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First Positive COVID-19 Case Confirmed

Today, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19 within the jurisdiction of the Uncas Health District. The individual, a Norwich resident, is a 43-year-old male.

"Positive cases of COVID-19 within our jurisdiction have been expected, as community transmission of the virus continues to occur in Connecticut. The Uncas Health District and its staff will assure that all appropriate CDC protocols regarding positive cases and potential contacts are followed." said Patrick McCormack, Uncas Health District's Director of Health.

The Uncas Health District continues to promote social distancing as the best way to slow the spread of the virus. "We remind the community that it is important to be proactive and continue efforts to distance themselves from others." said McCormack. Social distancing is crucial in helping to reduce the spread of the virus and limit the number of people who are infected.

The Uncas Health District continues to work with local and state partners to prepare for widespread community transmission of COVID-19. Residents and businesses are urged to access up-to-date information regarding the pandemic from reputable sources including the Uncas Health District website (www.uncashd.org), Facebook (@UncasHealthDistrict), Twitter (@UncasHealth).

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Uncas Health District – HHD – serves as the local health department for Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, and Voluntown Connecticut. As a health district, formed under <u>Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-241</u>, UHD is a special unit of government, allowing member municipalities to provide comprehensive public health services to residents