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Fifteen Additional Cases of COVID-19 in County over Weekend

SHELBY, NC – Today, the Cleveland County Health Department announced fifteen (15) new cases of COVID-19 that resulted over the weekend, bringing the county's total positive case count to one hundred sixty-one (161). Of the 161 cases, forty-eight (48) are currently active, one hundred eleven (111) have recovered/been released from isolation, six (6) are hospitalized, and there have been two (2) COVID-related deaths. The health department continues to perform contact tracing on all new confirmed cases and monitoring of all active cases throughout their isolation period.

"The virus doesn't stop in the evenings or on weekends," Cleveland County Health Director Tiffany Hansen said. "We are continuing to work around the clock to identify confirmed cases, issue isolation guidance, notify individuals who are identified as direct contacts, provide testing options, and monitor confirmed cases for symptoms and adherence to isolation guidance."

Due to the need to focus increased efforts and personnel on contact tracing and monitoring, effective today, June 15, 2020, the Cleveland County Health Department will no longer be reporting a COVID-19 case count update on a daily basis. Moving forward, this information will be updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the County's website and on the Cleveland County Health Department's Facebook page.

"At this point, COVID-19 is widespread throughout the county and we know there is community transmission," Cleveland County Health Department Deputy Director DeShay Oliver said. "It is less important to know where there are new cases in the county now than it was in the beginning of the pandemic. Therefore, we are now allocating resources away from daily reports and towards contact tracing and monitoring. Any time people leave home and go to a public place, they should take preventive measures and assume the virus is there. This includes wearing a cloth face covering, waiting six feet apart, and washing their hands."

To view the Cleveland County COVID-19 case count update on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, visit www.clevelandcounty.com, click on "County Departments," select "Health

Department," and then click on "Coronavirus Information." You can also receive COVID-19 updates by following the Cleveland County Health Department's Facebook page @clevelandcountyhealthdepartment.

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