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For Immediate Release

Harrison County has its first diagnosed case of COVID-19

Clarksburg, WV (March 24, 2020) — Harrison County has its first diagnosed case of COVID-19, Monday evening. HCHD knew it was just a matter of time before we would hear we had a positive in our county. People shouldn't panic. Instead, they should take commonsense measures that will keep them and their community safe. HCHD also want to make it clear that anyone who is waiting for COVID-19 test results should remain self-quarantined to protect their family members and working partners.

Everyone who can work from home should take advantage of this opportunity, only making trips outside for essential errands.

Other measures that individuals include

- Stay at home
- Keep a safe distance (6 feet)
- Wash hands often
- Cover coughs and sneezes

We must listen to our President, Governor and health officials and help reduce the spread of this virus. There are no additional details about the COVID-19 case in Harrison County currently. If you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or have recently traveled to a community where there is ongoing spread of COVID-19 and develop [symptoms of COVID-19](#), call your healthcare provider and tell them about your symptoms and your exposure. They will decide whether you need to be tested. Currently there is no treatment for COVID-19 and people who are mildly ill may be able to isolate and care for themselves at home.

Testing can be obtained locally by calling your private provider and they can send an order for lab testing. Please call this number, **304-598-6000 option 4, BEFORE** going to the hospital for testing. If you **do not have a medical provider**, please call 304-598-6000 option 4 to speak to a nurse. They will tell you when and if you need be tested. Please help us keep our doctor offices and hospitals safe. The symptom of COVID-19 which may appear **2-14 days after exposure** are:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath