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RE: Three Additional cases of COVID-19 in Crawford County residents

As of today, there have been a total of ten Crawford County residents who have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Four of the residents have recovered and the others remain on home isolation. The three confirmed positive today are as follows:

- A male in his 20's
- A female in her 20's
- A female in her 50's

These three individuals are on home isolation and the Crawford County Health Department is following up with close contacts of each of individual.

Often persons with COVID-19 do not show symptoms until several days after the virus enters their system. We stress that you take the following precautions:

- Follow the stay at home order and limit contacts to household members.
- When leaving home for essential business, wear a mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines of 6 feet.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, throw it away, and wash your hands.
- If you are feeling ill, isolate yourself at home and call a medical provider if symptoms worsen.

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing, please call your healthcare provider for further guidance.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931 to answer questions. Other trusted sources of information include CDC, IDPH, and CCHD websites and social media accounts.