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Dorchester County Health Department Conducted Focused COVID-19 Testing

Cambridge, MD (July 21, 2020) – Dorchester County Health Department received a large batch of positive test results after close of business Monday evening, related to specific testing of vulnerable populations. The health department testing team conducted onsite testing at several locations on Friday, where clusters of workers were complaining of symptoms consistent with COVID-19. At this time, all workers and worksites have been notified of the positive test results, and those residents who tested positive have been isolated. The remaining workers and contacts have been placed on quarantine. Dorchester County Health Department is working closely with Maryland Department of Health and the businesses affected to ensure residents are following proper protocols for isolation and quarantine.

To date, Dorchester County has a total of 287 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Residents are reminded to stay home as much as possible, avoid large gatherings, practice physical distancing, wear face coverings, and wash your hands and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often. Individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or experiencing symptoms should call their healthcare provider for guidance.

Dorchester County Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 testing at locations throughout the county. Testing is open to the general public. No appointment, doctor’s order, or insurance is needed. Spanish interpreters are available. Face coverings are required. Here is the current schedule of testing events, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, July 22nd 9:30am-12:30pm Dorchester County Health Department
- Saturday, July 25th 9am-12pm CSD High School
- Monday, July 27th 9:30am-12:30pm Dorchester County Health Department
- Tuesday, July 28th 10am-12pm Prospect Heights, Hurlock
- Wednesday, July 29th 3:30-6:30pm Dorchester County Health Department
- Thursday, August 6th 3-6pm grassy corner lot of Greenwood and Cosby Avenue, Cambridge

For Maryland Department of Health information and resources about COVID-19, please visit coronavirus.maryland.gov. For the most up-to-date local information, visit dorchesterhealth.org and follow Dorchester County Health Department’s Emergency Preparedness Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dorchesterhealthemergencypreparedness.

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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