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Press Release

Possible COVID-19 Exposure Among Those Who Attended an Event in Macon County

Macon County Public Health has identified possible exposure to COVID-19 among those who attended a volleyball game at Franklin High School gym on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 10am -12pm. Those who attended should monitor themselves for COVID-19 like symptoms and call Macon County Public Health if they feel they need testing at 828-349-2517. In addition, anyone who attended and is not experiencing symptoms, and still wants to be tested, should wait until Friday 10-16-20 to be tested, or later.

Possible symptoms of COVID-19 are fever (greater than 100.4), cough, shortness of breath, absence of taste or smell, diarrhea, headaches, and other flu-like symptoms. It is possible to have COVID-19 and have no symptoms, therefore it is important to be tested when you have had a possible exposure to the virus.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a "Safer at Home" executive order, currently under phase 3 with masks required to be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members **strictly follow** the governor's orders and continue to practice **social distancing**, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces. The public can monitor the different phases of re-opening and learn more about the restrictions at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance>.

It is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming directly from reliable sources. For more information, please visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and NCDHHS' website at www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus, which also includes future positive COVID-19 test results in North Carolina.

MCPH regularly updates our Facebook page with accurate and current information regarding COVID-19; we encourage the public to check our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MaconPublicHealth for up-to-date information.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm, until further notice.

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