



May 18, 2020

Surry County Media Campaign Day 6: COVID-19 Case Count & Reporting

As of 9:00 am on May 18, 2020 Surry County currently has 94 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one COVID-19 related death. The number of laboratory-confirmed cases reflect cases that were tested for COVID-19 and had a positive test result from the NC State Laboratory of Public Health, reporting hospitals, or private labs. North Carolina will continue to track and post the number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases; however, it is important to note that there are many people with COVID-19 who are not included in the daily counts of laboratory-confirmed cases, including:

- People who had minimal symptoms or no symptoms and were not tested.
- People who had symptoms but did not seek medical care.
- People who sought medical care but were not tested.
- People with COVID-19 in whom the virus was not detected by testing.

Surry County Health and Nutrition Center enters all Surry County laboratory-confirmed cases into a state reporting system, which is then published by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). NC DHHS publishes the state-wide and county specific numbers of COVID-19 daily by 11:00 am; however, this report does not reflect any labs received after 11:00 am on that day. There is sometimes a discrepancy between what Surry County Health and Nutrition Center is reporting and what is posted on the NC DHHS website due to this delay in publishing. In addition to state and county specific case counts, the NC DHHS COVID-19 Dashboard provides data on COVID-19 related deaths, completed tests, hospitalizations, and breakdowns by age, gender, and ethnicities. To stay up to date on COVID-19 cases, please visit the NC DHHS COVID-19 dashboard, <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>.

Surry County Health and Nutrition Center also publishes a Weekly Update with Surry County's current case count, recoveries, and COVID-19 related deaths on Fridays of each week. 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. Local COVID-19 related information is published on the Surry County website, www.surry.com, and on Surry County Health and Nutrition Center's Facebook page. To learn more about COVID-19, visit ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions:

What can I expect after I am tested for COVID-19 during a mass testing event in Surry County?



If you participate in one of the COVID-19 Mass Testing Events in Surry County, you will be required to stay at home until you receive your test results, even if you are not having symptoms. This is to help prevent the spread of the virus from those that may be contagious but do not display symptoms. The site at which you were tested will contact you with your test results as soon as possible, usually within a few days to a week.

If you test positive for COVID-19, your local health department will contact you for further investigation and contact tracing.



For more local COVID-19 information: (336) 401-8400 or <https://www.co.surry.nc.us/coronavirus.php> or www.Facebook.com/SurryCountyHealthandNutritionCenter

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