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WHAT WOULD STOREY COUNTY DO WITH A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE?

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Dear Storey County Residents:

Storey County is grateful to have zero known cases of COVID-19. We are, however, well-prepared to respond if a positive case were to occur.

Storey County is unified with the Quad-County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) (Carson, Douglas, Lyon, Storey) in managing the COVID-19 event. The Carson City Health Division and other health professionals and agencies were added to the EOC as the Quad-County Health Coalition. Together these agencies are managing the COVID-19 emergency in our region.

We have been asked how Storey County may respond to a positive case of COVID-19. The following provides a brief overview of how this may be handled.

- Health experts at the EOC would likely be first to get news of any positive case. Certain information would be shared with the EOC and Storey County. Medical elements would be managed primarily by the Health Coalition.
- The Health Coalition would confirm whether the case is invalid, presumptive, or confirmed. There may be testing, travel history review, and other inquiries about the subject person.
- The confirmed subject case may undergo separation such as home-quarantine or other as appropriate, usually for 14 days.
- Others with whom the subject recently interacted may be contacted and assessed.
- The Health Coalition would monitor the subject's health condition and status until recovery.
- Storey County and its partners including Senior Services, Community Chest, school district, Food Bank, and others may coordinate services to the subject. Services could include food, prescriptions, errands, mail, and other services as appropriate for the case.
- Federal HIPAA regulations require strict medical confidentiality.

The list above is not exhaustive, and each case will be treated individually and uniquely.

To minimize COVID-19 risk to our community, we are enforcing closure of "non-essential" businesses to the public; protecting our first-responders; monitoring prevention practices of "essential" businesses; canceling tourism events and discouraging visits; extending court and other meetings; facilitating online bill pay; requiring appointments, telecommuting, and implementing other safeguards for government services; providing critical food, health, and other services to seniors and vulnerable persons; and working as a team!

Storey County with health experts and agencies are well-prepared for today and what may arrive tomorrow. We will continue to inform you of COVID-19 related events in our region.

Very sincerely,

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