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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

First Needles Resident Case of COVID-19 recorded

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The City of Needles today recorded its first case of COVID-19. The case appeared in a City of Needles Resident and employee of an essential business.

The City is working with the Communicable Disease Section of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health and the event is considered a low health risk incident. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has been in contact with the patient and is currently conducting contact tracing. The patient who tested positive has been instructed to self-isolate for 10 days after symptoms began, and those who had contact with the case patient were instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The patient is not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Per the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health guidelines, the following steps should be taken to protect your health and those around you:

- People experiencing symptoms of contagious illness should seek medical guidance. Testing is being offered during the week at both the Tri-State Community Healthcare Center (760-326-0222) and Colorado River Medical Center (760-326-7100) by appointment only.
- Persons aged 65 years and older and persons of any age with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk should they contract COVID-19 and are encouraged to self-quarantine.
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 80% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth especially with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Avoid close contact and practice social distancing.
- Face coverings when leaving the home or conducting essential business.
- Stay home if you feel sick.

For information about COVID-19, visit the County's COVID-19 website at <http://sbcovid19.com>. New information and resources have been added and the site is being updated daily. The public can also contact the County's coronavirus public information line from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (909) 387-3911. The City will continue to monitor the situation.