



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 31, 2020**

### Gasconade County Health Department Announces First Positive COVID-19 Case

GASCONADE COUNTY, MO – The Gasconade County Health Department has received notification of the first positive case of COVID-19 in Gasconade County. Although the patient’s identity will remain confidential, we can say this wasn’t a travel related case, but we will not be releasing any personal information. We are working with this individual to insure they are following Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MO DHSS) and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding isolation.

The Gasconade County Health Department is currently working with the MO DHSS to conduct an investigation in a effort to identify any individual(s) that may have come in close contact with the positive individual to monitor them for symptoms and assist in the containment of the virus.

It is important that every member of the community continue to follow the CDC basic hygiene preventative measures. These measures include avoiding contact with people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes, proper hand-washing, sanitizing frequently used surfaces, and staying home when sick.

The Gasconade County Health Department has taken and will continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our community safe and will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation as it evolves by following the CDC guidelines to protect public health and limit the spread of this virus.

We encourage anyone that suspects you have COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 to call your healthcare provider before seeking care, unless it is a life-threatening emergency.