

# Forsyth County Government

## COVID-19 Daily Briefing

December 16, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

One hundred and eighty nine new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. There have been 17,224 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 17,224, 13,904 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 was sent to the media.

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, "We need to maximize prevention efforts until widespread vaccination is accomplished. We must continue to wear masks, wash our hands and practice social distancing."

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

- 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](http://www.forsyth.cc/covidupdate)"

### Case Count

Forsyth Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
17,224	189	451,874 (includes antigen positive cases)	5,979	6,106,202	16,751,562	304,589

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

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

**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>