



Health Department
Scott S. LaVigne, MSW, MBA
Health Director
107 Industrial Drive, Suite C
Louisburg, NC 27549
919-496-8111
www.franklincountync.us
slavigne@franklincountync.us

April 15, 2020
10:45am

Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center
Three (3) additional COVID-19 Related Resident Deaths reported
from Louisburg Nursing Center, total outbreak-related deaths: Five (5) Residents.

From:

Scott S. LaVigne, MSW, MBA
Franklin County Health Director
Public Information Officer, Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Communication:

Sadly, the Louisburg Nursing Center (202 Smoke Tree Way, Louisburg, NC 27549) reported an additional three (3) COVID-19 related Center-resident deaths. This brings the facility's total number of COVID-19 outbreak-related fatalities to five (5).

Franklin County COVID-19 EOC and the Health Department continue working closely with state officials, the Louisburg Nursing Center staff and their Parent Company personnel, to address the ongoing needs of this outbreak within the Center.

As of the date and time of this communication, the additional three (3) COVID-19 related Center deaths are NOT yet included in the Franklin County totals found on the NCDHHS COVID-19 site, however we anticipate some, but not all of these deaths will be added to our county totals today (4/15/2020).

Look for more updates from the Franklin COVID-19 EOC as more information becomes available.

Additional note on NCDHHS Site Statistics: For those who review the NCDHHS site regularly for Franklin County Updates, please note that as deaths occur, the number of deaths is deducted from the "confirmed-cases" total reported by the site. The true total number of confirmed cases would be obtained by adding the confirmed case column and deaths column. Therefore, it is possible for our county to show a decrease in the number of cases between reporting periods if we report a death.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. LaVigne', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott S. LaVigne, MSW, MBA
Franklin County Health Director
Franklin County COVID-19 EOC – Public Information Officer

A handwritten date '4/15/2020' in blue ink is written over a horizontal line.

Date

Steps We All Need to Take:

Guidance for Those with Fever & Upper Respiratory Symptoms:

If you feel illness coming on, isolate yourself and call your doctor if your symptoms worsen. Everyone with fever and respiratory symptoms should isolate themselves from everyone until BOTH conditions below are met:

- At least 7 days since symptom onset.
- AND**
- Over 72 hours after symptom resolution (i.e. absence of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication and improvement of respiratory symptoms).

Close Contacts:

- Those with close contact to a person with fever or respiratory illness are encouraged to stay home to the extent possible, and to monitor themselves for symptoms.

Recommendations:

What is important is that everyone do their part to keep us all safe:

- avoid touching your face;
- Wash your hands frequently & thoroughly using warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (sing "Happy Birthday" twice, or use your own tune)
- use hand sanitizers frequently;
- cough/sneeze into your arm, or if you use a tissue, immediately throw it out and wash your hands.
- Isolate yourself from others if you're sick;
- stay home from work/school or going out anywhere if you feel the slightest bit sick.
- Everyone needs to avoid vulnerable populations, including: those over 65; those with underlying health conditions and/or weakened immune systems; and those who are pregnant.
- Do not group together, and certainly not in groups any larger than 10, and keep six (6) feet apart from anyone you don't live with.
- If you have to go out, please maintain at least 6 feet of space between you and others.
- If you have to go out, feel free to use a cloth covering to protect others from **you**, if you happen to have the virus but just aren't showing symptoms yet;
- Don't count on gloves or a cloth mask alone to keep you safe, wash your hands, don't touch your face, and use hand sanitizer if you have it.
- If you are lucky enough to have Personal Protective Equipment (gloves, masks etc.) use it correctly (wearing a pair of gloves everywhere you go means you now have collected everything you've been in contact with, on those gloves.)
- Live by the motto **"If they don't live with you in your house, then they can't come-in, and if you meet them in public, keep them at least 6 feet away."**