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**UPDATED: COVID-19 Situation Report and Guidance**

On March 22, Dubois County Health Department (DCHD) announced the first laboratory confirmed positive case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dubois County.

**DCHD is working with Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the medical community to identify any close contact persons or businesses to ensure appropriate, proper precautions are taken in accordance with the latest CDC guidance.**

**We expect, and are prepared for, more positive cases and encourage all to take every action to limit the spread of illness.**

The main focus is to avoid exposure to the virus. Continue to wash your hands often with soap and water, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, practice social distancing of at least 6 feet away from others, and stay home as much as possible.

**All of these measures are an effort to halt or slow down and lessen the spread of this illness. This is a difficult time and is something we all have never experienced before. A lot of difficult decisions have had to be made. We encourage social distancing, not social isolation. Go outside. Take the time to check on your friends, phone an elderly neighbor. Be courteous. Be kind to one another.**

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider or the Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center Alternative Screening Site at 812.996.6330. Hours of operation include Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

As the situation of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to change rapidly, our top priority remains the health, safety, and well-being of our community.