

NEWS RELEASE

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First Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Cochise County

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. – March 20, 2020. Cochise Health & Social Services received confirmation of the case from the Arizona Department of Health Services on March 20. The confirmed case is the first in Cochise County.

The County's Health Director, Carrie Langley, stated that the individual is self-isolating, managing her symptoms at home and is recovering from the illness. All direct and appropriate contacts with this individual will be investigated by the County's epidemiologist team.

Governor Doug Ducey yesterday issued an Executive Order that requires restaurants, bars, movie theaters and gyms to close to the public in counties with confirmed cases. These businesses in Cochise County are now required to comply with the Governor's directive.

Restaurants can provide dine-out options only and will be allowed to deliver alcoholic purchases with food deliveries.

Director Langley added that her department expects to see more cases in Cochise County and would like to remind the public to continue to follow the Center for Diseases Control guidelines to wash their hands, don't touch your face, practice self-isolation, and stay home if you or your family members are sick.

Banner Health in Tucson today stated that the media-reported "drive through visit" is actually an ER visit screening that is open from 10 am – 9 pm. They said that if anyone is showing symptoms related to COVID-19 that they can call the COVID-19 hotline first to receive direction and set an appointment. The COVID-19 hotline is 844-549-1851.

For further information about COVID-19 visit the County's dedicated website <https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/>

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