

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

October 20, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

Forty-six new cases and two deaths have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. There have been 8,201 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 8,201, 7,173 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 October 22nd 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 October 22nd. The call-in information will be sent to the media today.

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>.**

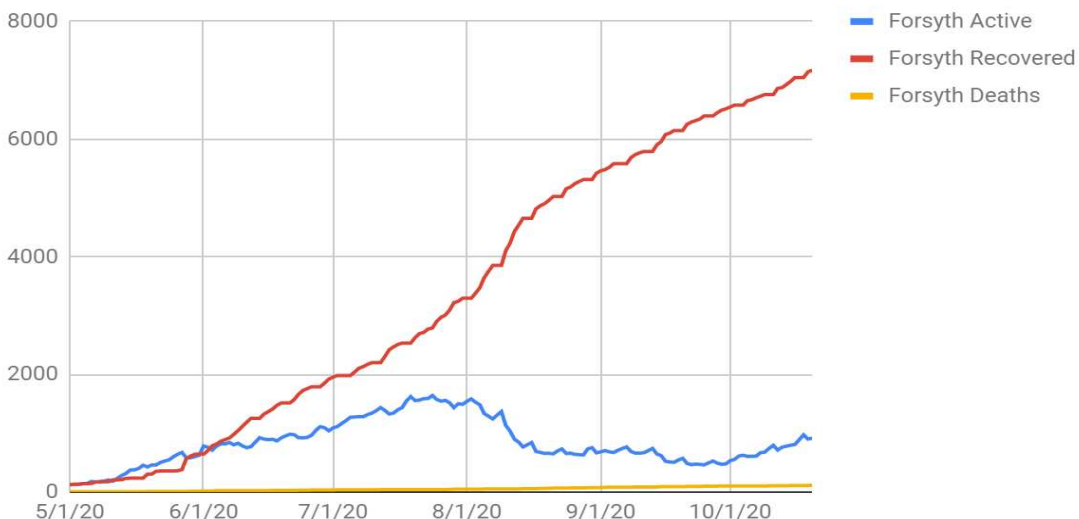
Public Health Director Comment

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "The Forsyth County Department of Public Health will host its next free COVID-19 community testing event on today, October 20th from 3 pm to 6 pm at Southeast Plaza located at 3067 Waughtown St., Winston-Salem. Free flu shots will also be available while supplies last. For more information visit www.forsyth.cc/covidupdate" and "We must continue to be vigilant. The positive COVID-19 cases each day appear to be community spread and attributed to small social events mostly held indoors such as birthday parties, weddings, and small gatherings. To slow the spread please continue to stay more than 6ft apart and wear a mask properly when around others."

Case Count

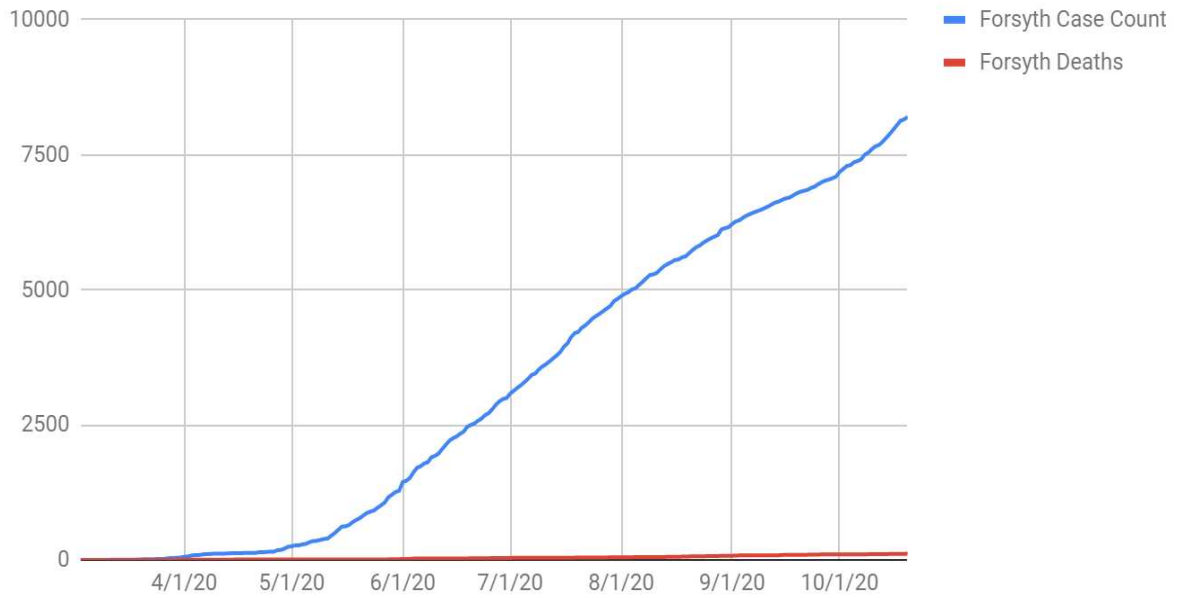
Forsyth Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
8,201	114	248,750 (includes antigen positive cases)	3,992	3,663,340	8,224,396	220,417

Forsyth County COVID-19 Cases

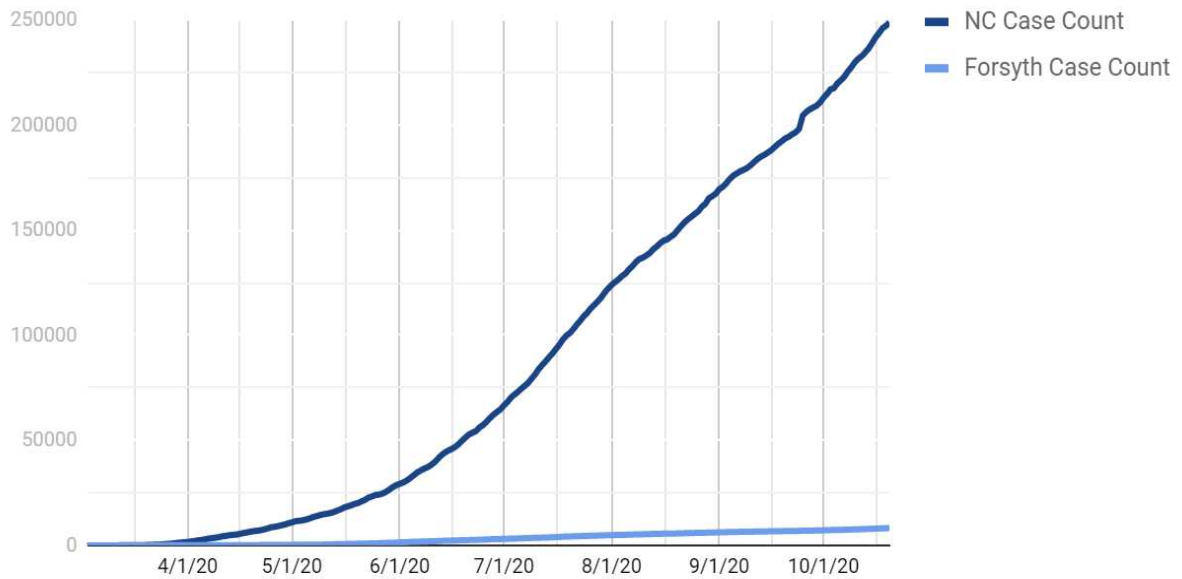


Active and recovered data starting May 1, 2020

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 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>