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**St. Claire Regional Medical Center evaluates  
first patient meeting possible criteria for COVID -19**

St. Claire HealthCare, in partnership with the City of Morehead and Rowan County Government, has issued the following statement:

St. Claire Regional Medical Center evaluated its first patient meeting possible criteria for coronavirus infection (COVID-19) this evening before transferring the individual to another facility. We have been preparing for this situation and want to alleviate any concerns. Please be assured St. Claire has the facilities and the expertise to care for patients, while protecting the safety of all of our patients, visitors and staff. Our staff is trained and has maintained a state of continual readiness. In addition, staff is given personal protective equipment when caring for any patient suspected of having an infectious disease.

A number of St. Claire staff members and first responders were in close contact with this individual. While this patient is not yet confirmed to have COVID-19, we are taking all necessary precautions as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If members of our community have any questions related to COVID-19, please call the State COVID-19 Hotline at [800-722-5725](tel:800-722-5725) or visit [www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov) or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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