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Sarpy/Cass County Health Department Provides Updates to COVID-19 Situation

Total case count at 13 in jurisdiction; one associated with long-term care facility

PAPILLION – Three new cases of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, have been confirmed in Health Department's jurisdiction, bringing the total number of cases in the Department's jurisdiction to 13. All three individuals are Sarpy County residents. Of the three cases, one is a close contact of a confirmed case, one was travel related and the other was community acquired. The age ranges for these individuals is 20s – 40s.

All identified close contacts have been identified and will self-quarantine and are following public health recommendations for monitoring for fever and respiratory symptoms.

As part of the contact investigation of the COVID-19 cases that were reported on March 26, one individual was a temporary resident at a Sarpy County long-term care facility at the time of diagnosis. This individual has since been transported to a local hospital for care associated with a pre-existing condition.

The Health Department wants to remind residents of the steps they can take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and if you are ill stay home.
- Put distance between yourself and other – around 6 feet.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touch surfaces.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call 211.

Current Case Count

Sarpy: 11

Cass: 2

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