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LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE

POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

With the first case of coronavirus confirmed in Nebraska, the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department (ELVPHD) is working with the state and other local health departments to investigate the potential exposure of local residents.

A 36-year old Omaha woman with underlying health conditions was diagnosed with the virus yesterday and is now being treated at UNMC. She had attended a Special Olympics event from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 29th at the Fremont Family YMCA, 810 N. Lincoln Avenue. About 500 people participated in the event, including some from Cuming County. ELVPHD staff are contacting the teammates that participated.

State and local health officials are asking the basketball players, coaches and team staff who participated in that event to take two measures:

- Self-report to the ELVPHD at 402-529-2233 for guidance and next steps.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Those who experience these symptoms should self-quarantine and call their health care providers for recommended follow up.

ELVPHD is the lead agency for community preparedness and response. ELVPHD is working in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and several other local health departments in Nebraska on the investigations of the possible exposures.

“Our staff have been preparing for this day for many months. Our team strives to share the latest and most accurate information with the public,” Health Director Gina Uhing said. “We will continue to provide updates to the public on this rapidly-developing situation.”

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