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No-Cost COVID-19 Testing

The Jackson County Department of Public Health is pleased to announce that starting Thursday, October 7, 2021 there will be additional no-cost COVID-19 testing available in Jackson County.

This initiative is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and OptumServe and is being coordinated by the Jackson County Department of Public Health. This partnership expands no-cost COVID-19 testing capacity in our community and across the state. These new community testing events build on North Carolina's ongoing work to increase access to testing and slow viral spread.

While walk-ups are accepted, pre-registrations and appointments are highly encouraged at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. If you do not have internet access you may register by calling (877) 562-4850. Anyone can be tested, including those who are underinsured, uninsured, undocumented or homeless. [Symptoms](#) associated with COVID-19 can be found on DHHS's website.

Testing will take place at 154 Medical Park Loop, Sylva, NC 28779 (the old Meridian Building). The first testing event will be on Thursday, October 7 from 1PM-6PM. Thereafter, testing will available: Mondays 7AM-4PM, Thursdays 9AM-6PM, Fridays 9AM-6PM, Saturdays 10AM-6PM, and Sundays 10AM-6PM.

OptumServe has expertise in rapidly deploying and setting up health care services. Led by former Army Surgeon General and retired Lieutenant General Patty Horoho, RN, OptumServe has performed more than 1 million tests at community-based testing sites across the country.

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