# Hyde County Health Department

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**We're striving for a healthier Hyde**

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

<span style="color:red">For immediate release</span>
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Hyde County is experiencing an uptick in COVID-19 cases and needs the public (and those who are positive cases) to adhere to public health standards.  The first area of concern we are experiencing is contact tracing.  The Health Department is currently using Carolina Community Tracing Collaborative (CCTC) to perform our case investigations and contact tracing.  **If you receive a call from this organization and you do not answer, they will identify themselves as calling on behalf of the Hyde County Health Department and ask you to call the statewide call center at 844-628-7223. Please follow all of their instructions.** This is imperative so that information can be given to help slow the transmission of the virus.

The second area of concern is adherence to the orders you are provided for isolation and quarantine. Legal action can be implemented when cases and contacts do not follow the guidelines they are given. Health Director Luana Gibbs states, "This is not the route I wish to take when people do not comply, but it is a route that is available and I have used this in the past.  Please, just comply with directions and get through your isolation period. We do not want a spike in cases, anymore loss of lives or severe sickness. We want to get done with COVID so we can go back to how we lived in 2019."

As always, the Hyde County Health Department remains available to the public to answer questions and provide education.  We can be reached at 926-4467 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for COVID appointments.  For 24/7 on-call services, dial 1-866-462-3821, the Coronavirus Hotline.

Get your information from reliable sources, such as:
- CDC, www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus
- NC Division of Health and Human Services, www.ncdhhs.gov,
- Hyde County Health Department, www.hydehealth.com, 252-926-4399

***Stay safe and healthy!!!***