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New No-Cost COVID-19 Testing Available in Surry County

November 2, 2020 – Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), is expanding no-cost COVID-19 virus testing capacity as part of a recently announced partnership between the state of North Carolina and OptumServe. These new community testing events build on North Carolina’s ongoing work to increase access to testing and slow viral spread.

"Testing is a core element of North Carolina’s response to this pandemic, and that means making sure cost and access challenges never act as a barrier to a needed test. As we continue expanding free community testing options, we’re helping North Carolinians to stay informed about their health and help slow the spread of COVID-19," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D.

Surry County will offer three testing sites during the month of November. Testing locations, dates, and times are as follows:

Dobson Farmer’s Market 903 East Atkins St. Dobson, NC 27017	November 5, 2020	3 pm - 8 pm
	November 6, 2020	12 pm - 8 pm
	November 7, 2020	7 am – 2 pm
	November 8, 2020	12 pm – 8 pm
	November 9, 2020	7 am – 2 pm
Elkin Farmer’s Market 101 East Markey St. Elkin, NC 28621	November 12, 2020	2:30 pm – 8 pm
	November 13, 2020	12 pm – 8 pm
	November 14, 2020	12 pm – 8 pm
	November 15, 2020	12 pm – 8 pm
	November 16, 2020	7 am – 2 pm
Four Way Volunteer Fire Department 116 McBride Rd. Mt. Airy, NC 27030	November 19, 2020	2:30 pm – 8 pm
	November 20, 2020	12 pm – 8 pm
	November 21, 2020	7 am – 2 pm
	November 22, 2020	12 pm - 8 pm
	November 23, 2020	7 am – 2 pm

While walk-ups are accepted, we encourage residents to register and schedule an appointment at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. Anyone who meets the virus testing criteria can be tested, including people who are underinsured, uninsured, undocumented or homeless. Symptoms of COVID can be found at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/symptoms>.

OptumServe has expertise in rapidly deploying and setting up health care services. Led by former Army Surgeon General and retired Lieutenant General Patty Horoho, RN, OptumServe has performed more than 1 million tests at community-based testing sites across the country.

You may register and make an appointment for testing by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) 562-4850. Please note that phone registration should only be used for people without internet access or are registering a minor for a test.

For more information, please check the Surry County COVID-19 Dashboard at <https://www.co.surry.nc.us/coronavirus.php>, and as always, please remember continue to practice the 3 Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash.

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