JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Novel Coronavirus – COVID-19
Update and Local Actions To-Date

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Today, a specimen for 1 Jefferson County resident is being submitted to Wadsworth Laboratory to test for COVID-19. The Jefferson County Public Health Service will commence monitoring today, and continue monitoring pending the result of testing. Further monitoring will occur if the test is positive for COVID-19.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service continues to work closely with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about testing protocols related to disease transmission. Travel history is still a consideration, along with presentation of specific symptoms.

To date, 122 persons are, or have been, under investigation in New York State for COVID-19. 76 of the investigations have been negative; 22 of the cases have been positive; and 24 are pending test results. Local health departments are actively monitoring suspected and positive cases throughout New York State. It is anticipated that the numbers of people requiring testing and monitoring will continue and grow.

All county health departments are in daily communication with NYSDOH communicable disease leadership to track and monitor exposure potential and possible disease transmission and occurrence in New York State.

While one specimen is being submitted for testing today, **as of this time, no individuals have been diagnosed with Novel Coronavirus – COVID-19 in Jefferson County**.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service, working with the NYSDOH and the CDC continues to advise individuals to:

- Obtain vaccination for flu (everyone six months of age and older). Risk for contracting flu is high. While there is currently no vaccine for Novel Coronavirus, understand that **risk for contracting Novel Coronavirus – COVID-19 is low.**
- Do your part to stop the spread of germs:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
  - Avoid contact with sick people
  - Stay home if you're sick

Please visit www.jcphs.org to receive the most current, up-to-date information.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service will continue to update the public regarding disease risk and status.

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