Second Positive COVID-19 Case Identified in Warren County

More Than 400 Positive Cases Identified in New Jersey

(OXFORD, NJ – March 18, 2020) – The second positive case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) has been identified in Warren County. The 49-year-old male from Lopatcong Township was treated by his private physician, and is recuperating at home.

"The Warren County Health Department is diligently working to respond to this statewide outbreak, and we want our residents to know the health and wellbeing of Warren County residents is our top priority," said Pete Summers, Warren County Health Officer.

New Jersey Department of Health is now partnering with New Jersey 2-1-1 to provide information to the public on COVID-19. If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 for updates. Additionally, accurate and updated information can be found on the CDC's Coronavirus website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/ or from NJDOH at www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml.

The Warren County Health Department is encouraging residents to practice social distancing, which includes avoiding crowded public places, maintaining about 6 feet of distance from others when possible, and practicing hand washing and proper respiratory hygiene.

People at higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19 include adults over 60 years old, and people who have serious medical conditions including heart or lung disease, diabetes, cancer, or who may be immunocompromised. If you are at higher risk of getting sick, you can take the following precautions:

o   Stay home as much as possible, avoid unnecessary events and gatherings.

o   Stock up on food and medication.

o   Be sure to have at least two weeks of household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay home for an extended period of time.

o   Take everyday precautions.

o   Stay home when you are sick. Avoid close contact with those who are sick.

o   Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

o   Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve.

o   Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

o   Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Patients with COVID-19 have reported mild to severe symptoms which may occur 2-14 days after being exposed. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you are sick, or think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your doctor before visiting so that they can protect themselves and other patients from the spread of disease. Please be sure to mention any recent travel history.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Warren County Health Department at 908-475-7960.

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