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Taney County Health Department Confirms First Case of COVID-19
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the first confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Taney County. A full disease investigation is underway by TCHD staff, and patient information will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual.

“We know this is a travel related case,” States Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “The disease investigation indicates no known exposure in the community as the individual and household have self-quarantined since arriving back in the community.”

TCHD staff are working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and will continue providing the most up to date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The individual who tested positive has been notified and is currently following isolation guidelines,” said Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department.

TCHD continues to strongly recommend the community follow President Trump’s 15 Days to Slow the Spread initiative and follow social distancing guidelines. Prevention for individuals also continues to be important to combat this illness in our community: wash your hands, avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, and stay home as much as possible. TCHD also recommends those returning from travel outside the community self-quarantine for 14 days to prevent to spread of COVID-19.

For more information, call us at 417-334-4544, follow us on Facebook, and checkout our website www.taneycohealth.org.

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