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# Press Release

Macon County to Hold Community Testing in Franklin on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Macon County Emergency Management and Macon County Public Health will be hosting a COVID-19 testing clinic for the community in Franklin on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The clinic will be held at Macon Middle School from 8AM to 11AM. Persons may get a COVID-19 test regardless of their ability to pay and do not need to schedule an appointment.

**WHAT:** COVID-19 Testing Clinic  
**WHEN:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8AM until 11 AM  
**WHERE:** Macon Middle School  
1345 Wells Grove Road  
Franklin, NC 28734

For those who would like to receive a COVID-19 test, you are asked to fill out your paperwork ahead of time, which is available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/MaconCoCOVID>. You are also asked to bring your insurance card, if you have insurance. There is no cost for a COVID-19 test, with or without insurance.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a “Safer at Home” executive order, currently under phase two, where masks are required when social distancing cannot be achieved. 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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and NCDHHS’ website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus), which also includes future positive COVID-19 test results in North Carolina.

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 8:00am – 4:00pm, closing daily for lunch from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, until further notice.

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