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TWO NEW POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN MILLS COUNTY

Mills County Public Health has been notified of two additional positive confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Mills County. This brings the total number of confirmed positive cases to nine in our county. A total of 132 Mills County residents have been tested to date. The new cases are both adults, one in the age range of 18-40 years and one in the age range of 41-60. One virus was contracted through community spread and one through close contact with a positive case.

Mills County Public Health is currently conducting contact investigations to identify and follow-up with any people who had close contact with the ill individual. Close contacts are educated about self-monitoring their health status by our health department nurses. They are required to do daily symptom and temperature checks; as well as quarantine themselves for 14 days as a precaution.

Three of the cases have recovered and the remaining six cases are being followed by Mills County Public Health. All residents are urged to stay home as much as possible, stay away from groups of people and maintain a 6-foot distance from other individuals. This is needed by everyone, regardless of confirmed cases, because we know there is substantial spread of COVID-19 throughout Iowa.

Everyone should wash their hands often, avoid close contact with others, and stay home if they are sick. Everyone should also wear a cloth face cover when they go out in public. For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit Mills County Coronavirus webpage at <http://covid19.millscoia.us> or the Iowa Coronavirus webpage at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>

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