

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Dr. Jawaid Asghar

Honoree's Job Title: Chief Epidemiologist

Department: Healthcare Services

Years of Service with the County: 1 year

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On September 30, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control gave confirmation of the first U.S. case of Ebola Virus Disease in our neighboring county, Dallas County. In the days and weeks that followed, the original Dallas County case resulted in two additional cases in the healthcare workers who provided care for the patient. As a result, local, regional, state, and federal public health officials were called upon to manage the crisis.

In light of the fear brought on by this event, Dr. Asghar played a key role in dispensing clear and prudent guidance to area hospitals, physicians, school officials, Collin County Homeland Security, county leadership, and others concerned about the impact of this disease in our community. Dr. Asghar's management of his team throughout this time was exceptional. He proved to be the critical link in funneling information and guidance from and to his team and other public health officials, department staff, community stakeholders, and the public. He worked humbly and tirelessly 'in the trenches' during this public health emergency as a fine example of professionalism and dedication. Even in the most challenging circumstances, such as the Ebola crisis, Dr. Asghar has proven that he can be counted on to protect the health and safety of those living in our county and he is well-deserving of this GEM award for his efforts.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 7 day of November, 2014



Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head



Printed Name