

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

December 15, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

Two hundred and fifty new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. One death previously reported was updated by NCDHHS. There have been 17,035 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 17,035, 13,594 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 December 17th 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 December 17th. 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 percent positive has decreased for two consecutive weeks, while hospitalizations have also decreased. Both are promising signs as we look forward to vaccination distribution."

"The Forsyth County Department of Public Health will host the following no-cost COVID-19 community testing events:

- Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, 421 27th St NW, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 17, at EMS Triangle Station (Waughtown), 3260 Kernersville Rd., from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 19, at EMS Triangle Station (Waughtown), 3260 Kernersville Rd., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 *
17,035	189	446,601 (includes antigen positive cases)	5,881	6,066,204	16,545,465	301,264

Sources: [NCDHHS](https://www.ncdhhs.gov); Forsyth County Department of Public Health

*[John Hopkins University](https://www.jhu.edu/) as of 12:00pm

Operational Update

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>