily alerts from the EOC, text your zip code to 888777

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