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Public Release

Bath County has received official notification from the Virginia Department of Health of its first reported case of COVID-19. The Virginia Department of Health will conduct an investigation and contact people the person may have come in contact with. The Bath County Emergency Management team has been working closely with Bath Community Hospital and is in active communication with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

If you are concerned that you may have coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-877-Ask-VDH3 (or 1-877-275-8343) or contact your primary care physician.

To lower the risk of spreading COVID-19, the Virginia Department of Health encourages everyone to:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, call your doctor.
- Practice social distancing. Maintain at least six feet of space between yourself and other individuals when out in public.
- Avoid close contact with crowds of any size, and avoid any crowd of more than 10 people.
- Stay home except in extremely limited circumstances.
- If you must go out in public, wear a cloth face covering.