

## WORDS TO KNOW – COVID-19 Response

- **Coronavirus** – A large family of viruses that are common in people and many different species of animals.
- **COVID-19** – Abbreviation for the coronavirus disease 2019, a disease caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans.
- **Social Distancing** – Measures intended to limit the movement of people in order to interrupt the transmission of infectious, contagious diseases.
- **Isolation** – Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.
- **Quarantine** – Separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.
- **Community Spread** – When people have been infected with the virus in an area and some are not sure how or where they became infected.
- **Epidemic** – Affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population, community or region at the same time.
- **Pandemic** – Occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the population.
- **Presumptive Positive** – Individuals with at least one respiratory specimen that tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 at a state or local laboratory

*Sources: U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*