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Evening Briefing Report

Kootenai County, Idaho: Following the evening briefing of the Kootenai County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Unified Command, today's report shows one new case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Kootenai County, bringing our total to ten.

According to the Panhandle Health District, the new case involves a female. She is in her 50's, self-isolating and is experiencing mild symptoms that does not require hospitalization.

If you begin to show symptoms associated with COVID-19 (cough, fever, tiredness, and difficulty breathing), ensure you quarantine. If you are tested for COVID-19, ensure that you self-isolate until you receive your test results. The importance of self-isolating cannot be stressed enough. However, when the symptoms subside you need to continue to self-isolate for an additional 72 hours before removing yourself from isolation.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation out there on social media. So for the most accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19 please continue to follow the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kootenaioem/.

Finally, the outpouring of support and help offered to the EOC during the COVID-19 incident continues to be impressive! We are extremely pleased that the Civil Air Patrol's Idaho Wing has informed us they have been stood up and are ready to respond, to both air and ground missions, which can aid our overall response! Additionally, the Civil Air Patrol has offered their expertise in helping staff the EOC with mission critical positions. We could not ask for better public and private support as we provide our continued response! We ask that you continue to support your local businesses, they are being fantastic stewards of our community during this challenging time! As always, thank you to all of the Healthcare Professionals, First Responders and Volunteers who are working to keep your community safe!

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