

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

December 31, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

Two hundred and sixty-nine new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. There have been 20,643 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 20,643, 17,682 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 January 7th 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 January 7th. The call-in information was sent to the media yesterday.

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 the following no-cost COVID-19 community testing events:

- Thursday, Dec. 31, at EMS Triangle Station, 3260 Kernersville Rd., from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 2, at Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (Enter Gate 9), 421 27th St NW, 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 * |
|---------------|----------------|--|-----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| 20,643 | 221 | 539,545 (includes antigen positive cases) | 6,748 | 6,898,509 | 19,767,016 | 342,743 |

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>