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## **Cabarrus Health Alliance provides COVID-19 update – April 12**

Kannapolis, N.C. – Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA), Cabarrus County’s public health authority, shared another large increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases on Easter Day.

Current case data:

- Over 1,900 COVID-19 tests have been administered to Cabarrus residents
- 174 Cabarrus County residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19
  - Increase of 49 cases from Saturday

### **Five Oaks Rehabilitation update**

There are currently 67 confirmed COVID-19 cases at Five Oaks Rehabilitation in Concord.

Following Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, CHA administered COVID-19 tests to more than 300 patients and staff members with connections to the long-term care facility—even those who are asymptomatic—on April 9 and 10.

CHA expects the number of confirmed cases to increase as results for pending tests return. The agency is conducting contact investigations for each confirmed case.

The rehab center has implemented strategies to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the facility including:

- Increasing personal protective equipment
- Closing communal spaces, such as the dining room
- Utilizing single-use eating utensils and plates
- Restricting visitors

### **New health director begins Monday**

Dr. Bonnie Coyle joins the CHA full time beginning Monday, April 13.

Dr. Coyle is the former chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at St. Luke’s University Health Network in Pennsylvania. She is Dual-Board Certified in preventive medicine and lifestyle medicine. Dr. Coyle also has experience leading the public health system in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The CHA Board of Health announced her hiring in early February.

Planned community ‘meet-and-greet’ sessions with Dr. Coyle have been postponed.

### **Resources**

The public health command center and phone lines are open all weekend. For questions or concerns, email [healthinfo@cabarrushealth.org](mailto:healthinfo@cabarrushealth.org) or call 704-920-1213.