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**3<sup>rd</sup> Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Sarpy/Cass Health Department Jurisdiction**

**PAPILLION** – The Sarpy/Cass Health Department has confirmed the third case of COVID-19 in its jurisdiction. The Sarpy County resident is a man in his 40's, with underlying health issues and is currently hospitalized.

Contact investigations are underway and the Sarpy/Cass Health Department with assistance from DHHS is rapidly assessing potential exposures to determine next steps. All identified close contacts will self-quarantine and be actively monitored twice daily by public health officials for fever and respiratory symptoms.

The Health Department wants to remind residents of the steps they can take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touch surfaces.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit [sarpycasshealthdepartment.org](http://sarpycasshealthdepartment.org) or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus>.

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