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New Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed in Wood County

Parkersburg, WV April 2, 2020 – The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department (MOVHD) confirms that we have three more Wood County residents that have tested positive for COVID-19. Wood County now has a total of five cases.

After being informed of a positive COVID-19 test result, the MOVHD personnel begin an investigation. If you are a person who was identified as a contact, MOVHD will reach out to you to assess, give guidance and monitor for signs and symptoms of illness.

If you have been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, remain at home and monitor your temperature twice a day and report any coughing, wheezing, sneezing or shortness of breath to your health care provider and inform them that you have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing must be determined by your health care provider. If you are tested, it is important to stay at home and refrain from contacts with others until your test results come back.

It is important that citizens take Governor Justice's **Stay at Home Order** seriously. If you must go out, use every precaution – physical distancing of at least six feet away when standing in line for groceries and take out, washing hands with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds, and being aware of surfaces that may have germs.

When people ignore the **Stay at Home Order**, you may jeopardize not only yourself but all of those that you come in contact.

If you want information about what to do if exposed to COVID-19 and other items, you can access links at www.movhd.com; information about guidance and protocols are available at 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.