First case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Johnson County

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO (March 21, 2020) – Johnson County Community Health Services has confirmed its first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Johnson County. The case is located near Knob Noster, Missouri and the patient is currently in home isolation, following the guidance of the CDC.

The Johnson County Community Health Services continues to work with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the CDC to identify and contact people who may have come into contact with the individual while they were infectious and will monitor them for fever and respiratory symptom. No further information will be provided about the patient.

To reduce risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19, continue to follow these basic preventative measures:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes using your elbow or shoulder rather than your hands
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces frequently

If you suspect that you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, call your healthcare provider to them know before seeking care. It is critical that your provider is aware you may have COVID-19 prior to your arrival at a healthcare facility, and that you follow all instructions for arriving at a healthcare facility.