

March 29, 2020

Good afternoon. This is Susan Long with the Osage County Health Department in Linn, MO.

At 10:40 this morning, I received notification of the first positive case of COVID-19 for Osage County, Missouri. The patient is a woman in her 60s who resides in Osage County with another household member. This is a travel-related case who quarantined herself upon return from a trip outside of Missouri as did her household member. They have remained in quarantine except for the drive-through testing for the case late last week. Since this notification, I completed the case and contact investigation and spoke with any contacts determined to have been at risk. I will be issuing an order of isolation for the case and order of quarantine for close contacts who might be at risk. Everyone is being very cooperative in this matter. I've alerted the people in the county who needed to be notified such as the Commissioners, the 911/Emergency Operations Center, first responders that would be responding to an emergency at the address and the Osage County Health Department staff. Personal health information was not shared with anyone.

This means that if I didn't call you this morning, you weren't identified as a contact. Please do not call the Health Department to request information on the person or where they live. You will not be given any information on this matter.

I will be in contact daily with the case and her contacts to monitor. If you have any general questions or concerns in regards to COVID-19, I ask you to contact the Health Department on the Health Department Facebook page or the email address of:

osagecountyhealthdepartment@gmail.com. Thank you.