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Update to Moore County COVID-19 Death Totals – 15 Deaths Added from the Period of December 25, 2020 to February 7, 2021

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of the deaths of sixteen Moore County residents whose deaths were determined to be related to COVID-19 infection. The ages, races, ethnicities, and dates of death for the individuals are as follows:

- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on December 25th. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven (155 Blake Blvd, Pinehurst).
- A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on December 27th. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven.
- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on December 28th. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven.
- A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on January 1st. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven.
- A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on January 1st. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven.
- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 5th. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven.
- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 20th. The individual was a resident of Penick Village (500 E Rhode Island Ave, Southern Pines).
- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 26th. The individual was a resident of Penick Village.

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• A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on January 27th. The individual was a resident of Penick Village.

• A Non-Hispanic white male between the ages of 65-74 who passed away on January 27th.

• A Non-Hispanic white female between the ages of 65-74 who passed away on January 30th.

• A Non-Hispanic white male between the ages of 65-74 who passed away on February 3rd.

• A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on February 4th.

• A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on February 5th.

• An African American male between the ages of 25-49 who passed away on February 7th. (Individual’s ethnicity is unknown at this time. Demographic data will be updated when it becomes available.)

A total of one-hundred and fifty-seven deaths have now been attributed to COVID-19 thus far in Moore County since the pandemic began in March of 2020. Moore County’s total for COVID-19 deaths linked to outbreaks in long-term care facilities now stands at eighty-five. Moore County’s seventy-two other COVID-19 deaths have been linked to community spread.

COVID-19 death totals for long-term care facilities in Moore are as follows:

• Peak Resources Pinelake - 15 deaths
• The Greens at Pinehurst – 15 deaths
• Quail Haven Village - 10 deaths
• Magnolia Gardens - 9 deaths
• Accordius Health at Aberdeen - 7 deaths
• St. Joseph of the Pines – 7 deaths
• Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center - 6 deaths
• Penick Village - 6 deaths
• Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care - 4 deaths
• Fox Hollow - 2 deaths
• The Coventry – 2 deaths
• Elmcroft - 1 death
• Tara Plantation – 1 death

COVID-19 deaths include people who have had a positive laboratory test for COVID-19, who died without fully recovering from COVID-19 and who had no alternative cause of death identified. Deaths are reported by hospitals and clinicians directly to local and state health departments.

Before COVID-19 deaths are reported to the public by the Moore County Health Department they must be confirmed and manually entered into the State’s NC COVID dashboard along with all required supportive documentation. The COVID-19 reporting process is different from the vital records death certificate process. The two systems are governed by different regulations.
To certify a death certificate, the Health Department Deputy Registrar simply verifies that the form is filled out correctly and is signed by the attending physician or medical examiner. COVID-19 reporting requires confirmation of the COVID diagnosis involving acquiring and reviewing laboratory reports and medical records before reporting this information to the State. Once this has been accomplished the death may be locally reported as a confirmed COVID death. Sometimes there is difficulty in obtaining records and confirming the cases. Thus, COVID-19 deaths may not be reported to the public immediately after an individual’s death certificate has been completed.

Moore County Health Department also acknowledges that there have been recent delays in statistical reporting. This is due in large part to COVID-19 vaccination efforts which have taken precedence.

In total, there have been 7,475 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Moore County to date. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared by the Health Department.

The Moore County Health Department continues to encourage everyone to “Know Their W's” and continue to exercise caution when out in public: **Wear** a cloth face covering if you will be around other people, **Wait** six feet apart and avoid close contact, and **Wash** your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

In addition to these measures, everyone is urged to continue to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home, especially if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve/elbow or with a tissue and be sure to throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

NCDHHS has a “Check My Symptoms” tool that can help determine if you’re recommended to be tested for COVID-19. That tool can be found at [https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/](https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/). If you are a person who needs testing, you can use the “Test Site Finder” application to help locate a testing site near you. That application can be found at [https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place).

NCDHHS also launched a COVID-19 Exposure Notification app called ‘SlowCOVIDNC’. The app will help North Carolinians slow the spread of the virus by alerting them when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. To learn more and download the app, visit [https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc](https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc). The app is completely anonymous and does not collect, store or share personal information or location data.

Moore County’s Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found here: [https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c](https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c)

For more information about coronavirus and Moore County's response, please visit [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health), find us on Facebook (Moore County Health Department), and follow us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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