



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

Today's daily update is as follows:

- 606 individuals tested
- 473 tests are negative
- 52 tests are pending
- 81 tests are positive which includes 4 deaths

The increase in positive patients is currently due to an outbreak associated with a home health agency within Rutherford County. Additionally, numerous Rutherford County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been connected to out-of-county clusters.

If you have been tested and are waiting on your results you AND everyone living in your home MUST stay in quarantine until you get your test results. If you test positive then you and your household must remain in quarantine.

If you are symptomatic please call the medical screening hotline at 828-289-1185. The updated map will be posted on Monday.

Stay at home, wash your hands, and maintain a 6-foot social distance from others. To receive daily alerts from the Rutherford County Emergency Operations Center, please text your zip code to 888777. For general information go to facebook.com/rcemergencymanagement, rutherfordhelp.com or call 211.

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