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First Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Dinwiddie County

DINWIDDIE, VA – The Crater Health District has announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Dinwiddie County. The official release indicates that the patient is a female in her 30's and currently hospitalized.

Per the Crater Health District, once a case has been confirmed, the process of contact-tracking begins. Individuals who have had primary contact, less than 6-feet and for longer than 15 minutes, will be contacted by the Crater Health District with instructions for self-quarantine, monitoring and follow-up. There are no special instructions for secondary or tertiary exposure beyond the recommended guidelines of social distancing and hand-washing.

County Administrator, Kevin Massengill, stated “Dinwiddie was fortunate to have gone this long without a confirmed case of COVID-19. We knew it was a matter of ‘when’ and not ‘if’ this would happen.” Massengill continued “Our thoughts and prayers are with this individual and her family.”

Dennis Hale, Chief of Fire & EMS shared “It is crucial that people adhere to guidelines designed to slow the spread of COVID-19. We all need to stay at home if possible – going out only for essential purposes, practice social distancing outside the home, wash hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available, and avoid touching the face.”

Dinwiddie County has created a webpage specifically for information related to COVID-19 and encourages citizens to visit www.Dinwiddieva.us for additional information and updates.

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