**Please Do Not Visit our Office if you think you have COVID-19:**

The NC State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) can now perform testing for the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which allows NCDHHS to promptly identify and respond to any potential cases. North Carolina is using the test kit developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

COVID-19 tests are available as needed and it is not necessary for everyone to be tested for COVID-19 at this time.

NCDHHS has expanded testing criteria for COVID-19. Only those who meet the following criteria should ask their doctor or local health department about being testing for COVID-19 through the NCSLPH:

1. Have fever **or** lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) **and** close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days.
2. Have fever **and**lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) **and** a negative rapid flu test.

Individuals who meet the criteria should follow CDC guidelines to prevent further spread, and immediately contact COVID-19 Helpline Toll Free at **1-866-462-3821**.  They can assess you and get you tested.

Thank you,

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