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For Immediate Release

To help stop the spread of the Coronavirus or COVID-19, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office along with the Office of Emergency Management are urging people to please stay home but if you have to go out, practice social distancing and use common sense while conducting any daily activities. With the Easter holiday weekend approaching it's even more important that we exercise caution.

Dr. Erica Mahoney, Director of Hamilton County Public Health states; "We now have confirmed positive cases of Coronavirus within Hamilton County, and the number of confirmed cases will grow. These cases have been linked with community transmission, meaning that the virus was transmitted within Hamilton County communities. This means the risk to the general public has increased as a result of community transmission. You are safer at home, but if you do go out, social distancing is critical, and if there is any chance you will encounter others (bank, Post Office, Grocery Store, Convenience Store, etc) we need to all use facial covering. Lastly, if you develop symptoms including, fever, cough and shortness of breath, contact your primary care provider."

Everyone in Hamilton County needs to help stop the spread of this virus now so that we all can remain well and healthy.

Stay healthy,

G.L. "Don" Purdy II, Director

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