

## HCHF sponsoring FREE drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Jan. 4 & 11

The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation (HCHF) is sponsoring local COVID-19 testing initiatives on the plateau January 4 and January 11. The format will be drive-through at the Village Green in Cashiers from 11am-1pm and the Highlands Recreation Center from 2:30-4:30pm.

To ensure adequate testing supplies on the day of, participants are encouraged to notify Mountain Park Urgent Care of your interest to participate at [info@mtnparkuc.com](mailto:info@mtnparkuc.com).

“This post-holiday timeframe is a critical time to be tested because CDC and science tells us positive cases will likely increase after travel and gatherings with family and friends. Identifying people with the virus helps to avoid a sudden spike, slow the rate of new infections, lower the overall number of cases, ease the pressure on health services, keep our schools open, workforce employed and community activity flowing.” Dr. Richard Ellin, Board member and leader of the HCHF testing project.

Participants will be asked to present a photo ID and insurance information on

site. Uninsured participants are eligible to participate without cost, however a photo I.D. is required. Confidential results will be provided directly to participants by phone.

The tests will be administered by Mountain Park Urgent Care (MPUC), Sylva, NC in full compliance with CDC, FDA, and NCDHHS guidelines. The County Health Departments are provided COVID-19 test reports as required by NCDHHS.

Please note a COVID-19 test is a one-time indicator. Frequent hand washing, covering your face, and social distancing at least six feet apart are also important to protect yourself and others and to slow the spread of COVID-19. For questions and further information please call the Foundation office: 828-482-6510.

- The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation was established on February 1, 2019 as a 501 (c) 3 public charity with a purpose to improve the health and wellbeing of Highlands, Cashiers, and surrounding communities. For more information, please visit the website: [www.hchealthfnd.org](http://www.hchealthfnd.org) or call 828-482-6510.



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