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As COVID-19 Case Count Rise in Iowa, Muscatine County Residents Asked to Continue Prevention Efforts

The Muscatine County Public Health Department thanks residents who are taking steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. As of today, March 27, 2020, there are 7 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Muscatine County.

“We know this is a difficult time for many of us,” said Muscatine County Public Health Director, Christy Roby Williams. “There have been many closures that are affecting daily life and the concern about COVID-19 is real and understandable. It’s important for residents to know when it seems there are many things they cannot control, they can control their own personal actions. It’s important for everyone to stay home as much as possible and to practice social distancing – this simply means to stay away from groups of people, and to keep a 6-foot distance from other individuals.”

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever (100.4 or greater) and shortness of breath. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, you should call your health care provider before going into the office. The provider may have special instructions for you and will determine if you should be tested.

All residents should:

- Stay home when even mildly ill (the kind of illness that normally wouldn’t prevent you from your everyday activities)
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow/upper arm.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the IDPH webpage at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> and follow the department on Facebook at @IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth and on Twitter at @IAPublicHealth.