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

Testing through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has identified an additional presumptive positive case for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the District Health Department No 2's (DHD2) service area bringing the total to 14. The specimen will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmatory testing.

The presumptive positive individual is a male from Alcona County, who is hospitalized. 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 we continue to see additional cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the DHD2 jurisdiction, I cannot stress enough the importance of following the Governor's Executive Order of Stay Home, Stay Safe. Also, essential businesses should be screening employees and implementing social distancing measures. In addition, I urge citizens to obtain information about COVID-19 from reputable sources such as:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- 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, wearing face coverings in public, and social distancing are clear. We are working with this individual 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 "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order, 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.