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Iredell County Identifies Additional Cases of Novel Coronavirus

On March 22, 2020, Iredell County Health Department received notification from the NC Department of Health & Human Services that there are now six presumptive positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the County. The Health Department is managing this rapidly evolving situation by making contact with the individuals, identifying and contacting the close contacts of the individuals, and instructing close contacts to stay home and monitor their symptoms in an attempt to contain potential spread.

As a reminder, if you have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the test results, you should self-quarantine to prevent the possible transmission of the disease. This means you should stay home and limit any close contact with family, friends and the general public as much as possible. Close contact means being within six feet of a person for a prolonged period of time, generally a minimum of ten minutes. If you become symptomatic, meaning you have a fever, develop a cough, or have shortness of breath, you should also immediately limit your contact with family, friends, and the general public and seek testing.

Residents with general questions about COVID-19 can call the NC Division of Public Health Coronavirus Call Line 24 hours a day/7 days a week: **1-866-462-3821**. Nurses and pharmacists from the North Carolina Poison Control are available to answer questions.

Additional information related to COVID-19 can be found at the following resources:

NC DHHS-DPH: epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/2019nCoV.html

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Iredell County Health Department: <https://nc-iredellcounty.civicplus.com/1383/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

North Carolina Public Information Hotline: 1-866-462-3821

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