

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

October 26, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

There are 80 new cases and one death reported today. Over the weekend, there were 154 new cases and two deaths reported on Saturday, and 81 new cases reported on Sunday. There have been 8,703 laboratory-confirmed cases in Forsyth County. All daily cases reported by the State are presumed Forsyth County residents but may later transfer to another county if the case is later identified as not residing in Forsyth County. Of the 8,703, 7,468 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 Thursday's 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 the next Question & Answer session with the media at 4:00pm on October 29th. The call-in information will be sent to the media at a later date.

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>.**

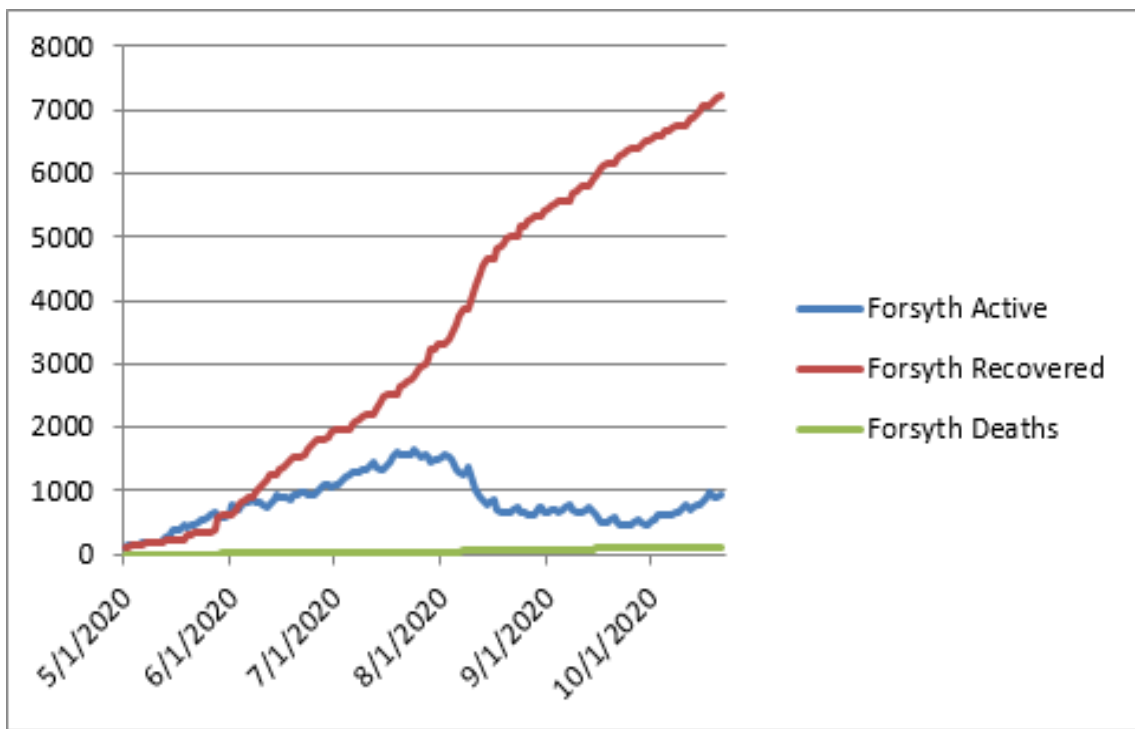
Public Health Director Comment

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "The increase in the case count last week and over the weekend are likely attributed to small social interactions. We must not let our guard down. We must continue to properly wear masks, be socially distant at 6 feet or greater, and stay home when we are not feeling well"

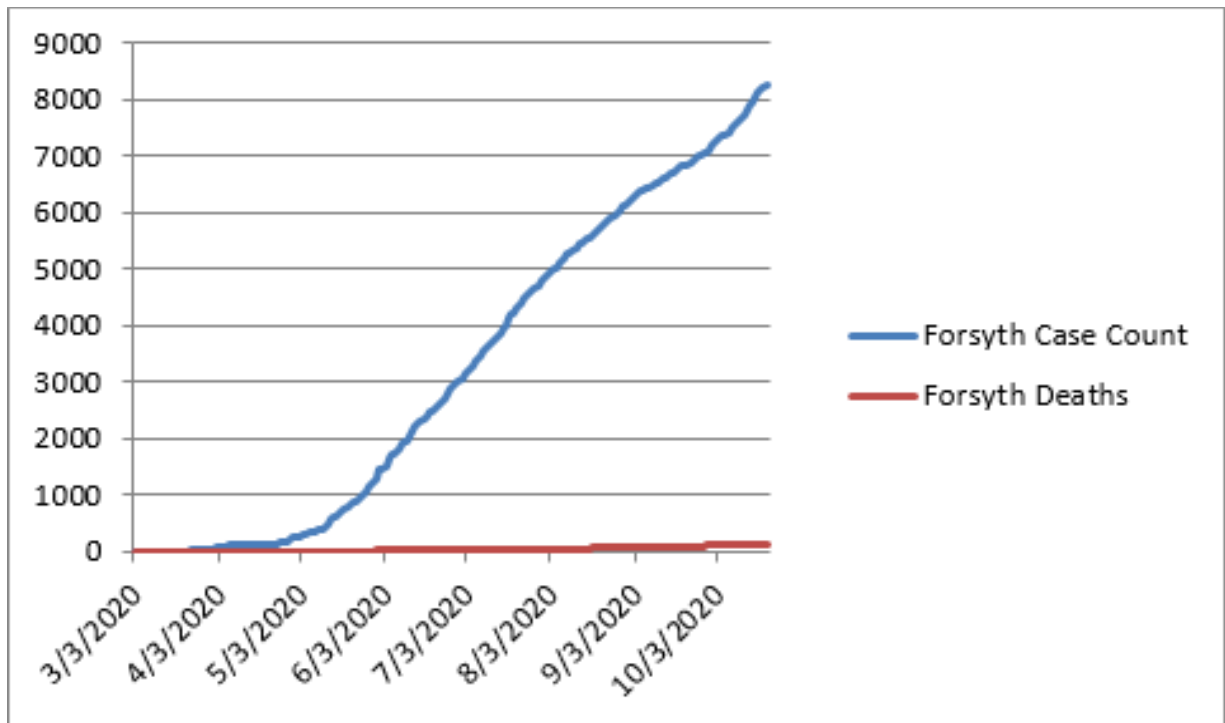
"The Forsyth County Department of Public Health will host its next free COVID-19 community testing event on October 27th at WSTA from 4pm to 7pm located at 100 W. 5th St, Winston Salem. Free flu shots will also be available while supplies last. For more information visit www.forsyth.cc/covidupdate"

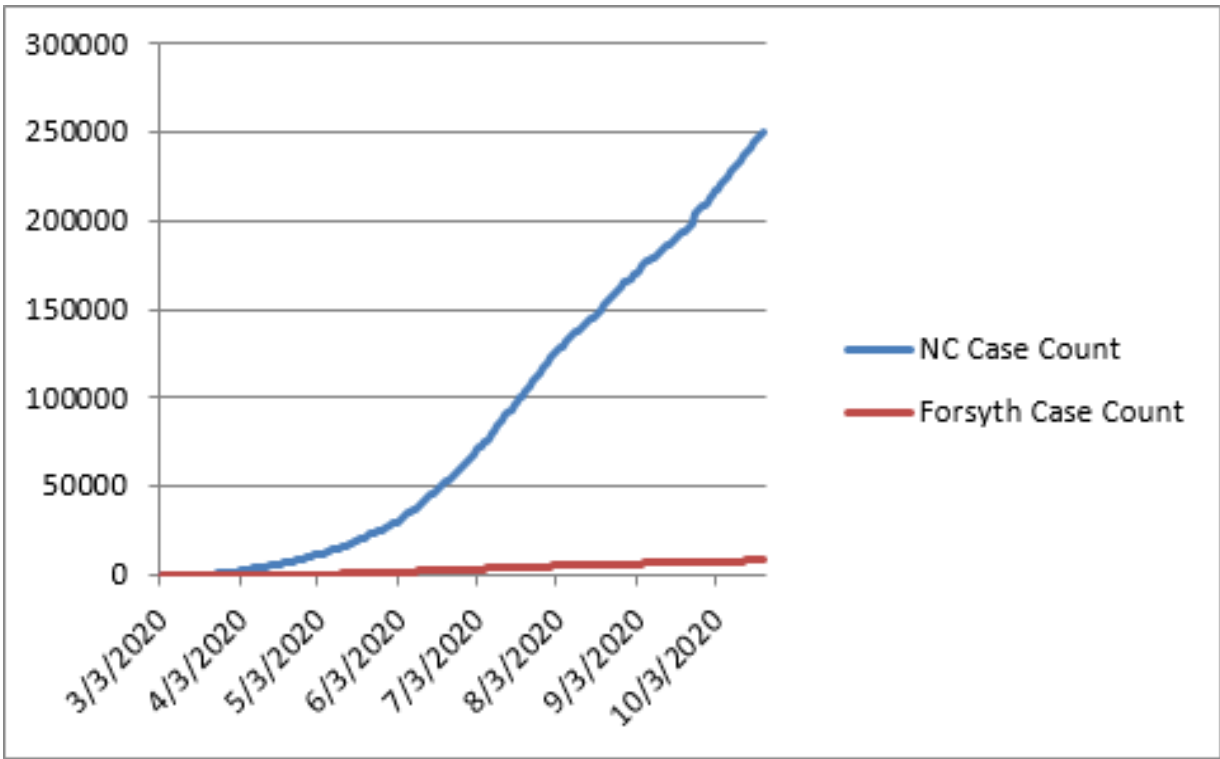
Case Count

Forsyth Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
8,703	119	261,742 (includes antigen positive cases)	4,170	3,863,108	8,646,085	225,282



Active and recovered data starting May 1, 2020





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 3. 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>