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DATE: 4/23/2020

INTERVIEWEE: Jess Powers, Russell County Emergency Management Coordinator

INTERVIEWED BY WXLZ REP: Bobby Smallwood

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: Jess joins us again today to talk about Covid 19. Russell County remains at 2 cases. There will be testing done in Russell County tomorrow April 24 at the Farmers Market. This is a drive thru testing so no one needs to leave their car. You need to call before and be screened. You cannot just show up. You will need a voucher when you show up. The number to call is 276-889-7621. It takes 2 days to get the results after the testing. Jess says that after the testing he is curious to see if our numbers go up.

On Mar 17 Russell County declared an emergency so that we could be better prepared. Russell County has done very well in keeping our numbers down.

A next step in Russell County is to get the antibody testing to see if anyone actually had the virus and didn't know. This test will show if one has antibodies and immune to the virus. Could there have possibly been a wave of Covid19 before we knew about it.

The county can open back up when the numbers stay down over a period of 14 days. This is in line with the governors guidelines. Also we need to be in coordination with surrounding counties as many Russell County residents travel for doctors appointments and other. If you do have to travel outside the county practice social distancing, wash hands and use a cloth face covering. Don't travel to other states unless you have to.

Jess says to continue practicing social distancing, washing hands, and wearing a cloth face mask so we can keep our numbers down. There will be more testing coming to Russell county.

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