



Foothills Health District (FHD)



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Today's update will reflect 21 additional Rutherford County residents that have tested positive for novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This brings the total number of positives to 1385, with 189 total active cases, 23 hospitalizations, and 43 deaths.

“We are so saddened to report so many additional deaths in Rutherford County today. Many of these deaths, but not exclusively, are contributed to our congregate living facilities residents. COVID19 transmission is high in the community and we are concerned about the continued high positivity rate. In addition, the time of year is here that many types of illnesses will be showing up in the community. Flu, strep and sinus infections are just a few that will be prevalent. Please be aware that symptoms for these viruses are very similar to COVID19. If you experience any of these symptoms, consider getting tested for COVID19. A test is the only way to assure that you do not have the virus. If you do test positive for COVID19, stay at home for the full 10 days in order to not pass the virus to others. **Please continue to be mindful of large gatherings, inside or out, and always be vigilant in wearing your face covering, social distancing and washing your hands.** These steps are critical to keeping our positive numbers down,” stated Public Health Director Karen Powell.

Today's numbers also include current data from 6 outbreaks in 6 different congregate living facilities within Rutherford County. Data concerning these outbreaks can be seen by visiting the following link: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-COVID19-Ongoing-Outbreaks.pdf>. Please keep in mind that this report from NCDHHS will update every Tuesday and Friday at 4 p.m.

For those unable to access this link, the current data for each outbreak is as follows:

The outbreak at Accordius Health at Rutherford has a current total of 4 cases, with 4 being staff and 0 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Fair Haven of Forest City has a current total of 20 cases, with 6 being staff and 14 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Fair Haven of Bostic has a current total of 2 cases, with 2 being staff and 0 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Oak Grove Healthcare Center has a current total of 53 cases, with 18 being staff and 35 being residents. There have been 2 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Willow Ridge Rehabilitation and Living Center has a current total of 110 cases, with 35 being staff and 75 being residents. There have been 10 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility. The outbreak at Sunnyside Retirement Home has a current total of 12 cases, with 0 being staff and 12 being residents. There have been 0 COVID-19 related deaths from the outbreak at this facility.

The Rutherford County Health Department will continue to provide updates on the status of these outbreaks as they are available. The Foothills Health District is also continuing efforts in contact tracing any positives and close contacts of positives within the community. **If an individual would like to be tested, they can call the medical screening hotline at (828) 289-1185. The operator will ask a list of questions and will provide the caller with the appropriate instructions based upon the answers given. The hours of operation for this hotline are 8:30AM – 5PM, Mon. - Fri. If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 and inform the dispatcher that you have symptoms of COVID-19.**

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