COVID 19 – Data Disclaimers

Disclaimer for all data

COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurate, and completely as we have available. Data are reported based on the current number of positive cases at 3:30 pm each day. Aggregate demographic data will likely lag the case counts. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more. On holidays and weekends, only the case counts will be updated. Aggregate demographic data will be updated the first business day following the holiday or weekend.

Disclaimer for case counts

Cumberland County will continue to track and post the number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases. However, it is important to recognize that there are many people with COVID-19 who will not be included in daily counts of laboratory-confirmed cases, including:
1. People who had minimal or no symptoms and were not tested.
2. People who had symptoms but did not seek medical care.
3. People who sought medical care but were not tested.
4. People with COVID-19 in whom the virus was not detected by testing.

Therefore, the number of laboratory-confirmed cases through testing will increasingly provide a limited picture of the spread of infections in the state as COVID-19 becomes more widespread and the number of people in the first three groups above increases.

Cases include Cumberland County residents and individuals who reside on Ft. Bragg. Based on guidance from the Department of Defense and to protect operational security, Ft. Bragg cases cannot be further disaggregated.

Disclaimer for Race data

Race data is reported to Cumberland County from NC DHHS. Race data are missing for a large percentage of cases. Data should be interpreted with caution.

Disclaimer for zip code

Distribution of COVID-19 cases reported to Cumberland County Department of Public Health by zip code of patient's residence. Zip code data may be incomplete. Zip codes that cross county boundaries only includes the range of cases reported by Cumberland County and no other surrounding counties.

Disclaimer for the Cumulative Total Number of COVID-19 Cases by Date of Notifications

Cumulative total number of COVID-19 cases by the date the CCDPH was notified of the positive. This number reflects cases that were tested and returned positive, including testing completed by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health and reporting hospital and commercial labs. All data is preliminary. Not all cases of COVID-19 are tested, so this does not represent the total number of people in North Carolina who have or had COVID-19. Number of cases reported by date may change. Cases reported after 3:30 pm will be counted on the correct notification date, but may not appear on the until a later date.

Disclaimer Hospitalization Percentages

Percentage of COVID-19 cases that report hospitalization anytime during the quarantine period. This number does NOT reflect the number of patients currently hospitalized. Individuals that are no longer hospitalized are still included in the percentage. Patients may be hospitalized at Womack Army Medical Center, Cape Fear Valley Hospital, or other healthcare facility. For current hospitalization data visit the NC DHHS COVID-19 North Carolina Dashboard https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count