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### **Abilene Taylor-County Health District receives first confirmed positive test result for COVID-19**

ABILENE, Texas – The Abilene Taylor-County Public Health District has received its first confirmed positive test result for COVID-19 in Taylor County.

The infected individual was tested Wednesday, March 25, and received notification of their positive test result Thursday, March 26. That individual is a 40 year old male who is receiving care at Hendrick Medical Center.

The Abilene Taylor-County Public Health District continues to urge area residents to protect themselves, and our medically fragile community members by:

- Practicing social distancing, and staying home as much as possible
- Washing or sanitizing hands often
- Covering sneezes and coughs
- Avoid touching your face
- Staying home if you are sick
- Routinely cleaning commonly touched surfaces

If an individual feels they may be showing symptoms for COVID-19, it is important they first call their medical provider or the Abilene Taylor-County Public Health District at 325.692.5600 for screening and further instruction. Please do not arrive at a medical office, facility, or hospital without first making contact by phone and receiving instruction.

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