

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

March 24, 2020

Updated daily by 11:30am

Public Health Update

Two new cases have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. The County's total case count is at fourteen. Eleven of the cases are travel-related. Two cases are considered community spread. One case is under investigation. 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 on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the beginning of the Board of County Commissioners briefing session, which will be conducted remotely. The Boardroom will be closed to staff and citizens until further notice. 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>

Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline can be reached at (336) 582-0800.

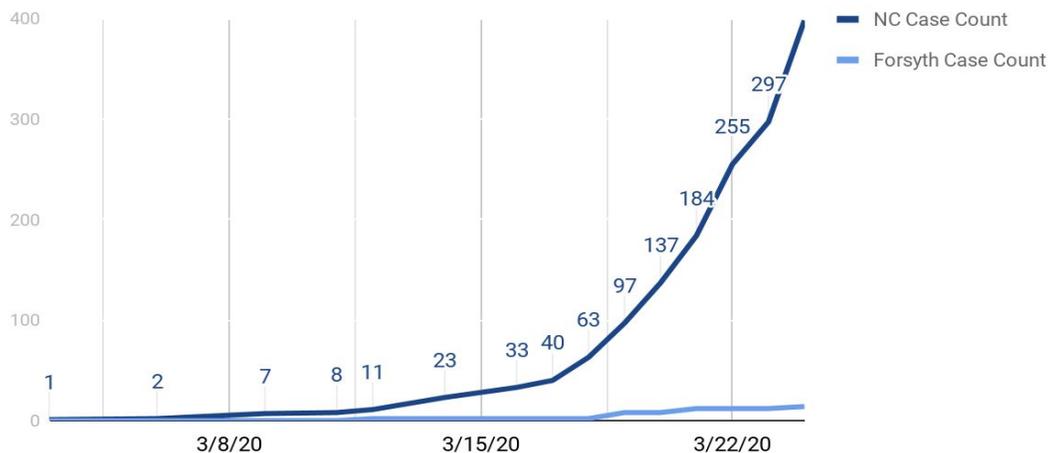
Public Health Director Comment

Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "Everyone should continue to be proactive and practice good social distancing, staying home with any signs of illness, and should be frequently washing their hands with soap and water. If you are in the high risk category you should stay at home to the fullest extent possible to decrease the chance of infection. Those in the high risk category for COVID-19 include anyone 65 years or older, people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have heart disease with complications, people who are immunocompromised, and people of any age with severe obesity."

Case Count

| Forsyth County Cases | NC Cases | NC Deaths | NC Completed Tests | US Cases * | US Deaths * |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| 14 | 398 | 0 | 8,502 | 46,485 | 591 |

North Carolina COVID-19 Cases



Sources: NCDHHS; Forsyth County Department of Public Health

*John Hopkins University as of 11:00am

Operational Update

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners' Briefing Session scheduled for March 26, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the fifth floor of the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 North Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, N.C., will be conducted remotely, as allowed by the Board's Remote Participation Policy during this state of emergency. There will be no meeting place where members of the public can be physically present. The Briefing Session will be broadcast live at 2:00 p.m. on local cable channel WSTV 13-The Government Channel and www.cityofws.org/493/WSTV-13.

Cooperative Extension's Land Summit scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:00am-12:00pm will be conducted online. For more information, please contact Mary Jac Brennan at mjbrenn2@ncsu.edu.

The Department of Social Services now has applications for Work First available in its first floor lobby. Customers are asked to take an application and a return envelope and send it back to the agency. Please include a valid call back phone number. The application must be received by DSS as soon as possible so you can receive timely benefits. You can also sign the application and call for further instructions while in the agency at 336-703-3410. You can also email WorkFirstEA-user@forsyth.cc.

Any additional changes in Forsyth County's operations will be provided in this daily briefing which will be updated by 11:30am daily.