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Iowa Department of Public Health confirms 13 cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed that there are currently 13 positive cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County.

The latest case is an older adult (61 to 80 years) who was on the same Egyptian cruise as the other positive cases. At this time, there has not been community spread of the illness, which means there are not individuals in Johnson County who have tested positive for the virus who are not sure how or where they became infected.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Those most at risk of the virus are older adults, and individuals with underlying health conditions. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, the first step is to contact your healthcare provider, and tell them about your symptoms and your travel or exposure to a COVID-19 patient before you go to the clinic or office. You can also call 211 with questions.

Johnson County residents can help prevent the spread of illness by following simple daily precautions including washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, avoid touching your face, routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and items, and staying home when ill.

The IDPH COVID-19 web page includes data on monitoring, testing and test results for COVID-19 in Iowa, as well as helpful information for all Iowans. Because this is a rapidly-evolving outbreak, the web page is updated frequently. You can access the page at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>.

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