



Foothills Health District (FHD)

Foothills Health District Health Department

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Over the weekend, the number of positive cases in Rutherford County grew by 22 additional cases. The positive results represent continued transmission county wide. Contact tracing reveals that transmission is coming from contacts with positives, contacts outside the county as well as community wide transmission. In addition, we are currently seeing outbreaks within mass gathering events, businesses and individual households.

A North Carolina law limits the disclosure of information about reportable communicable diseases such as COVID-19 (G.S. 130A- 143). When the information is obtained by a local Health Department, it may be protected by the Federal HIPAA Privacy rule as well (45 C.F.R Parts 160 and 164). Under North Carolina law, information that identifies an individual who has or may have a reportable communicable disease is strictly confidential, is not public record and may be disclosed as only as allowed by G.S. 130A-143. Therefore, the Health Department will not release the names of the above entities but will defer that to the entity itself to release the information of positive cases.

“The positive results, are a constant reminder, of how contagious COVID 19 continues to be in our community.” stated Public Health Director Karen Powell. There has been so much conflicting information in the media about COVID 19. Please educate yourself about the true nature of this virus. The continual rise in numbers and hospitalizations supports concerns that COVID 19 is, and continues to be, extremely infectious. Rutherford County Health Department is working diligently to get in touch with all contacts of positives to offer testing. We continue to quarantine all positives for 14 days. “We must stay vigilant in social distancing, good hygiene and using protective measures to keep ourselves safe. We cannot lose focus of this serious situation, which is to stop the transmission of COVID-19 and to save lives. Your Public Health team is dedicated and committed to keeping you safe and protecting the community.

For additional information about Foothills Health District or other community resources and health related data, please call our offices, Rutherford Co. (828) 287-6100, McDowell (828) 652-6811, or visit our website at <http://www.foothillshd.org/>

UPCOMING DRIVE THRU TESTING SITES:

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and again from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Foothills Health Department - 221 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sunshine Elementary School - 231 Toney Road, Bostic

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cliffside Elementary School - 4016 US 221 A Hwy, Cliffside

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Forest City Housing Authority - 147 E. Spruce Street, Forest City

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