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## **COVID-19 Community Testing Site for Henderson County July 21**

**HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (July 16, 2020)** – The Henderson County Health Department will offer another COVID-19 testing site for the public on July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Henderson High School, 150 Eagle Pride Drive, East Flat Rock 28726. The testing site will be set up at 85 Stadium Way in the gymnasium.

Testing is open to the community and all are welcome while supplies last. The test comes at no charge while those with insurance are asked to bring their cards. Attendees will have their insurance billed directly to cover costs of the testing. Those without insurance will still be tested at no cost. No one will be turned away.

You not need a referral or to be symptomatic to get tested.

Social distancing measures are taken during the testing process. Everyone is urged to wear a face covering of some kind. If you do not have one, a face covering will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to print and fill out a screening form prior to visiting the test site. English and Spanish copies of the form can be found at <u>https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/public-health-advisory-coronavirus-covid-19</u>

Please see below for a FAQ Sheet with detailed information about this testing opportunity. For additional testing information visit <u>https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/covid-19-testing-information</u>

While North Carolinians are in the "Safer at Home, Phase 2" re-opening, it is imperative that everyone take responsibility for their actions as they experience the easing of restrictions. Everyone is encouraged to "Know Your W's!": Wear a face covering, Wait 6 feet apart from other people, Wash your hands often.

It is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming directly from reliable sources like the CDC, NCDHHS and Henderson County Public Health. For more information, call the North Carolina Coronavirus Hotline at 1-866-462-3821 (staffed by nurses and pharmacists 24/7), or visit the Center for Disease Control's website for information and frequent updates at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

## Henderson County Health Department COVID-19 Testing Site FAQ

When: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 / 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** The campus of East Henderson High School: 150 Eagle Pride Drive, East Flat Rock, NC 28726. The testing site will be set up in the gymnasium at 85 Stadium Way.

Q: Is this a drive through test site? A: No. You will need to park and enter the designated building.

**Q:** Are face-coverings required? A: Please wear a face covering if you have one. If you do not have one, a face covering will be provided.

Q: Do I need an appointment? A: No, this is first come, first served, while supplies last.

**Q:** Is there a fee? A: There is no fee. Insurance will be filed to help cover the costs of the testing. No one will be turned away due to cost.

Q: Do I have to be symptomatic? Who can be tested?

A: All are welcome. Testing will be available for people who are experiencing symptoms or who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive and people who are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 who wish to be tested.

This testing is open to the community with emphasis on availability for the following:

- Persons who live in or have regular contact with high-risk settings (e.g., long-term care facility, homeless shelter, correctional facility, migrant farmworker camp)
- Persons who are at high risk of severe illness (e.g., people over 65 years of age, people of any age with underlying health conditions)
- Health care workers or first responders (EMS, law enforcement, fire department, military)
- Front-line and essential workers (e.g., grocery store clerks, gas station attendants) in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Persons with limited access to healthcare.

South Carolina residents are encouraged to seek testing in their state and county. A list of South Carolina testing sites can be found at <u>https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-mobile-pop-clinics</u>

**Q: What if I am very sick?** A: If you are very sick, please call your healthcare provider. If you need emergent care, call 911.

Q: What should I bring? A: Your insurance card if you have medical insurance.

**Q: Who do I call if I have questions?** A: The Health Department has a hotline number, 828-694-6019. Please only call this number if necessary. General questions about COVID-19 should be directed to the hotline set up by North Carolina DHHS at 866-462-3821. Specific, individual healthcare questions should be directed to your healthcare provider.