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**St. Louis County Department of Public Health Notified of Fourth Confirmed Case of COVID-19**

St. Louis County, MO —March 17, 2020. The St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) has been notified of a fourth positive case of COVID-19 in a St. Louis County resident. At this time, the determination of travel related or community spread is still under investigation. The patient is in the age range of 60-70 years old.

The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in St. Louis County was on March 7, 2020, the second confirmed case was on March 13, 2020 and the third was March 16, 2020.

Anyone identified during the investigation as a close contact or at risk of exposure to this patient will be contacted directly by the St. Louis County Department of Public Health.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of a fever, cough or difficulty breathing and have reason to believe they have encountered a person infected with COVID-19 should immediately call the St. Louis County Health Line at 314-615-2660. For general questions and guidance contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline at 877-435-8411. More information can be found on [stlcorona.com](http://stlcorona.com).

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health asks that our community continues to be aggressive with social distancing and community mitigation measures in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Practice social distancing
- Act on community mitigation measures
- Wash your hands often throughout the day with warm water and soap.  
If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand gel.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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 in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

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