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Third Lowell Resident Tests Positive for Coronavirus

On Sunday, March 22, 2020, the City of Lowell was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) that a third Lowell residents has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The individual is in isolation at this time. In adherence with stringent protocols recommended by DPH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Lowell Health Department is investigating this case and will work to contact individuals who may have encountered the patient in a setting that would lead to transmission.

As of March 22, 2020, [according to statistics produced by DPH](#), there have been 646 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

Previously, on March 15, 2020, the City of Lowell was informed that two individuals had tested positive for COVID-19, marking the first confirmed cases in the City.

Given the growing risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 locally, the City of Lowell is urging all residents to exercise vigilance in adhering to recommended practices aimed at reducing transmission.

Protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not with your hands)
- Clean and disinfect surface area frequently
- Remain out of congregate settings, avoid mass gatherings, and keep distance from others
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick

Residents are also urged to be alert to symptoms of the virus. Call your healthcare professional if you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have either been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. They will instruct you on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness.

The symptoms of this infection include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing

Any questions related to COVID-19 can be directed to the City of Lowell's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) which can be reached by phone at 978-674-4052 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. For the latest updates and information on the status of COVID-19 locally, monitor lowellma.gov/coronavirus.