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COVID-19 Patient Released from Hospital

ST. GEORGE, UT - At the direction of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19, but has had no symptoms, has been released from the hospital. The individual was infected outside of the United States and has recently been under observation at a medical center in northern Utah.

The individual is currently under a state-issued order to remain isolated from the community. The order will remain in place until the patient has had two consecutive negative tests for COVID-19. The Southwest Utah Public Health Department (SWUPHD) will be monitoring the patient until resolved.

"We have made contact with this patient and have begun our monitoring procedures," says Dr. David Blodgett, SWUPHD Health Officer and Director. "This patient does not pose a risk to the public, and we will continue to work closely with local, state, and federal public health partners to address any future COVID-19 cases in our community."

"While there are currently no laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in Utah right now, we do expect community spread at some point. We are ready and prepared for when that happens," said Dr. Angela Dunn, state epidemiologist at the Utah Department of Health.

For updates and more information, visit coronavirus.utah.gov. If you're worried about whether you may have COVID-19, please call the Utah Coronavirus Information Line at 1-800-456-7707.

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