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Know the Facts about COVID-19 and stop the Spread of Rumors. Press Release #3

Trenton, NC – The Jones County Health Department wants to make sure that residents are receiving accurate information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). During these times, it is important to make sure residents are knowing and sharing the facts and help stop the spread of rumors. The following are five facts for COVID-19:

- Fact 1: Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.
- Fact 2: Elderly (age 65 and older), or persons with chronic diseases (heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, etc.), or persons with weakened immune systems are at higher risk.
- Fact 3: Someone who has completed quarantines or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.
- Fact 4: Washing your hands, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, staying home when you are sick, and covering your cough or sneeze and discarding tissues are ways to keep yourself and others healthy.
- Fact 5: CDC recommended testing criteria is the following:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher), **OR** lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) **WITH** close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days; or
 - Fever (100.4 or higher) **AND** lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) **AND** a negative rapid flu test **AND** no more likely diagnosis.

COVID-19 tests are available as needed, and it is not necessary for everyone to be tested for COVID-19 at this time. If you become ill, seek care with your regular medical provider. If you do not have a medical provider and are not feeling well, call your nearest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) / Community Health Center, Urgent Care or Emergency Room.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>) and the North Carolina Division of Public Health Coronavirus call line (1-866-462-3821) or (<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/COVID19.html>). Jones County Health Department also is a source of information (252-448-9111) or <http://www.jonescountyhealth.com/>.

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