



Grover C. Dils and the Lincoln County Health Officials regret to inform you that we have had our first positive COVID-19 case in our community. We are aggressively pursuing the identification of all direct contacts to our local patient zero. This is done to educate, instruct, and reassure those individuals in order to mitigate and possibly contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community. At this time no one is hospitalized and we would like to inform the community that this test was done outside of the Lincoln County Hospital District. There will be no name or personal information released on patient zero in order to respect personal privacy. We ask the community to respect their privacy as well. The appropriate people will be informed and asked to self-quarantine.

We cannot stress the importance of doing the following:

- Maintain personal hygiene and preventive measures including hand washing and sanitizing and not touching your face.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Stay home if you are sick and seek medical attention if you are having trouble breathing.
- If you are under isolation quarantine, please comply. You can spread the disease without knowing.
- Call the hospital or clinic before showing up if you are concerned about COVID-19 symptoms or exposure. The staff needs protection and time to prepare for your visit.