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Harnett County has third presumptive positive for COVID-19

Harnett County Public Health officials released this morning, they have received notice from the State Lab that a third resident has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19.   The third presumptive positive case in Harnett County in the last week, as the Harnett County Health Department confirmed two cases on March 13 and 14. The affected person is a college student and is currently in isolation at home.

Harnett County Health Director, John Rouse is reminding residents, if you are at increased risk, our public health team will contact you directly. If a member of our team does not contact you and you do not have any symptoms, you do not need to quarantine yourself or take precautions beyond washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home from school or work if you feel sick.

The county's public health team encourages residents to protect yourself from COVID-19 and any other flu-like illness by following these simple steps:

•	Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

•	Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth.

•	Stay away from sick people.

•	Clean and disinfect surfaces – especially ones that are touched frequently – using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

•	Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

•	Stay home if you're sick and don't send sick children to school or childcare.

The Harnett County Health Department has information located our web site www.harnett.org/health. The county is also sharing important information on our social media accounts.

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