

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	ALMANAC
					Yesterday's High ..... 64 Yesterday's Low ..... 37 Record High ..... 73 in 1997 Record Low ..... 18 in 1963
Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Isolated Rain	Isolated Rain	SUN & MOON
Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 15%	Precip Chance: 30%	Precip Chance: 35%	Sunrise ..... 6:52 a.m. Sunset ..... 6:06 p.m.
63° 35°	65° 42°	59° 36°	48° 37°	54° 43°	Full Last New First 2/27 3/5 3/13 3/21

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## Weather forces vaccine delay



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Pharmacist Stephanie Larsen prepares a dose of the coronavirus vaccine at a clinic for Central Carolina Hospital staff and volunteers last month.

## Central Carolina Hospital clinic postponed Monday

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Vaccinations at Central Carolina Hospital were postponed Monday due to a shortage of vaccine doses, according to spokeswoman Anna Manning.

Although hospital staff

had planned to begin administering vaccines Monday, inclement weather late last week delayed a shipment of vaccine, Manning said.

The hospital's vaccine clinic will resume Tuesday after more vaccines are

shipped from another hospital in the Duke LifePoint System.

The hospital and Lee County Health Department are currently vaccinating healthcare workers, staff and residents of long-term care facilities, and adults

age 65 or older. Teachers, childcare workers and other school staff will begin receiving the vaccine Wednesday, Manning said.

In order to get the vaccine, eligible Lee County

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## County's COVID-19 cases drop again

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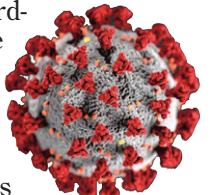
The number of new COVID-19 cases reported Monday marks the third consecutive week of a decline, according to the Lee County Health Department.

New confirmed cases over the week rose by 107, bringing the county's total of COVID-19 cases since March to 5,319, a health department release said.

This week's total is 55 less than was reported on Feb. 15 and 317 cases less than was reported a month ago on Jan. 19.

The coronavirus has claimed

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## Half a million dead in U.S., confirming coronavirus's tragic reach

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For weeks after Cindy Pollock began planting tiny flags across her yard — one for each of the more than 1,800 Idahoans killed by COVID-19 — the toll was mostly a number. Until two women she had never met rang her doorbell in tears, seeking a place to mourn the husband and father they had just lost.

Then Pollock knew her tribute, however heartfelt, would never begin to convey the grief of a pandemic that has now claimed 500,000 lives in the U.S. and counting.

"I just wanted to hug them," she said. "Because that was all I could do."

After a year that has darkened doorways across the U.S., the pandemic surpassed a milestone Monday that once seemed unimaginable, a stark confirmation of the virus's reach into all corners of the country and communities of every size and makeup.

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## High school football game attendance limited for bands and cheerleaders

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Lee County high school cheerleaders and bands will have fewer opportunities to perform at football games this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Currently, only 100 spectators are allowed to attend football games in

addition to players, coaches and support staff, per the state's COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Bands and cheerleaders are also exempt from that occupancy limit, but school leaders still want to keep the number of people in the stadium low, said Reggie Peace, co-athletic director of Lee County High School.

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders will cheer at home games only, said Peace. That's three games at Lee County High School and three at Southern Lee.

A decision has not yet been made

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## Sanford man wins \$100,000 playing lottery

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Donald Baynes of Sanford spent \$30 on a lottery ticket and wound up winning \$100,000.

Baynes, a site contractor, won the money in the

Supreme Riches scratch-off game, according to a release from the N.C. Education Lottery.

Baynes, who collected his winnings Friday in Raleigh, purchased the ticket at the Kangaroo Express

on North Main Street in Broadway.

Baynes took home \$70,759 after state and federal taxes were deducted.

"I'm blessed and very fortunate to win something like this," Baynes said in

the release.

During the 2020 fiscal year, Lee County received \$4.3 million from lottery funds to use toward education programs, according

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