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Wilkes County currently has 49 confirmed cases and 2 hospitalizations. With the increase in availability of testing and as part of the Governor's plan to stay ahead of the curve and reopen North Carolina, he has established testing as a priority. Wilkes County may continue to see an increase in lab confirmed cases of Coronavirus over the next few weeks. Wilkes County is also experiencing an outbreak at the Tyson Foods Plant in Wilkesboro. Although this is not accounting for all of the new cases a majority of the latest cases are linked to the outbreak.

The Wilkes County Health Department is working diligently on tracing, testing, and educating citizens of Wilkes. They are working with all facilities to provide them with the most up to date CDC guidance available.

Wilkes County wants to remind the public that community transmission as well as person-to-person transmission is happening in the county. Wilkes County wants to encourage folks to stay home to the fullest extent possible to help break the chain of transmission and would like to encourage citizens to protect themselves to help lessen the spread of COVID-19 in our community. There are many ways we can protect ourselves and our communities.

## **How to Protect Yourself:**

- Practice social distancing which means avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, keep 6 feet or more between you and others, and remain home to the greatest extent possible
- Frequent hand washing
- Stay at home when you're sick
- Keep distance from others who are sick
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in common areas such as doorknobs, remoted. light switches, tables and handles
- Wear cloth mask of face covering when out in public
- Follow all CDC guidelines