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Four New COVID-19 Deaths Reported for Moore County

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of the deaths of four 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 12th. 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 20th.
- A Non-Hispanic white female between the ages of 65-74 who passed away on December 21st.
- A Non-Hispanic white male between the ages of 65-74 who passed away on December 22nd.

A total of eighty-one 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 fifty-five. Moore County's twenty-six 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
- Magnolia Gardens - 9 deaths
- Accordius Health at Aberdeen - 7 deaths
- Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center - 6 deaths
- St. Joseph of the Pines – 6 deaths
- Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care - 4 deaths
- Quail Haven Village - 3 deaths
- Fox Hollow - 2 deaths
- Elmcroft - 1 death

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- Penick Village - 1 death
- The Greens at Pinehurst – 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. Thus, COVID-19 deaths may not be reported to the public immediately after an individual’s death certificate has been completed.

In total, there have been 5,242 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 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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