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To: Jackson County Community & Stakeholders
From: Jackson County Department of Public Health
Re: Jackson County Department of Public Health Launches COVID-19 Data Dashboard

The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH), in partnership with the Jackson County GIS Department, is launching the Jackson County COVID-19 Data Dashboard on June 22, 2020. The Dashboard, updated each weekday, will show an analysis the following:

- Total positive cases
    - Positive cases by date reported
    - Positive cases in isolation
    - Positive cases by age group
    - Positive cases by race
    - Positive cases by ethnicity
    - Positive cases by gender
- Total deaths
- Total tests reported to JCDPH

New data may be added as it is vetted and as access to quality, reliable data become available.

"We hope that this additional data will help our community not only learn more about the COVID-19 pandemic in Jackson County in general but also make informed decisions. These data show that we are still battling a pandemic in our community. It is still very important to follow the 3 Ws—wear a cloth face covering, wait 6 feet apart, and wash your hands," said Health Director Shelley Carraway.

Previous data reports shared by JCDPH showed positive cases and deaths in full-time residents, part-time residents and non-residents that were tested at a healthcare provider in Jackson County. The new Dashboard will focus solely on full-time residents.

"While we will continue to collaborate on the investigation of all positive cases of COVID-19 reported to our Health Department, we will refer part-time and non-resident cases to their Health Department of residency for contact tracing and case management," said Nursing Director Gretta Phillips. "We have and will continue to be fully involved in clusters or outbreaks on worksites, long term care facilities, and more in Jackson County."

The Jackson County COVID-19 Data Dashboard will replace all previous data reports. It is now available at http://health.jacksonnc.org/covid19-data-dashboard. For questions, call 828-586-8994.

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