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**Tarrant County resident tests “presumptive positive” for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has identified a presumptive positive case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) within Tarrant County. The individual is currently in isolation at a local Fort Worth hospital and is being closely monitored by health care staff. TCPH will await further testing to confirm the initial presumptive positive results and proceed with the next steps per CDC guidelines.

Health officials with TCPH are working to identify any contacts who may have been exposed while he/she was contagious, and schedule necessary tests. Anyone identified to have had close contact with the patient will be contacted directly by TCPH and health care staff.

The immediate risk of transmission in Tarrant County and specifically the City of Fort Worth remains low. The City of Fort Worth continues to implement preparedness and precautionary efforts to ensure the health and well-being of all residents and city employees.

At this time the residents of Fort Worth are urged to continue their preventative measures of hand washing and disinfecting surfaces through The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness in general is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The symptoms for COVID-19 range from mild to severe but include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

For further information please contact [Tarrant County Public Health](#) and refer to the [CDC](#) for guidelines.

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