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Williams County Health Department Reports Second Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Montpelier, OH – The Williams County Health Department (WCHD) reports a second positive case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Williams County.

“The second case in Williams County further indicates community spread of COVID-19 in our community,” stated James D. Watkins, Williams County Health Commissioner. “This is not unexpected. The Ohio Department of Health continues to emphasize that many Ohioans are infected unknowingly with COVID-19, indicating community spread. Due to limited testing, these numbers are not a good indicator of the status of the virus in our community. Williams County residents must be aware that it is very likely there are more cases than reported. As case numbers grow, we need to continue to follow precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Maintain social distancing, follow Ohio Department of Health recommendations and orders, and stay home for your own safety.”

The Williams County Health Department will be monitoring the patient throughout the isolation period. Contact tracing, a disease investigation in which WCHD nurses and the Ohio Department of Health identify close contacts of this individual, is on-going. The Williams County Health Department will not be sharing information about individuals under public health supervision for COVID-19 in our county. As is our normal practice when we monitor situations of infectious disease in the community, information will be shared as is necessary to protect the public while balancing individual privacy. **Additional information regarding the case will be released by Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers.**

As more confirmed cases occur in Williams County in the future, please find the updated case count on the WCHD website: <http://www.williamscountyhealth.org/health-education/covid-19-coronavirus/>

This is a rapidly evolving situation. To ensure you are obtaining accurate information about COVID-19, please visit the Ohio Department of Health’s website (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/>) for updates. If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 please call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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