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To: Jackson County Community & Stakeholders
From: Jackson County Department of Public Health
Re: Jackson County Department of Public Health Prepares Community for Transition in COVID-19 Vaccination Process

Since late December 2020, the Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) has worked to vaccinate those in Group 1 (healthcare workers, those living and working in long term care facilities) and Group 2 (those 65 years and older). JCDPH has worked with community partners such as Jackson County Emergency Management, Jackson County Department on Aging, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, other County Departments, Sylva Town Police, Harris Regional Hospital, Harris EMS, and many others to pre-register over 7000 community members, provide eight Drive Thru Clinics, and administer over 4000 COVID-19 vaccines.

"We are proud of the work we have accomplished thus far," said Health Director Shelley Carraway. "We know we have much work yet to do but it is important to pause and thank all who have been involved in this successful operation."

To prepare for progression into additional Groups, JCDPH aims to transition from its current process of pre-registering community members via 828-631-HELP. **On February 26, 2021, this pre-registration list will close**. Any community member who falls into Group 1 or 2 who is not yet on this list is encouraged to call 828-631-HELP **prior** to February 26, 2021. JCDPH will continue to work from this closed list to make appointments as supply allows until the list is exhausted.

After the list is exhausted, JCDPH will begin offering appointments to eligible community members via an online portal. More information about this portal will be shared on our website, Facebook page, and with our local media partners once it becomes available.

For more information, visit JCDPH's website at http://health.jacksonnc.org/covid19 or call the Jackson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 828-631-HELP. Many questions can be answered by reviewing our FAQ athttps://tinyurl.com/COVID19VaxFAQJacksonCounty.

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