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Four New COVID-19 Deaths Reported for Moore County, All Tied to Long-Term Care Outbreaks

On November 3rd, the Moore County Health Department was notified of the deaths of four Moore County residents whose deaths were determined to be related to COVID-19 infection. Three individuals were residents of Peak Resources Pinelake (801 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage), the fourth was a resident of Penick Village (500 E Rhode Island Ave, Southern Pines). 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 October 12th. Individual was a resident of Penick Village.
- A Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native female over the age of 75 who passed away on October 31st. Individual was a resident of Peak Resources Pinelake.
- A Non-Hispanic African American female over the age of 75 who passed away on October 31st. Individual was a resident of Peak Resources Pinelake.
- A Non-Hispanic African American male in the 65-74 age range who passed away on November 1st. Individual was a resident of Peak Resources Pinelake.

A total of fifty deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 thus far in Moore County. Moore County's total for COVID-19 deaths linked to outbreaks in long-term care facilities now stands at thirty-three. Moore County's seventeen 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 - 9 deaths
- Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center - 6 deaths
- Accordius Health at Aberdeen - 6 deaths
- Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care - 4 deaths
- Magnolia Gardens - 3 deaths

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- Fox Hollow - 2 deaths
- Quail Haven Village - 1 death
- Elmcroft - 1 death
- Penick Village - 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.

In total, there have been 2,324 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. Moore County Health Department staff are monitoring individuals who have tested positive and will follow up with anyone who is identified as a close contact. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines “close contact” as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the patient is isolated.

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 recently 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 about **SlowCOVIDNC** and to 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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