Nantucket Cottage Hospital

CoronavirusUpdate

COVID-19

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Second confirmed case of COVID-19 on Nantucket

(March 24, 2020) Nantucket Cottage Hospital has received confirmation of a positive case of the COVID-19 coronavirus on the island, the second confirmed case for Nantucket. The patient is isolated at home and monitoring their symptoms with our clinicians.

The patient was screened at Nantucket Cottage Hospital on Saturday, March 21, and the test result was reported positive early Tuesday morning, March 24.

The patient will remain quarantined at home while we monitor their symptoms, and NCH together with the Town of Nantucket Health Department has initiated the process of tracing the patient's contact with other individuals as well as NCH staff. No further patient details will be shared by NCH.

"We must do everything we can to prevent the spread of this virus in the community, so we continue to urge Nantucket residents to follow all aspects of the town's stay at home order, practice social distancing, limit trips to the grocery store, as well as vigilant hand-washing and hygiene measures," said Gary Shaw, President and CEO of Nantucket Cottage Hospital. "The actions all of us take now and in the days and weeks ahead will determine whether we are able to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our island and avoid a surge of cases that could overwhelm our hospital. Our team at NCH is doing everything we can to care for our island during this challenging time, but we will need the help and support of every member of our community to limit the potential spread of this virus."

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, sore throat, coughing, muscle aches, and shortness of breath, please call ahead to NCH to receive instructions about how to arrive. The drive-through evaluation site at the main entrance of Nantucket Cottage Hospital is open daily, and this service is intended for patients experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness. It is not a voluntary testing site, and if you are well, please do not come and ask to be tested. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

Please visit NantucketHospital.org for daily updates and information on COVID-19.