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County prepared for potential spike in new COVID-19 cases

Three (3) new positive cases have been confirmed at Three Rivers Health & Rehabilitation Center; surveillance and isolation of all patients already underway

WINDSOR, N.C. – Here in today’s Bertie County COVID-19 Taskforce meeting, Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, reported that two (2) patients and one (1) staff member at Three Rivers Health & Rehabilitation Center have tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

Additional cases could potentially be confirmed at this facility.

“The spread of any illness inside of a nursing home, or any setting where patients live in close quarters, is highly common. All staff in similar facilities should continue to follow all personal protective equipment protocols. The public should continue to adhere to the stay at home order,” Mr. Cooper noted today.

In a statement received today by Liberty Healthcare, Yoel Balter, General Counsel, it was reported that “both of the residents are doing well, are without fever and neither has experienced respiratory distress. Each of these residents continues to be treated in-place and are isolated in private rooms on a designated hall of the facility.”

“Resident and staff safety is our top priority. We are closely monitoring all other residents and staff members at Three Rivers and have notified all staff and residents of the positive COVID-19 tests,” the statement continued.

Ashley Stoop, Director of Policy & Preparedness with Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS), noted that “[ARHS staff] have been working together with [Three Rivers] to provide our typical contact tracing and investigation, and [ARHS staff] has been very complimentary of the [Three Rivers facility] and coordination. We will continue to [address] follow up testing needs,” she said.

For the most up to date information about the Coronavirus, please visit [CDC.org](https://www.cdc.org), [NCDHHS.gov](https://www.ncdhhs.gov), as well as follow all respective social media accounts including the official Facebook page for Bertie County Government. Media inquiries may be relayed to Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, at 794-5302 or mitch.cooper@bertie.nc.gov.

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