

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

January 4, 2021

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

There are 160 new cases and six deaths reported today. Over the weekend, there were 565 new cases and four deaths reported on Saturday (included cases from Friday), and 159 new cases on Sunday. 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. 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 will be sent to the media tomorrow.

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:

- Tuesdays at Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (Gate 9), 421 27th St NW, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Thursdays at EMS Triangle Station, 3260 Kernersville Rd., from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturdays at Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (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 *
21,527	231	570,111 (includes antigen positive cases)	6,941	7,119,201	20,667,587	351,872

Sources: [NCDHHS](#); Forsyth County Department of Public Health

[*John Hopkins University 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>