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3 p.m. MEDIA BRIEFING TODAY will be live streamed from Rockingham County Governmental Center. Due to Governor's Executive Order, only 10 people may be in the room. Please watch the **live stream of the COVID-19 Update at this link:** <https://www.rceno.com/RCENO/rockingham-county-board-of-commissioners-meeting-live-stream/>

Positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Rockingham County, NC

Two Rockingham County residents have tested positive for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). This is the first reported laboratory positive cases in Rockingham County. The individuals who tested positive are hospitalized and receiving care. Both individuals have underlying health issues.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services shared: "based on the increased number of cases in our state and on national and regional trends, we believe the community transmission of COVID-19 is now occurring in communities across North Carolina."

"With this first positive COVID-19 cases, our message remains the same to our community, protect yourself by following the CDC recommended guidance: wash your hands, do not touch your face, limit travel to essential travel, maintain social distancing practices of 6' of separation and for those high risk individuals stay in your home unless absolutely necessary to leave. The Rockingham County Health Department will continue working closely with community partners to prepare and respond to this public health emergency," stated Susan Young, Rockingham County Interim Health Director.

The Rockingham County Health Department is encouraging the community to adhere to the Governor's mitigation recommendations and Executive Orders.

Lance Metzler, Rockingham County Manager shared "We are confident in our public health department's ability to respond to COVID-19 and will continue to work to prepare and respond to the needs of Rockingham County. Our top priority is the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and our county employees as they work and serve our community."

Individuals who suspect they might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should call their primary care provider or urgent care to discuss their symptoms so appropriate steps can be taken to protect themselves and others. We would also like to ask you not to use the hospital's emergency room unless you are experiencing a true medical emergency. If you are experiencing a medical emergency please call 911.

It is vital that information regarding COVID-19 comes from a reliable source such as the CDC, NC DHHS, and Rockingham County Health Department.

For more information from the Rockingham County Health Department and Rockingham County Government, please visit our website at www.MyRockinghamCountyNC.com