



### Case Update:

Surry County now has 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Surry County has community spread transmission which means that there are cases with no known source of infection.

Surry County Cases	Surry County Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Tests Completed	US Cases	US Deaths
11	0	5,465	131	70,917	605,390	24,582

### Protective Measures:

The public should continue to follow Governor Cooper's North Carolina Shelter in Place order issued on March 27, 2020, which requires residents to stay home to the extent possible in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. It is also imperative that residents always practice social distancing when interacting with persons outside of their household.

In order to further protect yourselves and your loved ones, we would like to remind you to:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of the tissue.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, cell phones, computers, light switches, doorknobs, and handles) using a household detergent and water.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, and if your hands are not visibly dirty use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission
  - Cloth face coverings (not surgical masks or N95 respirators) should:
    - fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
    - be secured with ties or ear loops
    - include multiple layers of fabric
    - allow for breathing without restriction
    - be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

# Masks

## What do they do?

Masks can limit the spread of a disease from an infected person depending on the type. In the case of COVID-19, transmission of the virus is thought to occur primarily through respiratory droplets. Droplets can land in other people's mouths or noses when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The droplets can also contaminate surfaces that others then touch before touching their faces.

## What kinds of masks are available?

- Surgical masks—loose fitting, disposable masks—might be helpful because if someone who is sick is wearing one, their infectious droplets could be trapped in the mask.
- Respirators, like N95 masks are disposable, tight-fitting masks that create a seal on the face and include a specialized filter that captures at least 95% of the airborne particles that pass through it.
- Cloth and Do-It-Yourself masks-- face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost. These can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Please remember that cloth and do it yourself masks are what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for members of the general population. Surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

## Further information about COVID-19:

Residents with general questions about COVID-19 can call NC 2-1-1 by dialing 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162. We'd also urge Surry County residents to seek information regarding COVID-19 from credible sources such as [NCDHHS.gov](http://NCDHHS.gov) or [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov) or visit NCDHHS and CDC on Facebook or Twitter!