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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 CASE

We received comments from the community on our announcement yesterday of our new positive COVID-19 case, and the lack of information provided by the health department. Contact tracing and getting complete and accurate information is challenging especially in the first days of receiving the positive result. Many times, the information we receive in those first hours is incomplete, unverified, and conflicting. We further know that we have a duty to the citizens of Macon County to provide timely, accurate information.

During the contact investigation process, we are diligent about maintaining confidentiality as well as respecting the families of those impacted by this virus, or, those potentially impacted by direct contact with a person with COVID-19. We try at all times to be respectful of those we contact especially in light of the bad situation.

During the past 24-hours, we have verified more information. Our positive person is Amish and they have been asked to self-isolate and their family to quarantine from others in the community. At this time, this is contained to a single household. We are unsure how this person picked up the virus. Current information leads us to believe that it was either at an Excello community wedding attended by out of state people, or, it could have been travel-related at a later date. We may never know truly how they were infected. Our main concerns at this point are to contain the virus so it does not further spread, and, to make contact with those individuals who may have had direct contact with this individual when they were symptomatic. The health department spoke to many people in this respect.

We do ask that those who are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, or been in direct contact with someone who has exhibited any symptoms, to contact their healthcare provider or the health department.

Sincerely,

Mike Chambers
Administrator

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