



13th Positive COVID-19 Case Now Confirmed Hospitalized in Lake Havasu City

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (April 3, 2020) – This evening (04/03/20), MCDPH-Nursing received notification of a positive COVID-19 test result in the Lake Havasu City area. The patient, an adult, is currently hospitalized. Our nurses will initiate the case investigation and identify close contacts.

There are now a total of thirteen confirmed cases in Mohave County, six in Lake Havasu City, two in Bullhead City, and five in Kingman.

Mohave County Public Health Director Denise Burley says "These additional increases in positive cases across the county indicates a stronger presence of COVID-19 in our communities. The county will begin providing aggregate case data (age ranges, gender) for Mohave County cases beginning at the close of the day on Monday.

Meanwhile, Burley added that "it is of utmost importance for all residents and visitors to stay home unless absolutely necessary, practice good hygiene, and engage in physical distancing (6 ft.). We must work individually and as a community to keep our case numbers down. "

COVID-19 is believed to be spread mostly through respiratory droplets produced when a sick person coughs or sneezes. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. The best way to prevent COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases is to:

- Avoid close contact with sick individuals
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away immediately
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and frequently used or touched objects, with disinfectant sprays or wipes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or singing happy birthday twice). Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if water and soap are not available
- Please remember to practice social distancing (approximately six feet or more between and among individuals).

For more information, please visit the CDC website at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u> or the AZ Department of Health Services at <u>https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home</u>