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Health Department Reports Four New COVID-19 Deaths, All Linked to Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care

On July 21st, 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. All four individuals were residents of Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care. Three of the individuals passed away on July 14th, another on July 18th. All four of the individuals were age 65 or older, white, and non-Hispanic. Three of the individuals were male and one was female.

COVID-19 testing for residents and staff at Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care has generated a total of thirty-six positive results, consisting of thirty-one residents and five staff members.

Today’s reported deaths bring Moore County’s total to eighteen deaths that have been attributed to COVID-19 thus far. Twelve of those eighteen deaths have been linked to outbreaks at long-term care facilities: Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center (6 deaths), Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care (4 deaths), and Fox Hollow (2 deaths).

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 705 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 being within six feet for 10 minutes or more.

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.

“To Protect and Promote Health through Prevention and Control of Disease and Injury.”
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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.

As part of the extension of Executive Order 147, North Carolina remains in Safer At Home Phase 2 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions until Friday, August 7th. People are also required, with some exceptions, to wear face coverings while out in public when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. More information on the phase 2 extension including guidance on face coverings can be found here: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve/phase-2-extension-faqs>

Instructions on how to create and wear your own cloth face covering can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

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>.

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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