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Clinton County Health Department, along with IDPH has identified a presumptive-positive case of COVID-19 within Clinton County. The patient is a female in her 60's. She is not a resident of Clinton County but is staying in the area. She has not had any international travel.

She is currently on voluntary quarantine at the home and is extremely cooperative. All of her close contacts have been identified, isolated, and are being monitored by the Clinton County Health Department staff.

**We will not be releasing any more detailed information on the patient at this time.**

We are currently working with IDPH/CDC guidance and guidelines in order to provide the most up-to-date information to residents of our county.

As a health department we are encouraging all residents to please follow CDC guidance, as well as social distancing and other recommendations by the Governor. Please use community mitigation strategies that are proven to work. These things include handwashing appropriately, using good respiratory hygiene, staying home if you are ill, social distancing of 6 feet from others, limiting community gatherings per CDC guidelines. This includes keeping gatherings of seniors to less than 10.

Per the CDC, "The complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not fully known. Reported illnesses have ranged from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death....Older people and people of all ages with severe chronic medical conditions — like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example — seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness."

The Clinton County Health Department is urging residents to please follow CDC/IDPH/Governor's guidelines for the health and safety of the entire community, including those who are most susceptible to illness. By not following these recommendations, community members are putting those most venerable at risk of disease and quite possibly, even death.

Clinton County residents are resilient, compassionate about their community members, and level-headed. This will pass, but it is imperative as a community to take the necessary steps to limit the reach of COVID-19 and other viral illnesses. The situation is rapidly changing and as soon as information is available, The Health Department will release it.