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Wharton County Announces first COVID-19 Case

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The City of Wharton has been notified of the first reported confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Wharton County. While the person is not a City resident this is the first case in our area. In a press release received from Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath it was announced that he and Wharton County Medical Officer Dr. Jeffrey Gubbels were notified **March 21, 2020**, of a person who tested positive in a screen test for COVID-19 virus in Wharton County. This person had been out of town and was tested after she returned to Wharton County. Judge Spenrath and Dr. Gubbels remind everyone to follow the Centers for Disease Control guidelines to limit the chances of the spread of this disease by continuing to practice safe social distancing and washing and disinfecting your hands. Wharton County stated that they want to keep its citizens well informed throughout this medical emergency and that they will continue to get information out through all local media outlets, their Wharton County website (co.wharton.tx.us), and their Facebook page of the Wharton County Office of Emergency Management.

The risk to the community is considered minimal and the City of Wharton still does not have anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19. The City has been preparing for the possibility of positive cases in the community and has been requesting residents practice social distancing and cooperate in taking steps to reduce the transmission of communicable diseases.

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