March 26, 2020 Grant County Public Information –Sandria Glasscock, RN   Public Information Officer

As of March 25, 2020, **WV** reported: 52 positive cases of COVID19

1031 total negative   0 total deaths   19 tests pending

Counties with positive COVID19 cases:

Berkeley 2, Hancock 1, Harrison 3, Logan 1, Marion 1, Jackson 4, Jefferson 3, Kanawha 5, Marshall 2, Mercer 2, Monongalia 18, Ohio 2, Preston 2, Putnam 2, Raleigh 1, Tucker 2, Wood 1

A reminder that a Stay-at-Home order **requiring** all West Virginians to remain in their homes and residences and leave only for essential services is in effect. This is **mandatory, not just guidance** or advice.

Essential Services include *necessary* trips to the grocery store or gas station; picking up a prescription or receiving medical care; getting outdoor exercise for yourself, your children and your pets. They also include working jobs to provide essential services.

The Governor's full order can be viewed at www.governor.wv.gov.

If you must go out for essential services, you must keep at least **6 -8 feet away from others even if groups of 10 or less.** Wash your hands frequently, especially after touching any surfaces if in public.

Individuals currently *prioritized* for testing for COVID 19 include:

Patients involved in an illness cluster or in a congregate setting. All suspected and confirmed outbreaks are immediately reportable to the local health department. OR Close contacts of laboratory-confirmed cases.

Other priority groups that will be considered for testing in urgent situations to protect the health and safety of others include:

Individuals with fever and/or signs of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) who do not have another identified cause for their illness in any of the following groups: 1. Healthcare workers, 2. Patients in public safety occupations (law enforcement, firefighter, EMS, etc.), 3. Hospitalized patients, OR 4. Persons otherwise at highest risk of poor health outcomes (includes any of the

following): ▪ Persons over the age of 60 ▪ Persons with serious underlying medical conditions* or who are immunocompromised† ▪ Pregnant women

If you think that you may need COVID 19 testing, please do NOT leave your home, call Grant Memorial Hospital (304) 257 1026 and press 5 to speak to an ER nurse to help determine if testing is indicated.

Grant Memorial has tested for the Tri-County area, and to date we have NO Positive cases.

To get up to date information about COVID 19 go to www.wvdhhr.org, or www.cdc.gov if questions call the WV Public Health hotline at 800 887 4304.