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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### District Health Department No. 2 and Kalitta Air Working Together to Prevent COVID-19 Spread

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) and Kalitta Air of Oscoda are working collaboratively to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among employees and community members due to an employee recently testing positive for the disease. On May 12, 2020, DHD2 was notified of a presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in an adult who is an employee of Kalitta Air of Oscoda, which is an essential service workplace. The individual is stable and cooperating with local public health. Contact tracing immediately began to identify those most at potential risk for exposure to COVID-19. The health department reached out to Kalitta Air to perform a risk assessment and initiate epidemiological tracing. Additionally, DHD2 reached out to Alcona Health Center to engage this community partner in spearheading a large-scale testing initiative with Kalitta Air. Details of this are being finalized.

Denise Bryan, Health Officer for DHD2 states, “Our public health team recognizes the urgency of working with our community partners to mitigate the spread of disease. We are very fortunate to have community partners ready to step up and help slow the spread.”

Given the incubation period and the likelihood of spread to other communities, the health department asks for increased awareness of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. DHD2 has set up a hotline to address potential contacts and resident concerns at 1-989-343-1809. Anybody with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should quarantine themselves at home, not report to work, and contact their provider to seek testing.

DHD2 would like to remind residents of the following things they can do to help slow the spread:

- Only leave home for essential needs and as infrequently as possible
- Limit the number of individuals who leave your home (designate one person to pick up groceries, medicine, etc.)
- If you must go out, wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet away from others and avoid gatherings
- When recreating outdoors, maintain social distancing, do not congregate
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Check on others – by calling loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk to see how they are doing and if they need help.

If you would like more information on COVID-19, visit the DHD2 COVID-19 webpage at [www.dhd2.org/COVID-19](http://www.dhd2.org/COVID-19).