



Press Release

Macon County Public Health Expands COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Clinics

Macon County Public Health will expand COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Clinics beginning January 19th, 2021 as follows:

Monday and Thursday – COVID-19 Testing 8:30am – 4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – COVID-19 Vaccination 10:00am – 3:00pm

Macon County remains in Phase 1B, Group 1 for vaccination at this time. This group includes those who are 75 years of age or older, regardless of health status. Those who are eligible under this phase and wish to receive a vaccination, can call 828-349-2517, Option 2 to begin the registration process. Also, anyone who needs to schedule an appointment for testing can call 828-349-2517, Option 1.

Macon County Public Health is providing testing and vaccination clinics through a drive-thru clinic at 1830 Lakeside Drive in Franklin and, an appointment is required. We are continually working on ways to expand current capacity and streamlining the scheduling process and request the community assist us by holding calls to schedule vaccinations until your phase is announced.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a “Safer at Home” executive order, currently under phase three 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.

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

Beginning January 19th, 2021, Macon County Public Health will use the following schedule for our COVID-19 response. Thank you for your continued support!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
COVID-19 Testing 8:30 am – 4:00 pm	COVID-19 Vaccination 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	COVID-19 Vaccination 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	COVID-19 Testing 8:30 am – 4:00 pm	COVID-19 Vaccination 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Environmental Health and Animal Services will not be impacted by this change.

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