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Three Rivers Public Health Department
Investigates Potential Exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With the first case of COVID-19 confirmed in Nebraska, Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) is working with state and other local health departments to investigate the potential exposure of local residents.

Nebraska DHHS has identified the first Nebraska case of COVID-19 here in Nebraska. Our case had attended a Special Olympics basketball event from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. February 29, 2020 at the Fremont Family YMCA located at 810 N. Lincoln Avenue in Fremont. Approximately 500 athletes participated in this event in addition to coaches and team staff that were involved in the event.

State and local health officers are asking the “basketball players, coaches and team staff who participated in that event” to do the following:

- Self-Report to 3RPHD (or your local public health department) at 402-727-5396 for guidance and next steps. This can also be done through our Nebraska public health online system at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx

- Self-quarantine and monitor themselves for development of COVID-19 symptoms until Saturday March 14th. Self-quarantine means staying home and not leaving for any reason, except to receive medical care.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The most common symptoms reported are:

- Fever of greater than 100.4F
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficult breathing

Those basketball players, coaches and team staff who live in Dodge, Saunders or Washington counties and participated in this event that experience the above symptoms should call Three Rivers Public Health Department ASAP at 402-727-5396.

“COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation, and 3RPHD will continue to provide the most up to date information to our communities as it becomes available” said Three Rivers Public Health Department, Executive Director, Terra Uhing.

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