Surry County Health and Nutrition Center
COVID-19: Weekly Briefing
July 6-10, 2020

Case Update:

Surry County now has 580 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 2 COVID-19 related deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has defined recovery from COVID-19 as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications with progressive improvement or resolution of other symptoms. According to this definition, Surry County has 478 recoveries.

Surry County Cases	Surry County Deaths	Surry County Recovered	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Tests Completed	US Cases	US Deaths
580	2	478	79,349	1,461	1,121,811	3,047,671	132,056

Weekly Updates:

➢ NC DHHS has taken action to decrease barriers to COVID-19 testing by issuing a Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing, as well as a State Health Director Temporary Order on COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Reporting. The Statewide Standing Order allows testing sites to collect and submit samples to a laboratory for COVID-19 testing without requiring a specific order and authorizes testing sites to receive results directly from laboratories. This will facilitate community-based testing sites and reduce barriers to testing, especially for members of historically marginalized populations who may be less likely to have a medical home.

➢ NC DHHS launched the Community testing in High-priority And Marginalized Populations (CHAMP) Initiative to increase access to no-cost COVID-19 testing for African American, LatinX/Hispanic, and American Indian communities that currently have limited testing sites. As many as 300 temporary testing sites will be developed throughout the month of July, including drive-thru and walk-up sites.

➢ NC DHHS joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in alerting consumers of adverse health effects associated with methanol contaminated hand sanitizers. Click here for more information.

All North Carolinians should get the latest information on COVID-19 directly from reliable sources. The COVID-19 outbreak has been accompanied by a flood of misinformation from unreliable sources. Be thoughtful about what you read or hear about the virus and make sure you are separating rumor from fact before you act. COVID-19 information from across NC state government, including information about unemployment, can be found at www.nc.gov/covid12 .

Protective Measures:

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

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 or CDC.gov or visit NCDHHS and CDC on Facebook or Twitter!