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(Long Beach Island) – The Long Beach Island Health Department is reporting this afternoon the first presumptive positive case of coronavirus, or COVID-19 on Long Beach Island. The individual is a male resident of Surf City Borough.

Daniel Krupinski, LBIHD Health Officer “I would like to convey to our residents that while this is a significant public health issue, the risk is still low at the moment,” adds Krupinski, "Residents need to continue to remain informed of what is occurring from reputable sources such as The Long Beach Health Department, New Jersey Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

Our team at the Health Department is working continuously to ensure this case is investigated and contacts will be counseled for their exposure risk and their responsibilities to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As a reminder, the LBIHD recommends preventive actions to help halt the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; and
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe;

For more information on COVID-19, visit [www.lbihealth.com](http://www.lbihealth.com) or call the New Jersey hotline available around the clock for questions at 1-800-222-1222. Residents can also call with questions regarding the coronavirus. The number is 609-492-1212.

Additional information can be found at:  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/summary.html>  
or New Jersey Department of Health website at:  
<https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml> .