First Positive Case of COVID-19 in Mohave County
Commercial Laboratory Confirms

MOHAVE COUNTY (March 24, 2020) - The Mohave County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19, in the Lake Havasu City service area. The individual, an adult, is not hospitalized at this time and is recovering at home. At this time, the MCDPH cannot be more specific regarding gender or age.

“With new cases increasing daily around the country and throughout Arizona, it is not surprising to see our first case here in Mohave County,” said Denise Burley, Director for MCDPH.

Upon receiving a report of a positive result, MCDPH staff will interview close contacts of the individual, and recommend that each person monitor for symptoms and quarantine themselves for 14 days, based on the risk of exposure.

COVID-19 is believed to be spread mostly through respiratory droplets produced when a sick person coughs or sneezes. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. The best way to prevent COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases is to:

- Avoid close contact with sick individuals
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue, then throw the tissue away immediately
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and frequently used or touched objects, with disinfectant sprays or wipes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or singing happy birthday twice). Use alcohol based hand sanitizers if water and soap are not available
- Please remember to practice social distancing (approximately six feet or more between and among individuals.

For more information please visit the CDC website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html or the AZ Department of Health Services at: https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home