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Central Utah Public Health Department

Announces New COVID-19 Case in Juab County

Richfield, UT April 2, 2020 - The Central Utah Public Health Department (CUPHD) has announced an additional positive case of the coronavirus, COVID-19, in the Central Utah Health District.

This second confirmed case is a female, between the ages of 18-60, currently recovering in their home in Juab County. This case differs from the first announced case earlier this week, in Millard County, in that there was no travel or interaction with a known confirmed case prior to the patient becoming symptomatic. This marks Central Health District's first case of community spread/community acquired coronavirus. "Community spread of the virus indicates that through our investigation we are not able to link this case to another confirmed case of COVID-19 or through associated travel. This means that the case was likely contracted locally." said Nate Selin, the Executive Director of CUPHD.

Close contacts of the confirmed case have been contacted and are under self-quarantine and are being actively monitored for symptoms.

As part of the disease investigation process, CUPHD will reach out to individuals who may have been exposed to a known case of COVID-19. If you receive a message from the health department, please call our epidemiology team during regular business hours at 435-896-5451 or the after hours number that is provided. If you are a person under investigation, the only personal information you will be asked is your name, date of birth, address and your email. CUPHD will not ask for a social security number, bank information, etc. The information discussed will include steps needed to protect your health and the health of those you have come in contact with.

While there are more testing sites available now throughout the state, getting tested for COVID-19 still requires an order from a medical provider. If you are symptomatic, (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), you should contact your medical provider by telephone, and they will screen you to determine if you should be tested for the coronavirus. If they determine that you should be tested, they will direct you to a testing site, where you will be swabbed outside the facility, and then asked to self-isolate until the test results come back.

Selin added, "These positive cases indicate the virus is active in the community; however, that doesn't change the precautions recommended by our department. The recommendations for social distancing, gathering limitations, and the Governor's Directive to Stay Safe, Stay Home are the most effective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

The most up-to-date information can be found at coronavirus.utah.gov or centralutahpublichealth.org.

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