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Update to Moore County COVID-19 Death Totals – 7 Deaths Added from the Period of December 19, 2020 to February 12, 2021

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of the deaths of seven 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 male over the age of 75 who passed away on December 19th. The individual was a resident of St. Joseph of the Pines (490 Central Dr, Southern Pines).

- A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on December 27th. The individual was a resident of St. Joseph of the Pines.

- A Non-Hispanic African American female over the age of 75 who passed away on December 30th. The individual was a resident of Accordius Health at Aberdeen (915 Pee Dee Rd, Aberdeen).

- A Non-Hispanic Asian female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 4th. The individual was a resident of Quail Haven (155 Blake Blvd, Pinehurst).

- A Non-Hispanic African American female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 18th. The individual was a resident of St. Joseph of the Pines.

- A Non-Hispanic white female over the age of 75 who passed away on January 29th. The individual was a resident of St. Joseph of the Pines.

- A Non-Hispanic white male over the age of 75 who passed away on February 12th.

“To Protect and Promote Health through Prevention and Control of Disease and Injury.”
http://www.moorecountync.gov/health/
A total of one-hundred and sixty-four 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 ninety-one. Moore County’s seventy-three 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 - 11 deaths
- St. Joseph of the Pines – 11 deaths
- Magnolia Gardens - 9 deaths
- Accordius Health at Aberdeen - 8 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 7,677 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/. 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.

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. 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

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

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