Acushnet informs public of first positive COVID-19 case

The Town of Acushnet was informed of its first positive case of COVID-19. Due to privacy requirements, the demographics of this case will remain confidential. The close contacts of the positive case have been notified and are following CDC guidelines for self-quarantine.

With increased testing capabilities and community spread of COVID-19, having a positive case in Town was inevitable. This is a crucial time in infection control. Maintaining social distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places and vigilant handwashing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), other Federal agencies and our local Board of Health to share the most up to date information available. The DPH website is updated constantly with the latest guidance, including printable fact sheets in multiple languages at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.

Information about coronavirus, the virus that causes COVID-19, can be found at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website, by calling 2-1-1 or visiting https://mass211.org/ where citizens are able to live chat with a person. For specific questions, call the DPH Epidemiology Line at 24 hours a day/7 days a week at 617-983-6800.