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Media Opportunity **1SBCT Soldiers tested for COVID-19 prior to NTC deployment**

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, will receive COVID-19 testing Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Centralized Screening and Testing Center (CSTC) at Evans Army Community Hospital.

As part of the ongoing Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE), all 1st SBCT Soldiers will be tested for COVID-19 and then quarantined as a precaution prior to the brigade's deployment next month to the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California.

Only Soldiers who test negative for COVID-19 will travel to Fort Irwin to participate in the NTC training exercise.

Lt. Col. Jason I. Dailey, 4th Inf. Div. surgeon, and Maj. Gregory S. Rueth, CSTC chief, will be available to explain the CSTC's COVID-19 testing procedures and how they are being implemented for these Soldiers.

Fort Carson leaders remain unwaveringly committed to ensuring Soldiers are properly prepared to stay safe in any terrain or environment.

The CSTC at EACH will remain open to beneficiaries who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. After hours, patients are urged to visit the Emergency Department or a local urgent care center, as applicable to beneficiary status.

Media who are interested in attending this event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Tuesday to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.