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First Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Mid-Ohio Valley

Parkersburg, WV March 25, 2020 – The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department (MOVHD) confirmed that a Wood County resident had tested positive for COVID-19 earlier today. After being notified of a positive COVID-19 test result, MOVHD personnel begin contacting persons who may have had close personal contact with this individual, including any friends, family members or health care professionals, to assess, give guidance to and monitor them for signs and symptoms of illness. There are no additional details about the COVID-19 case in Wood County at this time.

To be infected with COVID-19, you generally need to be in close contact with a sick person. Close contact includes any of the following:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 10 minutes
- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

If you have not been in close contact with a sick person who has COVID-19, you are at low-risk for infection. If you do get sick with fever, cough, or shortness of breath, stay home, contact your primary care provider and follow their guidance.

You can find more information at www.movhd.com, www.cdc.gov (COVID banner) or www.wv.gov (COVID-19 tab). Operators are available 24/7 at the toll-free West Virginia Coronavirus hotline at 1-800-887-4304 to provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response.

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