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BEAR RIVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES UPDATES ON COVID-19 CASES

LOGAN, UT– The Bear River Health Department announced today that we have 24 confirmed cases in the health district. When someone tests positive for COVID-19, our epidemiology team receives notification from the lab and we initiate an investigation. The investigation helps us understand when the patient started having symptoms and when they were likely capable of transmitting the disease to other people.

In a recent instance, we learned that a case was a health care provider from a small family practice clinic with only one provider. Quick action of our epidemiology team started a thorough and intense investigation, working through the night to contact any person who had possible exposure. As part of this tracing, we have identified 10 people who are symptomatic who are being tested and are isolated at home, and 46 individuals have been quarantined. This is the same process we follow any time we have a confirmed case.

As cases continue to increase throughout our district, we will not make a broad community announcement regarding each case. Rather, we will identify all close contacts and conduct communicable disease tracing like we do with any disease investigation.

“This recent case demonstrates the importance of staying home when you are sick,” said Lloyd Berentzen, Executive Director for the Bear River Health Department. He added, “One person not staying home while sick has resulted in more than 50 people being either isolated or quarantined.”

The health department continues to plead with the public to do their part in responding to this pandemic. Please, stay home if you are sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you can’t wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. If you must go out, practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people. And if you develop symptoms and need to see a health care provider, please call ahead before going to the clinic.

If you are concerned about exposure due to a recent visit to a health care clinic, please call the Bear River Health Department at 792-6500.

Mission: Prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the community & environment.
