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Cole County
Health Department

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Cole County Health Department Announces First Positive COVID-19 Case

COLE COUNTY, MO – The Cole County Health Department has received notification of the first positive case of COVID-19 in Cole County. Although the patient’s identity will remain confidential, we can say this was a travel related case but we will not be releasing any personal information. We are working with this individual to insure they are following Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines in regarding isolation.

The Cole County Health Department is currently working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to conduct an investigation in an effort to identify any individual that may have come in close contact with the positive individual to monitor them for symptoms and assist in the containment of the virus.

It is important that every member of the community continue to follow the CDC basic hygiene preventative measures. These measures include: avoiding contact with people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes, proper hand-washing, cleaning frequently used surfaces, and staying home when sick.

The Cole County Health Department has taken and will continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our community safe and will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation as it evolves by following the CDC guidelines to protect public health and limit spread of this infection.

We encourage anyone that suspects you have COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 to call your healthcare provider before seeking care, unless it is a life-threatening emergency.