

Forsyth County Government

COVID-19 Daily Briefing

October 30, 2020

Updated weekdays by approximately 12:30pm

One hundred and two new cases and one death have been reported since yesterday's daily briefing was issued. There have been 9,039 laboratory-confirmed cases in Forsyth County. All daily cases reported by the State are presumed Forsyth County residents but may later transfer to another county if the case is later identified as not residing in Forsyth County. Of the 9,039, 7,787 are presumed recovered. The case count is subject to change throughout the day but will only be reported once per day in the daily briefing.

The Public Health Director will provide a detailed briefing at 2:00pm at the beginning of the November 5th Board of County Commissioners meeting, which will be conducted remotely. The public can listen to and watch the meeting on WSTV 13 or by clicking on this link: <https://www.cityofws.org/493/WSTV-13>

The Public Health Director will hold the next Question & Answer session with the media at 4:00pm on November 5th. The call-in information will be sent to the media next week.

Forsyth County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 helpline is (336) 582-0800. **For information on COVID-19 testing locations, symptoms and prevention, as well as Safer at Home Order measures, visit: <https://forsyth.cc/covidupdate>.**

Public Health Director Comment

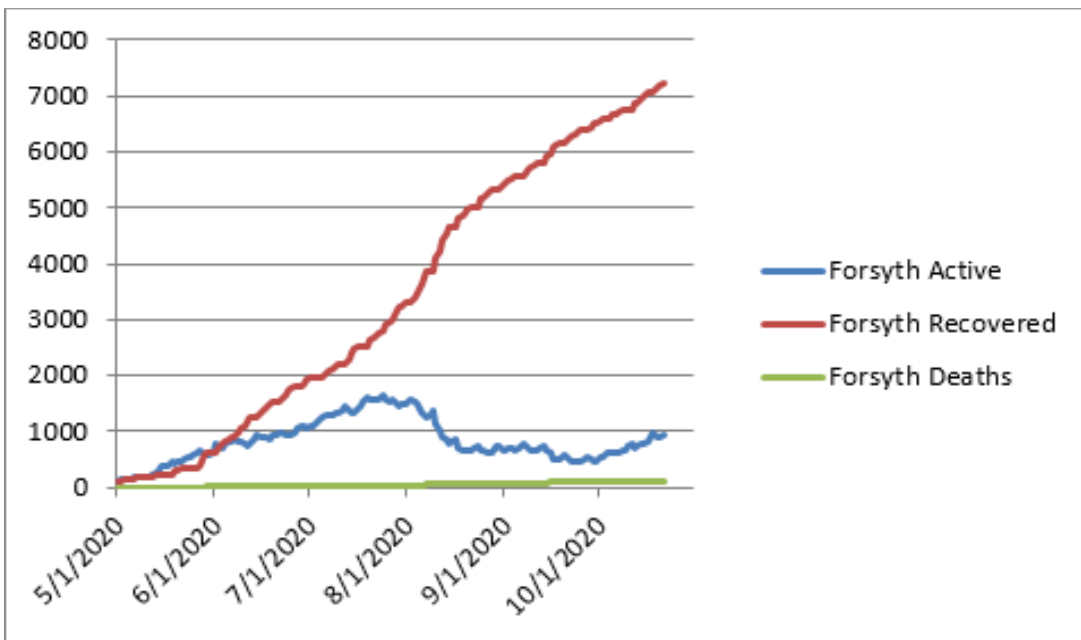
Public Health Director Joshua Swift commented, "The Forsyth County Department of Public Health will host its next free COVID-19 community testing event on October 31st from 9am to 12pm at New Hope UMC Church located at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem. Free flu shots will also be available while supplies last. Many community partners will also be available to distribute masks, hand sanitizer, food and more! For more information visit www.forsyth.cc/covidupdate"

"We strongly recommend avoiding traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating, and gathering for indoor costume parties this Halloween to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Here are some tips to have a safe Halloween:

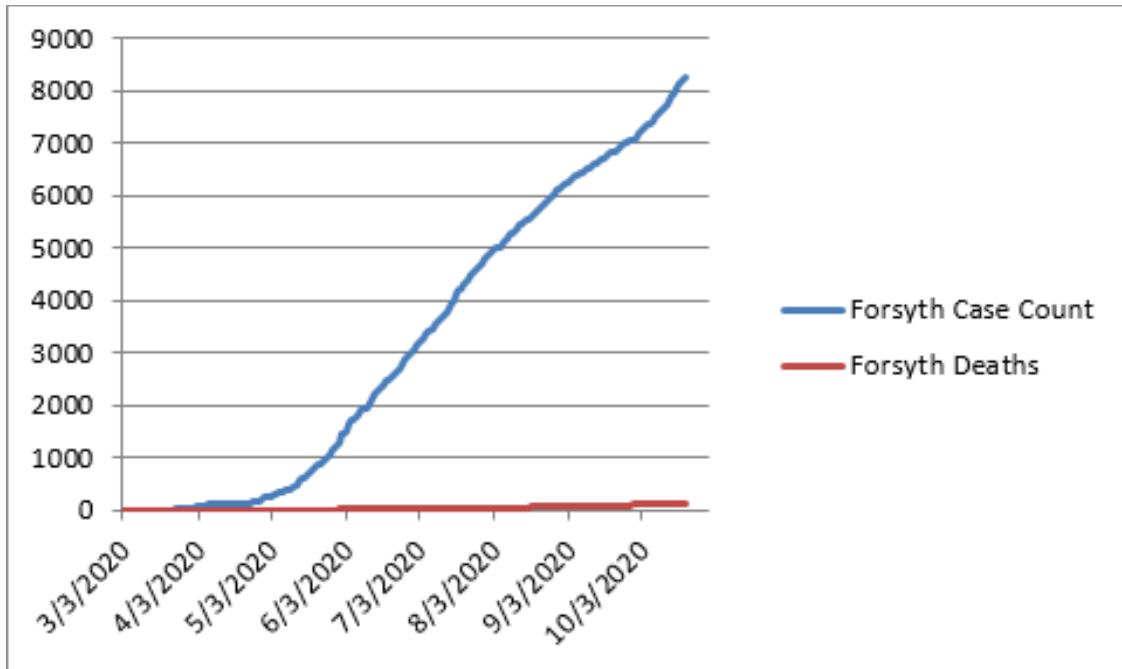
- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters while staying at least six feet apart.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash your hands before handling and distributing treats.
- Make a cloth mask part of your costume. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask since it may make breathing more difficult.
- Bring hand sanitizer with you.
- Lastly, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats."

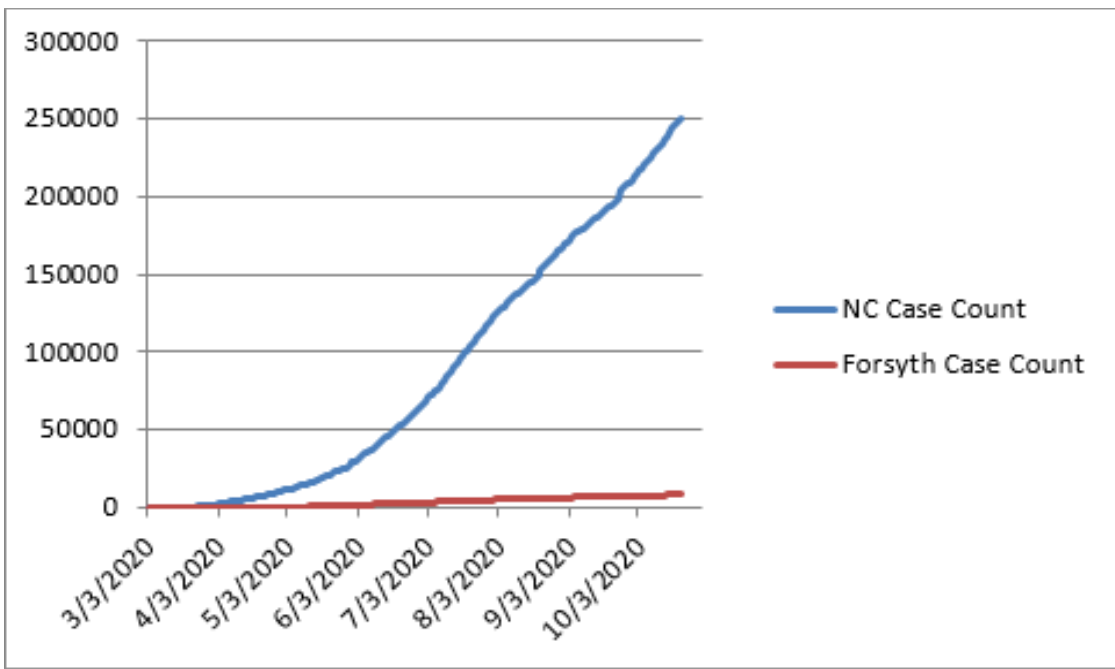
Case Count

Forsyth Cases	Forsyth Deaths	NC Cases	NC Deaths	NC Completed Tests	US Cases *	US Deaths *
9,039	121	271,830 (includes antigen positive cases)	4,332	3,994,670	8,955,035	228,808



Active and recovered data starting May 1, 2020





Sources: [NCDHHS](#); Forsyth County Department of Public Health
[*John Hopkins University as of 12:00pm](#)

Operational Update

The Forsyth County 's Human Services campus is closed due to a power outage. This includes the Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Public Health and Dental Clinic. The closure will be effective immediately and will last until further notice. During this power outage, Adult Protective Services can be reached at 336-703-3503 and Child Protective Services can be reached at 336-703-2287.

Forsyth County Government's helpline is available to answer questions about Phase 3. Please click this link to ask a question online: <http://forsyth.cc/stayathome.aspx> or call (336) 464-7800.

Any additional changes in Forsyth County's operations will be provided in this daily briefing which will be updated by 12:30pm daily.

Additional Information

NC Department of Health and Human Services has published additional metrics located here:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count>

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington has created a model for COVID-19 projections. The projections can be found here: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) COVID-19 Cases and Planning Report is updated daily and can be found here: <https://esridc.github.io/covid-report/?county=Forsyth%2C+NC>