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**San Juan Basin Public Health and Axis Health System Partner to Provide Free COVID-19  
Community Testing in Archuleta County**

**Pagosa Springs, Colo.:** Axis Health System (Axis) and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) are partnering to provide drive-through COVID-19 testing at the Archuleta Integrated Healthcare clinic which is located at 52 Village Drive in Pagosa Springs. Drive-through community testing will be available on Tuesdays from 12pm to 4:30pm by appointment only. Testing will start on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue through Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, depending on community need.

**Because this will be a drive-through testing site, appointments are required to manage traffic concerns and distancing requirements. Please call Archuleta Integrated Healthcare at 970-264-2104 to make an appointment. Quick facts about this community testing effort:**

- **No referrals or doctors' orders are needed.**
- **Testing is open to all members of the community.**
- **There is no fee for testing from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

The COVID-19 tests have been provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) in an effort to expand community testing efforts throughout Colorado. Individuals who are part of this community testing effort will be contacted by a medical provider from Archuleta Integrated Healthcare with their results.

“Archuleta Integrated Healthcare is excited to partner with SJBPH to offer drive-thru community testing in Archuleta County. We hope that this additional testing capacity will help bring some peace of mind to people who may have been exposed and anxious to know if they have the virus. This will also help the community to continue to refine the efforts to contain the spread based on increased test data,” said Dr. Luke Casias, Medical Director at Axis.

“We are pleased to partner with Axis Health System to expand testing in Archuleta County,” said SJBPH Executive Director, Liane Jollon. “We appreciate the efforts of community members to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and encourage them to continue to do so by taking advantage of this testing opportunity,” Jollon said. “Diagnostic testing is the cornerstone of controlling the spread of the disease and a key factor in keeping communities safe and healthy,” she said.

For the most up to date information on the coronavirus, visit SJBPH's website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.



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San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

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