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## **Carteret County COVID-19 Data of Confirmed Cases by ZIP Code Press Release #47**

**Carteret County, NC** – On Friday May 1, 2020, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) changed their position on providing data of lab-confirmed cases by zip code and began posting that information on their COVID19NC dashboard. This data is considered preliminary and may change based on further investigation by local health departments.

When referring to confirmed cases by zip code, the Carteret County Health Department recommends using the Carteret County COVID-19 Map for the most accurate reporting <https://www.carteretcountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8455/COVID-19-Map-Zipcodes>. Staff from the Health Department continue to complete contact tracing (contact tracing is the systematic identification and monitoring of all persons who might have been exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19) for each confirmed case and as part of this process, they verify residency and the physical address of each confirmed case. To continue to protect patient confidentiality, cases are suppressed on both maps in zip codes where the population is less than five hundred and where there is less than five cases.

Residents and visitors should remain vigilant and continue practices that slow the transmission of COVID-19 in our County. At this time the best way to fight this virus is by maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask in public, staying at home to the extent possible, and practicing good hygiene by frequently washing your hands, avoid touching your face, and sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.

For more information on COVID-19 in Carteret County, call the Citizen Inquiry Line at 252-726-7060.

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