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UPDATE: As of March 26, 2020, there are two additional known confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Granville County bringing the total number of cases to three. The two individuals are in the same household.

Vance County has a total of two known confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 26, 2020.

All individuals have cooperated with isolation restrictions since being tested and are currently in isolation at home. Families of individuals who are confirmed positive for COVID-19 have been given information about isolation and quarantine and asked to remain at home for 14 days.

Local public health officials will notify any individuals if they may have been at risk of being in contact with these individuals in accordance with *North Carolina Division of Public Health Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Contact Tracing Instructions for Non-healthcare Settings* (See <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/Contact-Tracing-for-Non-healthcare-Settings-PUI-03-17-20.pdf>). Although the two family members traveled out of state recently, all of these cases are still considered community spread.

All 50 states have reported cases of COVID-19 to CDC. Twenty-seven U.S. states are reporting some community spread of COVID-19. U.S. COVID-19 cases include:

- Imported cases in travelers
- Cases among close contacts of a known case
- Community-acquired cases **where the source of the infection is unknown.**

COVID-19 test results are coming from many different labs and provider offices. More than 13,000 lab tests have been completed across NC, and approximately 100 tests have been completed for residents of Granville and Vance Counties since March 11, 2020. Granville Vance Public Health will provide the most up-to-date and accurate information for COVID-

19 in our district online at <https://gvph.org/>. You can also see the latest case counts, a map of affected counties, and new guidance for our state online at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-nc>.

State guidance continues to require fever AND lower respiratory symptoms (cough or difficulty breathing) to be present in order to take a sample collection for testing.

Although both counties have access to sample collection kits across different providers, testing is most important for people who are seriously ill, in the hospital, people in high-risk settings like nursing homes or long-term care facilities, and healthcare workers and other first responders who are caring for those with COVID-19. Therefore, if you have mild symptoms such as fever and cough without shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, you should isolate yourself as if you have COVID-19. This will reduce the risk of making the people around you sick. You can call your doctor to see if you should be tested or need medical care.

If you are in isolation, you can stop isolating yourself when you answer YES to ALL three questions:

1. Has it been at least 7 days since you first had symptoms?
2. Have you been without fever for three days (72 hours) without any medicine for fever?
3. Are your other symptoms improved?

Call your doctor if your symptoms are getting worse or you have any concerns about your health. Emergency rooms need to be able to serve the most critically ill so please do not use the emergency room unless you are very sick.

For more information see *Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Exposures: Geographic Risk and Contacts of Laboratory-confirmed Cases* located at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>