

Media Alert

You can use the media alert template below to share important information about prevention, testing and quarantine and isolation support with local media in your community. It can be customized to fit your community.

MEDIA ALERT

<Insert LHD> Urges Residents in <Insert County> To Get Tested for COVID-19

WHO: <Insert LHD> provides <Insert County> residents with important information and resources they need to get tested for COVID-19 and help slow the spread of the virus in our community.

WHAT: If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or think you've been around someone with COVID-19, please get tested. **The best way to locate a testing place is to use Find My Testing Place**, an online tool provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). You can access the tool on your computer or on your phone by going to ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace. Below is a list of a upcoming no-cost testing events in <Insert County>:

<Insert upcoming testing events in your county, if applicable>

If you test positive, or have been exposed to COVID-19, and need to quarantine or isolate for 14 days, you and your family may be eligible for support for rent, mortgage, groceries, child care, and medical or household bills. <As applicable, insert other support services your LHD may provide>

Remember, the best way to stop COVID-19 is to prevent it. When you leave home, be sure to practice the 3 Ws: **Wear** a mask over your mouth and nose, **Wait** 6 feet apart, and **Wash** your hands or use hand sanitizer.

WHY: COVID-19 continues to impact <Insert County>. We are committed to helping you protect yourself, your family and neighbors and ensure you have the resources you need to help slow the spread of the virus in our community.

For more information visit covid19.ncdhhs.gov or <insert LHD COVID resource site>.

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