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DAVIESS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS 2 CASES OF COVID-19

The Daviess County Health Department announced today the first 2 positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Daviess County.

DCHD is working closely with the local and state officials to ensure that close contacts of the patients are identified and monitored and that all infection control protocols are being followed.

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb issued a public health emergency declaration that calls on state agencies to continue their diligence and cooperation in responding to COVID-19 and ensures that Indiana can seek funding to control and stop the spread of coronavirus. The declaration is posted at www.in.gov/. The governor has also issued additional steps to protect the public from COVID-19.

 The patients have been placed in quarantine. No additional information about the patient will be released due to privacy laws.

<u>STAY HOME</u>

Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

· Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing;

· Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;

· Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and

· Rarely, fecal contamination.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness, including the flu, is to:

· Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

· Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

· Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.

· Stay home when you are sick.

· Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

· Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will provide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the ISDH website at in.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information.