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City of Elgin - COVID19 Presumptive Positive Case **March 29, 2020**

The Bastrop County Health Authority confirmed March 28, 2020 the first presumptive positive test for the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) within the City of Elgin. This is the third positive case announced in Bastrop County; and is the first as a result of sampling done at the County's test site. The 31-year old female patient is a city resident and is quarantined in her home under a doctor's care.

County officials, in coordination with the Texas Department of State Health Services, are working to notify all persons who have had recent contact with the patient. Contact investigations performed by public health officials are designed to interrupt the spread of infection.

Due to patient privacy laws, the identity of the confirmed patient is not released to anyone other than emergency medical personnel who may be providing care.

Community spread is a continuing possibility and citizens must make all efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19. While no Shelter in Place (SIP) Order is in effect in Elgin at this time, people are strongly advised to stay at home and leave their residence for only essential errands or to perform essential work; and to continue Social Distancing protocols and proper hygiene.

Although most individuals who contract the virus will not need medical care, residents who develop low to moderate fever, cough, and shortness of breath are encouraged to contact their primary care physician and to follow their advice.

The City of Elgin continues to encourage residents to do their part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 through the following:

- **Call ahead and do not go to the emergency room** unless seriously ill. Emergency rooms need to be able to serve those with the most critical needs. If you have symptoms, call your regular doctor/provider first.
- **Stay home when sick** and limit close contact with others in your household who are not sick.
- **Practice excellent personal hygiene habits**, including handwashing with soap and warm water, coughing into tissue or elbow, avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Stay away from people who are ill**, especially if you are 60 or over or have underlying health conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, heart disease or a weakened immune system
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For those not having a primary care physician at this time, the Ascension COVID-19 Hotline at (833) 978-0649 can provide assistance. Please contact us directly at the number below with any questions; or monitor the City's website for regular updates regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic.

<https://www.elgintx.com/1065/COVID-19>

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