JASPER COUNTY CONFIRMS OUTBREAKS IN TWO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Jasper County Health Department have identified 39 cases of COVID-19 in two long-term care facilities in Jasper County. The cases include both staff and residents at Accura Healthcare of Newton – West and Park Centre.

At Accura Healthcare of Newton – West there are 21 COVID positive cases and at Park Centre there are 18 COVID-19 positive cases. According to IDPH, an outbreak is when three or more cases of COVID-19 are identified among residents of a facility.

The facility has notified residents and their families, and consistent with IDPH guidelines, the affected residents are in isolation. Staff at both facilities are working closely with IDPH and Jasper County Health Department to protect the health of all residents and staff, with additional testing of residents and staff as directed by IDPH.

“Protecting the health and wellbeing of the residents and staff is of the highest priority,” said Jasper County Health Department, Becky Pryor. “We know our older population is at the highest risk for serious COVID-19 illness, so we are monitoring the situation carefully and taking the highest precautions to prevent virus spread.”

As of today, April 28, there are 109 total cases of COVID-19 in Jasper County. The Jasper County Health Department continues to work closely with the Iowa Department of Public Health, and other state and local partners to respond to this ongoing pandemic.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, including an interactive map with county, regional and long-term care outbreak information, visit https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus or https://coronavirus.iowa.gov. For local information, visit the Jasper County Emergency Operations Center website at or follow the Jasper County Health Department on Facebook.