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Harnett County has second presumptive positive for COVID-19

Harnett County officials said they have received notice from the State Lab that a second resident has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19.

The affected person is currently in isolation at home. “This is not a surprise it is likely that more individuals will test presumptively positive for the virus, stated Harnett County Health Director John Rouse.

“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” Rouse added.

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 their web site www.harnett.org/health. The county is also sharing important information on our social media accounts.

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