



# News Release

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## *COVID-19 Update*

### **Harnett Resident Working at Cumberland County Restaurant Tests Positive for COVID-19**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health has learned a Harnett County resident who worked at the Hardee's at 2309 Gillespie Street in Fayetteville has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is included in the Harnett County case count based on residency. Cumberland County Department of Public Health and Harnett County Health Department are conducting a joint investigation and reaching out to individuals that may have been in contact with the person who tested positive.

This notice is being sent because of the difficulty in identifying restaurant customers during the time period the person was pre-symptomatic or symptomatic. Individuals who were at the restaurant during the times and dates noted below who start to experience COVID-19 symptoms (fever, coughing, or shortness of breath) should stay home and separate themselves from other people in the home.

- March 27, 5am-3:45pm
- March 28, 5am-6pm
- March 30, 9am-6:30pm
- March 31, 9am-3:30pm
- April 1, 5am-1:30pm
- April 2, 5am-2:00pm
- April 3, 5am- 2:00 pm
- April 4, 5am-10:30pm
- April 7, 8:30am-12:00pm

No other Hardee's locations in Cumberland County were affected. The Hardee's location was following guidelines for operation outlined in Executive Order 118 and was not providing dine-in service to customers.

Most people do not need a test. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home if you have mild symptoms – such as fever and cough without shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Once your symptoms resolve, you should remain at home without fever for three more days. You can call your doctor to see if you need medical care.

**Call your doctor or 911 right away if you have shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure, confusion, or blue lips.**

“There is evidence of community spread in North Carolina. All community members should take precautions when in public settings including physically distancing yourself from others and wearing a cloth facemask when distancing is not possible,” said Dr. Jennifer Green, Cumberland County Health Director.

The Cumberland County Epidemiology Clinic (910-433-3655) will provide information about the location and dates for potential exposure. Due to confidentiality, no further information about the patient will be provided. The phone line will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Offices are closed April 10 for the Easter holiday.

We encourage everyone follow these steps to reduce your risk for COVID-19:

- **Stay home except for essential work or seeking essential services, food, or health care**
- Practice social distancing (stay at least six feet away from other individuals)
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wear cloth facemasks if you must leave home and social distancing is not possible

If you have general questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or the NC DHHS hotline at 1-866-462-3821.

Seek information from credible sources including the Cumberland County COVID-19 webpage at [co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19](https://co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19) and the NC DHHS website at [ncdhhs.gov](https://ncdhhs.gov).

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