



Case Update:

Surry County now has 1,097 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 14 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 932 recoveries.

Surry Co. Cases	Surry Co. Deaths	Surry Co. Recovered Cases	Surry Co. Active Cases	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Tests Completed	US Cases	US Deaths
1,097	14	932	151	151,912	2,494	2,030,885	5,506,929	172,416

Weekly Updates:

- Returning to school looks different this year. If your child is returning to in-person learning, know what to expect and how to prepare yourself and your children.  
<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/education/NCDHHS-Guidance-for-When-Schools-Reopen.pdf>
- With schools opening in-person and remotely across the state under new health and safety procedures, NCDHHS is expanding the Hope4Healers Helpline (919-226-2002) to serve NC’s teachers, school personnel and their families. Hope4Healers can provide mental health and resilience supports, and is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. When teachers, school personnel or family members call the helpline, they will speak to someone who is trained to listen and offer support.
- Families and caregivers in need of childcare for children up to age 12 can call the childcare hotline at 1-888-600-1685 to be connected directly to care options in their community that meet their families’ needs.
- Antigen tests for COVID-19 detect certain proteins in the virus and can produce results in minutes. Antigen tests usually provide results diagnosing an active coronavirus infection faster than molecular tests, but antigen tests have a higher chance of missing an active infection. If an antigen test shows a negative result indication that you do not have an active coronavirus infection, you may be asked to get a molecular test to confirm the result.

NC DHHS only classifies positive COVID-19 antigen tests as 'probable' cases. These numbers are not reflected in the daily case counts released by NC DHHS or by Surry County Health and Nutrition Center. Currently, there is no plan in place to report these numbers as to avoid confusion. NC DHHS does recognize that the current reported case county is not a completely accurate reflection of what is truly happening in NC and will be working towards a solution.

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](http://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!