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Davidson County Public Health Department COVID-19 Update

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services released this morning an updated case count for COVID-19. As of March 18, 2020 there are 63 positive cases in North Carolina reported by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health and all hospital and commercial labs.

At this time there are no reports of laboratory positive cases nor CDC confirmed positive cases in Davidson County. Many individuals have submitted specimen samples through their primary care provider or the Health Department and are awaiting test results. With wide-spread testing by community providers, actual numbers of specimens submitted by Davidson County residents is not known at this time. Guidance for individuals who have submitted a specimen for COVID-19 testing include instructions to remain at home until your provider or public health official informs you that you are no longer considered a person under investigation.

The Davidson County Health Department is working closely with community partners to ensure the community is receiving reliable and up-to-date information.

We want to remind everyone that practicing good hygiene is the best prevention measure:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available
- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes and face
- Cover your sneeze or cough
- Frequently clean high-touch objects or surfaces

The Davidson County Health Department is encouraging the community to adhere to the Governor's mitigation recommendations and Executive Orders.

Individuals who suspect they might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should call their primary care provider to inform them about your symptoms so appropriate steps can be taken to protect yourself and others.

It is vital that information regarding COVID-19 comes from a reliable source such as the CDC, NC DHHS, and Davidson County Health Department.

For more information from the Davidson County Health Department please visit our website at https://www.co.davidson.nc.us/883/COVID-19.