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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### District Health Department No. 2 Announces First Death from COVID-19 in the Jurisdiction

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) has received notification of the first local death attributed to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The individual, a male from Iosco County, was tested after passing away, the result was positive for COVID-19.

Denise Bryan, Health Officer for DHD2 states, “We wish to express our heartfelt sympathies to the family who has lost their loved one. This is a tragic reminder of how serious a threat COVID-19 is to our community.” DHD2 would like to remind everyone that in this difficult time it is critical that we protect each other, support each other, and work together to slow the spread of this virus. It’s important for residents to be aware of the virus and the efforts necessary to prevent its spread.

As this situation continues to evolve, we ask all of our residents to take the appropriate precautions. Strong community mitigation and prevention measures are already in place. Also, we urge residents to continue to follow recommendations:

- Stay at home. Do not leave home except for essential tasks such as getting groceries or seeking medical care.
- If you must go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others and avoid any gatherings.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.
- Check on others. Call your loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk and see how they are doing. If they require something essential, see how you can help.
- Get your information from reliable sources such as the [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), [www.mdhhs/coronavirus](http://www.mdhhs/coronavirus), [www.dhd2.org/COVID-19](http://www.dhd2.org/COVID-19).

In addition, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has a hotline number that Michigan residents can call to ask questions about COVID-19. The number is 1-888-535-6136 and is available seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Residents can also send an email to: [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov). Emails will be answered seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.