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To: Jackson County Community & Stakeholders

From: Jackson County Department of Public Health

Re: Drive Thru Testing Clinic Available at the Jackson County Department of Public Health

Testing and tracing are core public health measures and key components of North Carolina's strategy to responsibly ease restrictions, while continuing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) has focused heavily on community education, outbreak investigation, and contact tracing as key components in keeping Jackson County safe.

To add to these efforts, JCDPH will now be providing a weekly COVID-19 Drive Thru Testing Clinic at our main location. The Drive Thru Testing Clinic will open on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in the JCDPH parking lot (154 Medical Park Loop, Sylva, NC 28779). Testing will be provided in accordance with North Carolina Department of Public Health (NCDHHS) guidelines and available to:

- Individuals with symptoms
- Other individuals without symptoms such as:
 - Close contacts of positive cases
 - People who live in or have regular contact with high-risk settings (long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, migrant farmworker camps, etc.)
 - Historically marginalized populations who may be at higher risk for exposure
 - Frontline and essential workers (County employees, grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, childcare workers, construction sites, processing plants, etc.) in settings where social distancing is difficult
 - Healthcare workers or first responders
 - People who are at high risk of severe illness
 - People who have attended protests, rallies, or other mass gatherings

Details on the Drive Thru Testing Clinic

- Beginning on July 7, 2020, the Drive Thru Testing Clinic will be open on Tuesdays weekly from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, weather permitting.
- Those being tested will be asked to wear a cloth face covering and stay in their cars for verification, ID check, and testing.
- Appointments are required.
- Please wait 6-10 days after exposure to get tested.

Additional testing sites are available throughout Jackson and surrounding counties. To view additional testing site options, visit Find My Testing Place at www.ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace. This public website allows people to enter their county or ZIP code and access a list of nearby testing site locations online.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 828-586-8994.