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**PRESS RELEASE**

**START-DATE MOVED to TUESDAY, 1/18/22**

**for**

**COVID-19 MASS-TESTING OPERATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NC**

**From:**

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Franklin County Health Director,  
Public Information Officer: Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

**Communication:**

**Planned Mass Testing now to begin on 1-18-22:** As a result of unprecedented COVID-19 infections and quarantines within their COVID-19 testing staff, the Planned Launch of Radeas Lab's State funded Mass Testing operation in Louisburg, NC (previously scheduled to open on Saturday, 1/15/22), has been moved to Tuesday, 1/18/22.

**Radeas Labs Redeploys Staff to Open Franklin County Operation by 1/18/22:** Radeas Lab's met with Franklin County Health Department and Emergency Services officials early-afternoon on Thursday, 1/13/2022, and indicated they were reassigning staff from other operations (some of them from out of state) to make the new Louisburg site fully staffed and ready to begin operations on Tuesday, 1-18-22.

**Start TIME on 1/18/22 Subject to Weather Conditions:** The *planned* hours of operation for this COVID-19 Testing site for Tuesday, 1/18/22, are from 7:00am – 7:00pm. However, as winter weather is forecasted, Franklin County Emergency Management and Health Department Leaders will continue to monitor weather-conditions to ensure the site can begin operations as close to 7:00am on Tuesday 1/18/22 as the weather conditions will allow. Updates will be posted on our Franklin County Health Department's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyHealthDepartment/>

**Location and Normal Hours for Franklin County Mass-Testing:** Subject to change due to testing-demand or weather, starting on Tuesday, 1/18/22 forward, the location and normal hours of operation for this surge COVID-19 testing operation will be:

- **When:** Monday – Saturday, 7:00am – 7:00pm.
- **Where:** Former site of LBJ Cars: 1188 US Hwy 401 South, Louisburg, NC 27549.
- **FREE. NO appointment needed. Results in 12-36 hours or less.**

Franklin County Health Director, Scott LaVigne, stated “with cases exceeding anything we’ve seen before, testing is now more important than ever if we’re to stop more residents from getting infected. Our Health Department has been working since prior to Thanksgiving to

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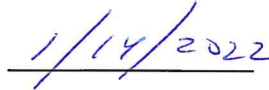
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prepare for this surge, and are very pleased to partner with NCDHHS, Radeas Labs, the Town of Louisburg Officials and Police, as well as our County Emergency Services and Sheriff's Office to make this mass-testing possible for Franklin County Residents. Special thanks also go out to our County Manager, Kim Denton, Assistant County Manager, Will Doerfer, and Finance Director Jamie Holtzman, for work with their state association and NCDHHS to advocate for these resources coming into Franklin County. Working with our Health Department Team, we were ready with the solid data and local knowledge to quickly bring this home for Franklin County Residents. Finally, a very special thank-you goes out to the property owner, Mr. Earl Scott (owner of Earl Scott's D&J Business Complex), for providing us with a location that will allow more people to access COVID-19 testing in Franklin County than ever before. Starting on Tuesday, 1/18/22, if you can get yourself anywhere near the Walmart in Louisburg, you're just a stones-throw away from a FREE, no-appointment PCR COVID-19 test" LaVigne said.



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