COVID-19 case confirmed in Atchison County, MO

(KLZA)-- Atchison County, Missouri has its first confirmed case of COVID-19.

The Atchison County Health Department confirmed the positive test conducted by the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory Wednesday evening.

The patient is a female, over the age of 70 and lives in Atchison County. She is following the Centers for Disease Control recommendations of isolation at home. She had very few contacts in Atchison County, however, she did travel to a high population area.

The Atchison County Health Department is working to quickly identify anyone who may have been in close contact with the patient.

If you have not been contacted by a county or state health official, then you did not come in contact with this person and you are not at increased risk of the virus.

In accordance with this positive COVID-19 case, the Community Hospital in Fairfax is closed to visitors. Exceptions include obstetrical patients, may be made with the advice of the medical team.

Any citizen that has respiratory symptoms or suspect COVID-19 exposure are encouraged to use the Community Hospital – Fairfax online screening tool available at www.FairfaxMed.com.

The hospital will offer a COVID-19 Screening Station in a tent on the hospital campus. The screening station is for patients with respiratory symptoms that feel they may be at increased risk for exposure. Hours for the screening station will be 8:00 A.M., to noon weekdays.

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