



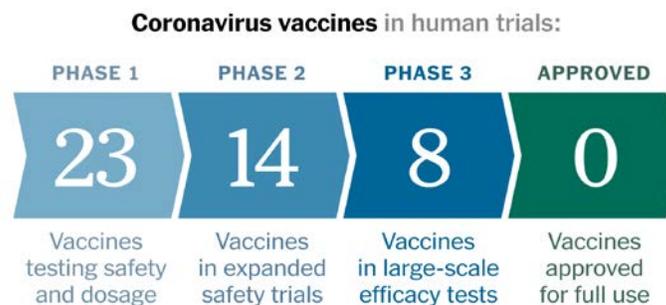
Case Update:

Surry County now has 1,154 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 18 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 1,033 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
1,154	18	1,033	101	162,491	2,652	2,182,891	5,799,046	178,998

Weekly Updates:

- COVID-19 Vaccine development is underway as part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ ‘Operation Warp Speed.’ Vaccines typically require years of research and testing before reaching the clinic, but scientists are working to produce a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine by next year in hopes of mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has proposed guidelines for distributing a coronavirus vaccine in the United States when one is approved for public use, which is estimated to be around March of 2021. Safety is of upmost concern during vaccine trials and is the primary factor in determining if a vaccine prospect can move into the next phase of development.



- While it is not possible to say with certainty what will happen in the fall and winter, CDC believes it is likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading. In this context, getting a flu vaccine will be more important than ever. CDC recommends that all people 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine.



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](https://www.ncdhhs.gov) or [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or visit NCDHHS and CDC on Facebook or Twitter!