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March 20, 2020 – First case of COVID-19 confirmed in Jasper County

The Jasper County Health Department today announces the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Jasper County.

To protect the patient’s right to privacy, identifying information will not be provided. As part of the regular practice of disease investigation, the Jasper County Health Department will notify people who have had contact with the patient. This individual was an international traveler in their 20’s who tested positive.

Jasper County Health Department staff are working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to determine any close contacts of that individual who were possibly exposed. If exposed, health officials will provide guidance to these individuals and monitor them closely for the development of symptoms.

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