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### MEDIA RELEASE

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### **District Health Department No. 2 Reports First Presumptive Positive COVID -19 Case in Oscoda County**

Testing through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has identified an additional two (2) presumptive positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the District Health Department No. 2's (DHD2) service area bringing the total to four (4). The specimens will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmatory testing.

The presumptive positive individuals are a male and a female from Oscoda County. Both patients are in isolation and in stable condition at this time. DHD2 is working with those who have been in close contact with the patient. Contacts will be quarantined and monitored appropriately.

Denise Bryan, Health Officer for DHD2 states "As the number of cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to grow within the DHD2 jurisdiction, we must take it upon ourselves to follow the Governor's Executive Order of Stay Home, Stay Safe. In addition, I urge citizens to obtain information about COVID-19 from reputable sources such as:

- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.dhd2.org/COVID-19](http://www.dhd2.org/COVID-19)

Dr. Hamed, Medical Director for DHD2 states "The importance of prevention measures such as hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and social distancing are clear. We are working with these individuals to make sure their needs are met during this time and are wishing them a speedy recovery."

COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you feel well, you do not need to be tested. Mildly ill people are encouraged to stay home and contact their healthcare provider by phone for guidance.

Based upon the increase in COVID-19 cases statewide, DHD2 urges our community to continue to be cooperative with the recommendations to keep yourself and others safe. This includes following the Governor's [Executive Order 2020-21](#), "Stay Home, Stay Safe", and social distancing. This will help prevent additional spread and save essential healthcare resources for those considered high risk and who may need supportive care.