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YUMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES 1 PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

Risk to Residents Remains Low

YUMA COUNTY— The Yuma County Public Health Services District has the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Yuma County. Health Officials are conducting a contact investigation to identify any close contacts that may have been exposed while the person was infectious. Any individuals who have been identified as having been exposed will be contacted directly.

Health Director Diana Gomez, Yuma County said, "“We’ve seen an increase in confirmed cases throughout the state and now that it has been identified in our community we must be mindful to continue to practice preventive strategies to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. This includes washing your hands frequently, social distancing, staying home when you are sick, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces and canceling or postponing mass gathering of 10 people or more” said Diana Gomez, Director of Public Health.”

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from the COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As a reminder, the Department always recommends everyday preventive actions to help impede the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
 - Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
 - Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
 - Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for healthcare workers and people who are taking care of someone in close.

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from any destination under CDC travel should call ahead to their health care provider and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional. Please visit Yuma County's COVID-19 webpage at www.yumacountyaz.gov. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Yuma County.