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Cleveland County has First New COVID-19 Case in Over a Week

SHELBY, NC – Today, the Cleveland County Health Department announced the county's first new confirmed COVID-19 case since April 26. The individual who tested positive for the virus travels for work and recently returned to the county, where they are isolating at home and will remain in isolation until discontinued by local health department personnel.

"Although our COVID-19 case count has remained level for over a week, this new case indicates that we must continue to take proper precautions to prevent spread of the virus." Cleveland County Deputy Director DeShay Oliver said. "As states across the country begin to open and as we all look forward to the State of North Carolina potentially moving into Phase I of the Governor's plan for reopening as soon as May 8, this should serve as a reminder that social distancing, handwashing, and other recommendations should still be closely followed. Our behaviors have not only the ability to impact how soon the state may reopen, but also the ability to help our State remain open by preventing an uptick in new cases."

This positive case brings the county's total case count to 48. Of these 48 cases, 36 have recovered and have been released from isolation, 10 are active, and two county residents have died from the virus. There have been over 1,000 COVID-19 tests conducted in the county.

To view the Cleveland County COVID-19 case count by ZIP code in both map and table format, visit www.clevelandcounty.com, click on "County Departments," select "Health Department" and then click on "Coronavirus Information." You can also receive daily COVID-19 updates by following the Cleveland County Health Department's Facebook page @clevelandcountyhealthdepartment.

To stay up to date on COVID-19 across North Carolina, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

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