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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject:
COVID-19 Positive Case in Coles County

(Charleston), IL – The Coles County Health Department confirms the first case of COVID-19 in a Coles County resident.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Coles County Health Department are announcing that **one Coles County resident has tested positive for COVID-19**. The patient is at home in isolation and IDPH and CDC protocols have been implemented.

Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the patient in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission.

Stenger encourages residents who develop flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, and sore throat to stay home and contact their health care provider before seeking care. “Unless it is a medical emergency, we must be disciplined to isolate ourselves at home,” adds Stenger.

“We know COVID-19 is wide spread, and we’ve worked hard as a community to slow it down,” Stenger said. Now more than ever, we have to band together to fight against the virus to support those in our community who may become ill, need our care, and our assistance. It is imperative for the wellness of our community to stay healthy at home by following Governor Pritzker’s “**Stay-at- Home Order.**”

For more information, contact:

Illinois Department of Public Health:

Call the COVID-19 Hotline at **1-800-889-3931**, Email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV, or Visit

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

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