

NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Jefferson County Health Department received confirmation of a person between the ages of 35-45 that has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This individual resides in Groves, Texas and is currently quarantined at home and is cooperating with the direction of the health department and required medical officials.

The City of Port Arthur Health Department is conducting an epidemiological investigation and is working quickly to identify close contacts of the individual. Those may include family, friends, co-workers and other potential contacts.

These are steps you can take to keep you and your loved ones protected:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash. If tissues are not available, cough and sneeze into your elbow. Do not cough and sneeze into your hands.
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Get a flu shot. The flu vaccine does not offer protection against COVID-19, but it is also flu season.

Call the COVID-19 hotline at (409) 550-2536 or your healthcare provider if you are experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath and are concerned you have come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient or have a history of travel from affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset.

It is important that you call first so that staff can evaluate your risk and determine if they need to see you in person so that other patients are not potentially put at risk.