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District Health Department No. 2 Launches New Information Dashboard

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) would like to share with our residents that we hear your requests for more information, and we are working hard to meet your needs. DHD2 is launching a COVID-19 data dashboard that will be available on our COVID-19 web page at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19. The COVID-19 data dashboard will present the most up to date information available regarding COVID-19 in our counties.

As testing capabilities and availability increase, we are able to share more meaningful data regarding positive cases without violating confidentiality as testing increases. This increase in testing will allow us to identify more positive cases, to better understand the pattern of COVID-19 in our area, and to more easily share relevant data with the public.

“Launching the dashboard can provide some insight into COVID-19 in our communities,” shared DHD2 Health Officer, Denise Bryan. “However, it’s important to remember that with a small number of cases and with some backlogs in getting testing results, the ‘trends’ that we are seeing locally are of limited value because they represent a small sample.”

We want to remind residents that although new information and contact tracing of positive cases can give us a better idea of how the virus could be spreading, the best method to reduce the spread and protect our communities is still to stay home and leave only to provide or receive essential services.