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Allegan County Health Department Reports First Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Case

(Allegan, MI) (4:16PM) —The Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) is reporting the first positive coronavirus (COVID-19) case in Allegan County. The resident is an 85 year old who is currently hospitalized. We were notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) this afternoon about the collection, testing, and results. This individual was tested yesterday. We are actively investigating any close contacts and we are contacting them to put them on home quarantine.

“With this positive, we know that COVID-19 is in our community,” states Angelique Joynes, MPH, RN, Allegan County Health Officer. “The community has done a great job of applying social distancing and personal hygiene habits. Please continue to be diligent so we can slow the spread of COVID-19.”

ACHD is not naming public low-risk exposure locations. Residents should behave as though the virus may be present when they are in public places in the community. ACHD reinforces that people should be taking all recommended prevention measures.

A press briefing will be held at 3283 122nd Ave, Allegan MI, 49010 beginning at 5:30pm. Representatives include Board of Commissioners Chairman Jim Storey, Health Officer Angelique Joynes, MPH, RN, Sheriff Frank Baker, Emergency Manager Scott Corbin, Fire Chief Greg Janik, and Allegan Area Educational Services Agency Superintendent William Brown.

Updates will be posted as more information becomes available. Visit www.allegancounty.org/health. A local COVID-19 informational hotline is also available from daily 8:00am to 8:00pm at (269) 686-4546.

Additional accurate information is available at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus; www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

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