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NEWS RELEASE

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**Boone County Health Department Identifies First Confirmed Positive
COVID-19 Cases**

BOONE COUNTY— Boone County Health Department has identified our first two positive cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Our Health Department is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The individuals are adults, one in their 30s and one in their 50s. Further details about the individuals will not be released to protect the privacy of the individuals and their families.

As we anticipated, these cases confirm the presence of COVID-19 in our county. These cases reinforce the importance of actions the public can take to protect themselves and prevent the spread in the community. Healthcare partners and first responders in Boone County have been in close communication with the Boone County Health Department and our regional colleagues to monitor, respond, and help limit the spread of the disease.

What the public can do:

- **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this; your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.
- **STAY APART:** Keep at least six feet away from others including while shopping. Avoid the lines by taking advantage of pick-up and delivery services for groceries and other goods.

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- STAY PUT: Stay home, and only go out when essential (buying groceries, pick-up medicine, etc.).

By doing these three things you are not only protecting yourself but those in our community who are at greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with underlying health conditions.

For more information about COVID-19, and the latest updates and guidance please visit the IDPH and CDC websites at:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

For general questions regarding the COVID-19, please call our information line at 815-547-8561 (8:00 to 4:30 M-F) or email us at: COVID19@boonehealth.org

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About The Boone County Health Department

The Boone County Health Department is a local health department committed to serving the health needs of its almost 54,000 residents. Established in 1966, we promote and protect the health of the people and the communities in Boone County, right here, where they live, work, learn and play.