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City of Troup - COVID19 Presumptive Positive Case

Health officials have confirmed on April 2, 2020 a presumptive positive test for the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Troup community. The patient is in a medical facility.

Due to patient privacy laws, the identity of the confirmed patient is not released to anyone other than medical personnel who may be providing care. ***Health Department officials are contacting directly anyone who has been in recent close contact with the patient and notifying them of any exposure. Close contacts are asked to stay home away from others for 14 days.*** The City of Troup has no identifying information about this patient and will not receive such identifying information on any future patients due to federal HIPAA regulations. Families may receive notification of a positive test result before the Local Health Authority, and may disseminate that information sooner than the Northeast Texas Public Health District is able, but rest assured that the city of Troup will release information about any localized cases as soon as it is received.

Community spread is a continuing likelihood and citizens must make all efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Although most individuals who contract the virus may not need medical care, residents who develop low to moderate fever, cough, and shortness of breath are encouraged to contact their primary care physician and to follow their advice. Be sure to call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

The City of Troup continues to encourage residents to do their part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 through the following:

- Comply with the Smith County Stay-At-Home Order.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom. Also wash them before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If there's no soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact 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 objects and surfaces you touch often with a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- People who are well do not need to wear masks at home or in public.

This is a rapidly changing situation, and information is being shared as it becomes available from the Northeast Texas Public Health district at <https://www.mynethealth.org/> or by phone at 903-535-0030. Updates from the City of Troup will be provided on the city's Facebook page and at <https://trouptx.com/city-government/2212-2/>.