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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jo Daviess County has identified its first positive case of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The individual is an adult in their 70s. Our health department is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and continues to monitor the individual and their close contacts. Further details about the individual will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual and their family.

While the investigation is ongoing, we believe that this case is related to travel and was not acquired in Jo Daviess County. Even so, the public must remember the importance of actions they can take to protect themselves and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

What the Public Can Do:

- **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this, your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.
- **STAY APART:** Keep at least 6 feet away from others.
- **STAY PUT:** Stay home, only go out when essential (buying groceries, pickup up medicine, etc.)

Be mindful of those who are at greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with underlying health conditions.

Call your healthcare provider:

If you experience fever, cough, and shortness of breath (flu like symptoms), stay home and call your healthcare provider before going to a healthcare facility. Inform them of your symptoms.

For more information:

Go to IDPH and Jo Daviess County websites.

- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- <https://www.jodaviess.org>

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931