NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Today, March 27th, 2020, the Port Arthur City Health Department received confirmation of two additional patients who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), increasing the total number of confirmed cases for the City of Port Arthur to three. These individuals reside in Port Arthur and two of them are travel related. The age range is between 28-38.

The Health Department has notified these individuals; they are quarantined, and are cooperating with the direction of the health department and required medical officials. It is the responsibility of the health department to conduct contact investigation, and we can assure the public that we are quickly working to identify all contacts of these individuals.

Quarantine procedures include persons with COVID-19 and their contacts staying home for at least 14 days monitoring their temperature twice a day and **only** leaving home if they need medical care. For confidentiality purposes, the Port Arthur Health Department cannot legally release any additional information to identify of these individuals because of privacy laws that protect certain health information.

WE CONTINUE TO STRESS THESE STEPS TO HELP PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:

- 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 they can evaluate your risk and determine if they need to see you in person so that other patients are not potentially put at risk.