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First presumptive positive COVID-19 case confirmed in Ingham County

LANSING, Mich. – Testing through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has identified Ingham County’s first presumptive positive case for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Specimens will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmatory testing.

The presumptive positive person is a senior adult female whose history includes being aboard a cruise ship. The patient is currently hospitalized in isolation and is in stable condition. The Ingham County Health Department will contact people who have been in close contact with the patient. They will be assessed for symptoms and monitored appropriately.

“At this time, I advise the public to be diligent, yet level-headed, in prevention efforts,” said Ingham County Health Officer Linda S. Vail. “I urge you to get your information and situation updates from reputable sources such as the health department or your physician.”

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.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should wash their hands, stay home when sick, avoid close contact with sick people, and disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

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