

# Forsyth nears 20,000 COVID-19 cases for pandemic

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The statewide total for COVID-19 cases has surged past 500,000, while Forsyth County is approaching 20,000, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported Saturday.

DHHS combined three days'

worth of COVID metrics into the report after taking a break for the Christmas holiday period.

DHHS said its next outbreak reports for child care, K-12 schools and long-term care and correctional facilities won't be released until Jan. 5.

Forsyth's daily case count de-

clined over the three days, with 304 reported Thursday to 233 reported Friday and 181 reported Saturday.

The overall Forsyth total is 19,697. There have been 6,159 cases so far in December, representing 31.3% of all COVID-19 cases in the county since mid-

March.

There was just one additional COVID-19 related death over the three days for an overall total of 213.

However, there have been 47 COVID-19 patients from Forsyth to have died this month, more than during any month since the

pandemic began.

The statewide COVID-19 case count is at 513,930 following 7,703 cases reported Thursday, 6,345 reported Friday and 5,371 reported Saturday.

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