

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

August 14, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

Thirty-seven new cases and three deaths have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. There have been 5,477 laboratory-confirmed cases in Forsyth County. All cases reported by the Forsyth County Department of Public Health are Forsyth County residents. Of the 5,477, 4,654 are presumed recovered. The case count is subject to change throughout the day but will only be reported once per day in the daily briefing.

The Public Health Director will provide a detailed briefing at 2:00pm at the beginning of the August 20th Board of County Commissioners meeting, which will be conducted remotely. The public can listen to and watch the meeting on WSTV 13 or by clicking on this link: <https://www.cityofws.org/493/WSTV-13>

The Public Health Director will hold a Question & Answer session with the media at 4:00pm on August 20th. The call-in information will be sent to the media next week.

Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline is (336) 582-0800. **For information on COVID-19 testing locations, symptoms and prevention, as well as Safer at Home Order measures, visit:** <https://forsyth.cc/covidupdate>.

Public Health Director Comment

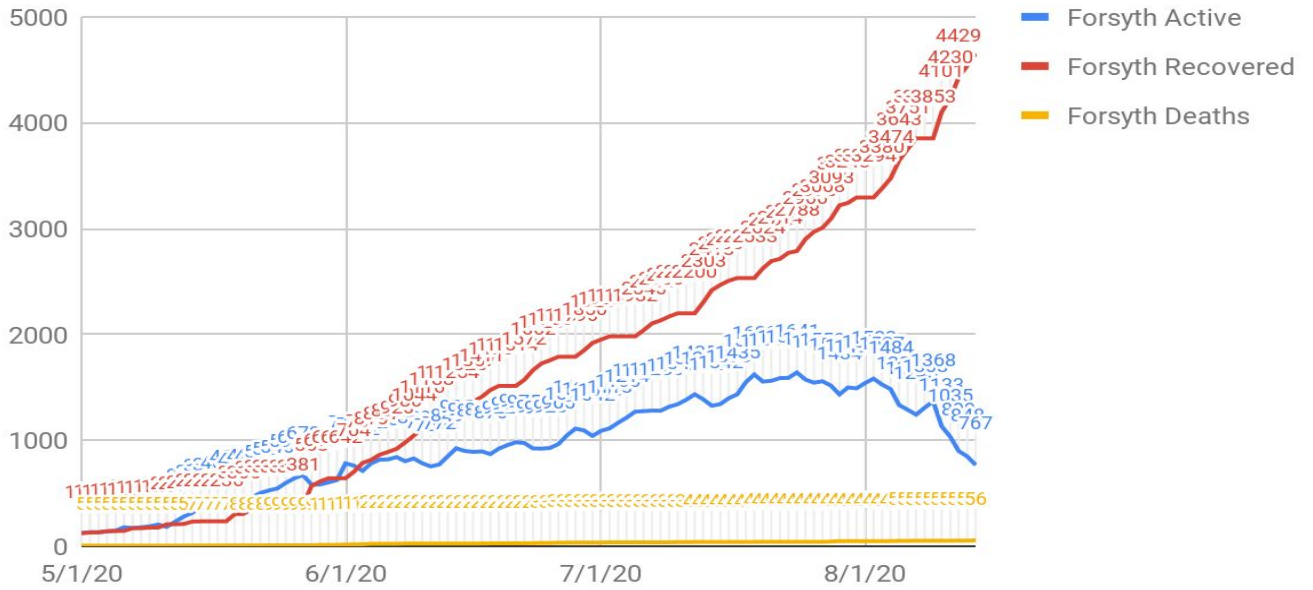
Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "The Forsyth County Department of Public Health is hosting free COVID-19 testing event tomorrow, August 15th from 10am to 2pm at Shiloh Baptist Church 916 E. 12th Street in Winston-Salem. Drive-thru testing is available for both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals. Walk-ups are also allowed. Registration is not required but is strongly encouraged. To register and for more information on testing, visit <http://www.forsyth.cc/covidupdate>."

"Forsyth County Department of Public Health was made aware from StarMed, the provider that conducts COVID-19 testing at Public Health's events, that approximately 100 individuals received a bill. The bills were sent in error from StarMed's insurance clearinghouse. There is no payment for the nasal swab testing. If you received a balance-due bill related to Forsyth County Department of Public Health's hosted COVID-19 testing, you may disregard the bill. StarMed is reaching out to individuals electronically to advise that no balance is due. If payment has already been made, StarMed will issue a refund within 24 hours. If you have any questions, please contact StarMed at 704-586-9556."

Case Count

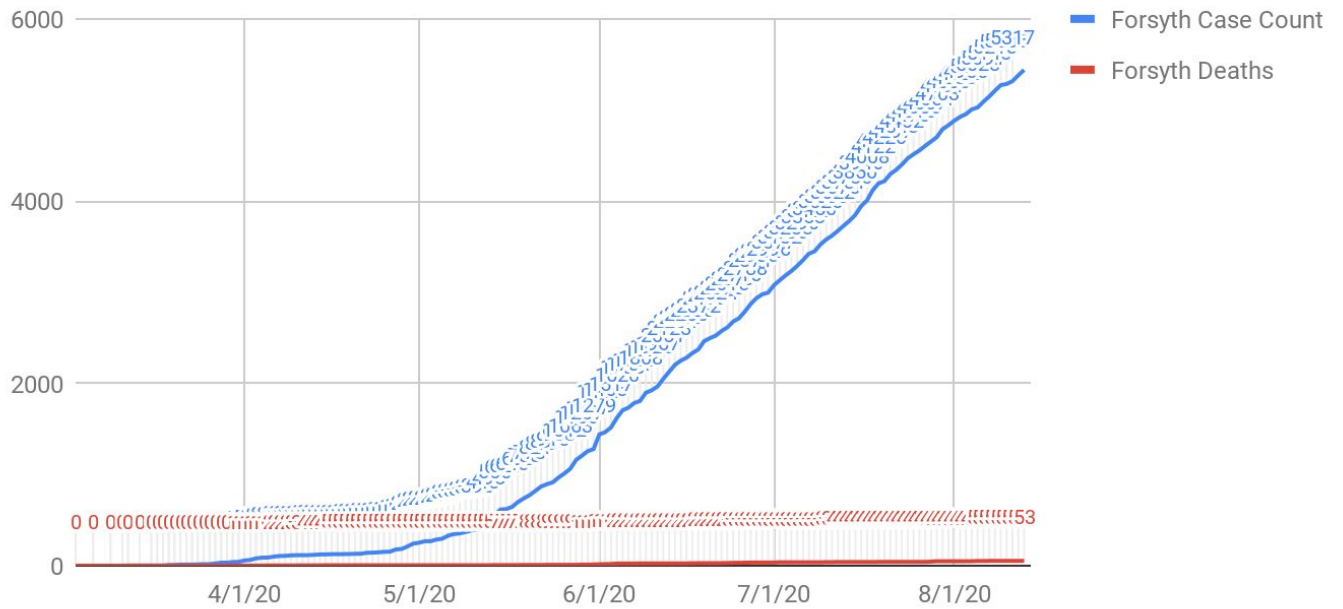
Forsyth Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
5,477	56	142,170	2,313	1,877,402	5,258,056	167,298

Forsyth County COVID-19 Cases

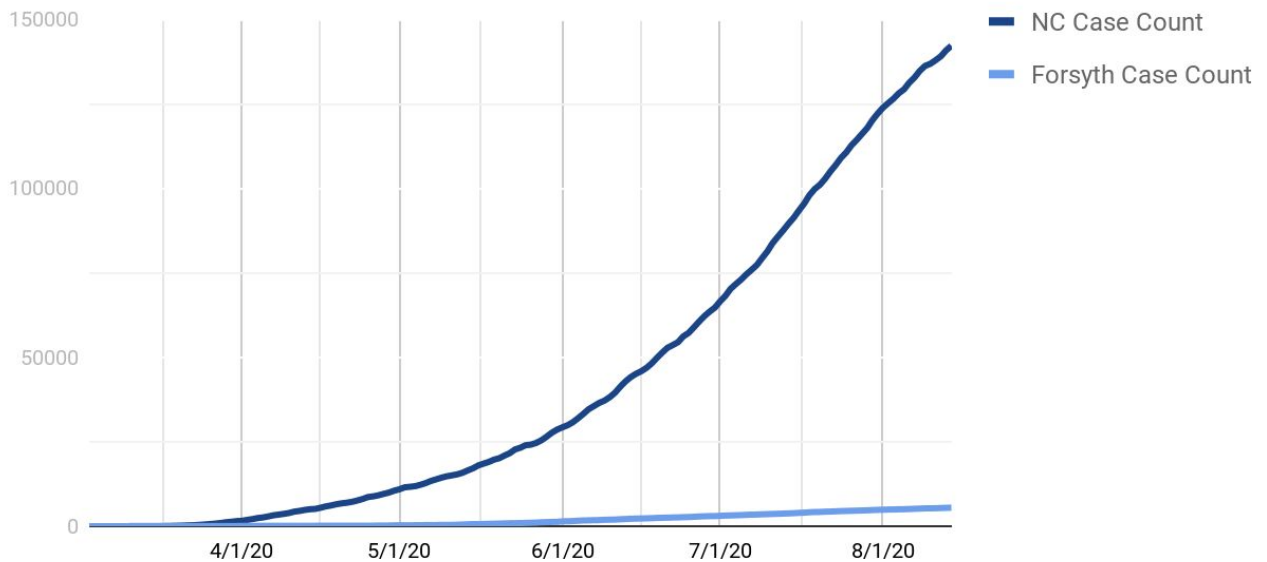


Active and recovered data starting May 1, 2020

Forsyth County COVID-19 Case Count



North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: [NCDHHS](#); Forsyth County Department of Public Health
[*John Hopkins University as of 12:00pm](#)

Operational Update

There are no operational updates to report today.

Forsyth County Government's helpline is available to answer questions about Phase 2. Please click this link to ask a question online: <http://forsyth.cc/stayathome.aspx> or call (336) 464-7800.

Any additional changes in Forsyth County's operations will be provided in this daily briefing which will be updated by 12:30pm daily.

Additional Information

NC Department of Health and Human Services has published additional metrics located here: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count>

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington has created a model for COVID-19 projections. The projections can be found here: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) COVID-19 Cases and Planning Report is updated daily and can be found here: <https://esridc.github.io/covid-report/?county=Forsyth%2C+NC>