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David J. Welsh, MD, the Ripley County Health Officer, has been notified of 2 presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Ripley County. Citizens are asked to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Reported symptoms have ranged from mild to severe illness for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases. These symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure**. Symptoms include but are not limited to Cough, Shortness of breath and Fever. If you experience these symptoms contact your healthcare provider. This is an ongoing investigation and as more information becomes available it will be provided to the community. The Ripley County Health Department is working closely with local and state officials to ensure that contacts of the patients are identified and monitored and that all infection control protocols are being followed. The Ripley County Health Department will provide updates as new information becomes available. It is important to note that neither of the patients are over the age of 60 and took the critical action of self-isolating once they became symptomatic. The Ripley County Health Department would like to remind all citizens to practice public health precautions of social distancing, avoiding mass gatherings, and to wash hands frequently.

Visit the Ripley County Health Department website at <https://www.ripleyhealth.com/covid-19>, the ISDH website at [www.in.gov/coronavirus](http://www.in.gov/coronavirus) and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19.