



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AnMed Health offers free COVID-19 community testing**

*(Anderson, S.C. – June 4, 2020)* – AnMed Health has partnered with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and others to make free community testing available to those in the Anderson and surrounding communities who may not have access.

“It has been reported in areas across the country and recognized by the U.S. Surgeon General that African American and Hispanic/Latinx communities have been hit especially hard by COVID-19 – and South Carolina is no different,” said AnMed Health CEO Bill Manson. “While the African American population makes up just 27% of our state and 41% of confirmed cases, 56% of South Carolina’s deaths from COVID-19 have been African American. This statistic speaks specifically to the health status that often persists in marginalized racial and ethnic minority communities and serves as a stark reminder of the health inequities that we must work together to address. Community testing for COVID-19 is one way we can take a step forward with this important work.”

Community testing will be offered via a mobile, drive-thru clinic at locations throughout the Anderson community. No doctor’s order, appointment or pre-screening is needed. Residents will be contacted within 48-72 hours with the results of their tests. Those under 18 years of age must bring a parent or guardian to provide consent.

Community testing dates planned so far:

Thursday, June 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Welfare Baptist Church

Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Anderson Civic Center

For information about future testing events as they are confirmed, please visit

[AnMedHealth.org/Covid19](https://AnMedHealth.org/Covid19).

**Please be mindful of protecting the faces, automobile types and license tags when videotaping or taking pictures at the drive-through testing site.**

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