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Dorchester County Health Department Announces Two New Cases of COVID-19

Cambridge, MD (April 5, 2020) – The Dorchester County Health Department today announced two more diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Dorchester County, bringing the total to four confirmed cases in the county.

The third individual is a female in her 40s and the fourth individual is a female in her 30s. Both have no known underlying medical conditions and have been directed to self-isolate at home. There is no known connection between the individuals, and contact trace investigations are currently underway for both. The Health Department will continue to share updated information to the public.

Contact trace investigations for Dorchester County’s first two confirmed cases, announced earlier this week, have concluded.

“As in most parts of our nation, we are seeing community spread transmission of COVID-19, which means we are all at risk, no matter our recent travel history,” said Dr. Casey Scott, Deputy Health Officer. “It is imperative that we continue to limit our exposure to others outside of our households by social distancing and staying home as much as possible.”

Governor Hogan issued a STAY AT HOME order on March 30, directing Maryland residents not to leave home except for an essential job or reason, such as obtaining food or medicine. Individuals experiencing flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, should call their health care provider for guidance. Everyone does not need to be tested for COVID-19. Testing is only indicated in certain circumstances.

Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov for information and resources about COVID-19 in Maryland and follow Dorchester County Health Department’s Emergency Preparedness Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dorchesterhealthemergencypreparedness for local updates. Dorchester County residents with general questions or concerns about COVID-19 can call the Dorchester County Health Department at 410-228-3223 Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm or 2-1-1 after hours. Call takers cannot share any additional details about the cases, but can help answer residents’ questions.

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