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Christian-Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency

New Release (3/28/2020 1500 hrs) Montgomery County

The Montgomery County Health Department has been notified this morning that a Montgomery County resident has tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This individual has been quarantined at their home since experiencing symptoms and is doing well at this time. This is the first laboratory-confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Montgomery County. The individual has been educated to not leave their home and has complied with quarantine procedures even before their COVID-19 test came back positive. Public health officials will not be releasing more specific details about this individual due to privacy issues at this time.

Public health officials have begun an investigation of this case by speaking with individuals who this person may have come into contact with before this diagnosis. During this investigation, public health may place other individuals on home quarantine if they are determined to have had significant exposure. Such individuals may not be symptomatic but could be quarantined for a period of time which allows symptoms to develop and pass without posing risk to others. If you are contacted by your public health officials, please respond immediately.

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms such as signs of fever, cough and/or shortness of breath please call your medical provider, your local prompt/urgent care, hospital emergency department, or your county Health Department for further guidance. Do not show up unannounced at any of these facilities, please call first. If you have a life-threatening emergency, please contact 911, answer their questions and follow their instructions given. In addition to your local resources, Illinois Department of Health has established a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931.

Most individuals affected by COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms but some individuals – especially the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions – are at higher risk of getting very sick from this possibly life-threatening illness. However, keep in mind that anyone can contract the virus and become ill. No one age group or demographic is completely exempt.

It is imperative we all immediately adhere to current CDC guidelines, practice social distancing from each other at a minimum of six feet, and stay home if you are sick. Please practice this important self-restraint and follow the Governor's Stay at Home Order to protect you and your family as well as others.

The public is asked to follow and share trusted sources of information on COVID-19 such as the CDC and IDPH websites for trusted information. The spread of incorrect information during this COVID-19 outbreak can lead people to take actions that may not be beneficial to their health or the health of others.

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