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Moniteau County Health Center announces 2nd case of COVID-19

MONITEAU COUNTY, MO – The Moniteau County Health Center has confirmed its second positive case of COVID-19 in Moniteau County. The individual is an adult, in their 20's with travel history. The patient's identity will remain confidential; therefore, we will not be releasing any personal information about this case.

The Moniteau County Health Center has notified this individual and we are working to insure they are following DHSS and CDC guidelines in regards to isolation. We are also working to identify close contacts in order to monitor them for symptoms and contain spread.

It is important that each and every one of us continue to practice basic preventative measures to help decrease the spread. These measures, as outlined by the CDC, include: social distancing, avoiding contact with people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes, proper hand-washing, cleaning frequently used surfaces, and staying home when sick.

The Moniteau County Health Center is taking necessary precautions to keep our patients and community safe and will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow CDC guidelines to help protect the public health and limit spread of this infection.

We highly encourage, if you suspect that you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, call your healthcare provider before seeking care.

We will continue to update our website with information www.moniteaucovid19.com.

If you have questions, please consult a factual source, such as www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov. The community can also call MDHSS 24-hour hotline (877)435-8411.