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Two Additional Moore County Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing the Total Number of Confirmed Cases to Five

The Moore County Health Department was notified of two positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test results on March 27th, 2020 by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Today's confirmed positive cases were found to be unrelated to the three previous positive cases from March 18th, March 19th, and March 26th. These two cases have been linked to travel outside the state and travel outside the U.S. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals will be shared by the Health Department.

Moore County Health Department staff are monitoring the individuals who tested positive and will follow up with anyone who is identified as a close contact. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines "close contact" as being within six feet for 10 minutes or more.

The Moore County Health Department continues to urge all residents to take measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Health officials also encourage everyone to implement social distancing measures to reduce frequency of contact, like maintaining six feet of distance, avoiding crowds, and staying home to the greatest extent possible. This is important for everyone and especially those at high risk of severe illness, specifically anyone over 65 years old or anyone who has an underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or a weakened immune system. Further,

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individuals in this high-risk category should take extra care to be mindful of the recommendations and directives from State and local government in order to avoid exposure.

For more information about coronavirus and Moore County's response, please visit www.moorecountync.gov/health.

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