Health Officials Confirm First Mohave County Death Due to COVID-19

15 Cases Now Positive in Mohave County

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (April 4, 2020) -- Mohave County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has been notified of three additional cases in the Lake Havasu City service area. One of the three cases, currently hospitalized locally, is an out-of-state resident and will not be included in the official case count for Mohave County. There are now 8 positive confirmed cases in the Lake Havasu City area, five in Kingman, and two in Bullhead City.

One of the three newest cases has resulted in the first COVID-19-related death in the county. This person was over the age of 65 and had other underlying health conditions. MCDPH is in the process of notifying close contacts of these cases and will be asking them to monitor for any symptoms.

Jean Bishop, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors responded saying “we wish to express our deep sorrow for the victim, family, and friends of our first COVID-19 death in Mohave County. We are well aware of the devastating consequences of this terrible international disease. Please practice physical distancing, wash your hands thoroughly, and stay safe for you, yours, and others. We’re all in this together.”

The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, or if you are a not an essential employee.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

COVID-19 spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms are thought to appear within two to 14 days after exposure and consist of fever, cough, runny nose, and difficulty breathing. For people with mild illness, individuals are asked to stay home, drink plenty of fluids, and get rest. For people with more severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath, individuals are advised to seek healthcare, using telemedicine where available.
Mohave County activated its Health Department Operations Center on February 1, 2020, after the first case of travel-associated COVID-19 was confirmed in Arizona. The Health Department Operations Center remains open to coordinate the County’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

For more information about the COVID-19 response in Arizona, go online to: https://azdhs.gov/

For more information about COVID-19 in Mohave County, please visit https://covid-19-mohave.hub.arcgis.com/.