

March 20, 2020 Grant County Public Information –Sandria Glasscock, RN Public Information Officer

As of March 20, 2020, there are 2 confirmed cases in Tucker, 1 in Monongalia, 1 in Mercer, and 1 in Jefferson counties in WV.

There have been 219 tested by the WV state lab 5 positive. 13 pending (results not back yet). Many others tested in WV by private labs.

Please remember, local agency representatives, including County Commissioners, OEM/911, Health Dept, Law enforcement, Education, Health Care, EMS, Fire, LEPC and the Ministerial Association have been in communication with each other, and are working around the clock to identify ways to help keep this community safe. However, because this is a novel (new) virus we are learning more and more each day that is requiring us to be flexible in our planning and response.

There are many unknowns with this virus, but we do know that most people that do get COVID19 are only mildly ill. HOWEVER, some people can become very sick and even die from this virus. And, it doesn't just affect the elderly. Everyone can get sick from this virus, which means everyone has to protect themselves and others from this virus.

Our agencies are staying in close contact with State and Federal officials daily to help get more information about how best prepare and protect our community.

As a citizen you can get up to date information from www.cdc.gov or by calling the WV Public Health hotline at 800 887 4304.

If you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath AND have travelled anywhere with a reported COVID-19 infection within the last 14 days, please do NOT leave your home. Call (304) 257 1026 and press 5 to speak to an ER to help determine if testing is needed.

The plan is to update the public each day at 11 am on WELD.