

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Third Case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Eastern Jackson County, Missouri

The Jackson County Health Department (JACOHD) is announcing the third case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Eastern Jackson County. The individual affected is a man in his 70's who had not recently traveled.

JACOHD is working to identify any close contacts of the individual. Those that were exposed will be contacted by JACOHD as soon as possible. The individual is isolated appropriately.

"We encourage those in vulnerable populations, such as older adults and individuals with underlying illnesses, to take extra precautions during this time," said Jackson County Health Department Director Bridgette Shaffer. "Practice social distancing, avoid crowds and travel, and stay home as much as possible."

Stay informed by following Health Department social media accounts (<u>@jacksoncountyhd</u>), signing up for updates on their website (<u>jacohd.org</u>), and consulting other reliable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<u>cdc.gov</u>).

For questions directed to the Jackson County Health Department, please contact Kayla Parker, Communications Specialist at (816) 404-8424 or <u>kayla.parker@tmcmed.org</u>.

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