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Press Release

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Las Animas County Reports First Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department has received confirmation that a Las Animas County resident has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This is the first confirmed case of a resident currently within the county.

This 24 year old female had an out of State travel history prior to being confirmed as positive for the virus. The Las Animas County patient is currently isolated at home as she continues her recovery.

No further details about this case will be shared to protect patient privacy.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our community and we are tracing all contacts of this individual,” says Kim Gonzales, Public Health Director. “Each one of us also plays a role in keeping our community healthy and safe. We understand folks may feel some anxiety, but we are now asking our community to turn that anxiety into action by abiding by the Stay at Home Order issued earlier today.”

Las Animas County community members should also continue to take simple steps to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19:

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rubbing for at least 20 seconds, or using alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces.
- When you have to go out for essential items practice social distancing, minimize your time out and wash your hands as soon as possible afterward.