



## **Kane County Health Department Response to First Two Local COVID-19 Cases**

March 13, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Kane County. This week, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) confirmed the first two cases in the county, a woman in her 60’s and a man in his 70’s.

“The Kane County Health Department keeps in regular contact with our community partners to monitor this situation,” said Barb Jeffers, KCHD Executive Director. “These are unprecedented times, but this community has overcome adversity before. Our staff is working long hours and is prepared to investigate any additional cases of COVID-19 within Kane County.”

The State of Illinois has set up The Illinois COVID-19 Hotline and email address provides consistent information, answer questions, share facts about symptoms, and provides up-to-date information from the CDC. Call **1-800-889-3931** anytime or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV)

For additional information and current updates on the novel coronavirus situation, please visit the KCHD website at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com).

Current state and federal guidance provides that symptoms include the following: fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Primary risk factors include a history of travel to Wuhan City, China or close contact with a person positive for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.

If you think you have the symptoms of COVID-19, please stay at home and **CALL** your doctor or health provider first to report a suspected illness. Your health care provider will order testing. **COVID-19 tests are NOT done at the Kane County Health Department.**

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It is important to remember that the flu season is ongoing and the influenza rate is currently high. There is potential to confuse symptoms of influenza with other viruses. State and federal officials advise that only those individuals who have traveled through the affected areas or have been exposed to individuals who were positive for novel coronavirus are considered at risk.

As in all viral cases, it is advised to wash your hands frequently, avoid interacting with people who are sick and make sure you are up to date on your immunizations.

KCHD understands there is a high demand for information. We want to provide as much information as possible, but our top priority is investigating all cases and protecting patient confidentiality. We are sharing as much information as we can as soon as we can.

For more information, visit [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com) or call 630-208-3801.

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