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PRESS RELEASE - For Immediate Release

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RE: Positive Case of COVID-19 in Scott County

The Scott County Health Department has been notified by the Iowa Department of Public Health that an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 in Scott County. This individual, a middle aged adult (41-60 years of age), is not a resident of Iowa or Illinois and the case is travel related. The individual is currently recovering in the hospital.

While this person is not a resident in our community, this confirms what public health officials have been saying that COVID-19 is in our community.

We continue to encourage all individuals to listen to the social distancing recommendations:

- Keep at least 6-feet between you and others. For many adults, that is approximately their arm span.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging as a social greeting.
- Self-isolate if you have:
  - Taken a cruise anywhere in the world in the last 14 days
  - Traveled internationally to a country with a Level 3 travel warning in the last 14 days
  - Live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19
  - If you are ill with fever or respiratory symptoms like cough or difficulty breathing
- Stay at home if you are feeling sick.
- If you are an older adult, or have an underlying health condition, stay home as much as you can.

The Scott and Rock Island County Health Department will host another daily press briefing at 3:30pm this afternoon via Zoom. Call-in information will follow.