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COVID-19 Delta Variant Identified in Allegan County

(Allegan) – The Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) has been notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) of three individuals identified with the delta variant (B.1.617.2) of COVID-19 in Allegan County. All three individuals are over 60 years old and are fully vaccinated. One case had recently traveled out of state.

Only a small percentage of COVID-19 positive test samples are sent on for genetic sequencing to identify any variant strains. Therefore, it is likely there are more unidentified cases of the delta variant in Allegan County.

“Vaccination is more important than ever,” states Medical Director, Richard Tooker. “The COVID-19 vaccines show effectiveness against variants and reduce the risk of serious illness that lead to hospitalization or death.”

Continue practicing mitigation strategies to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and variants, including delta. These strategies include:

- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Wearing a mask around others in crowded indoor or outdoor areas
- Staying six feet apart from others
- Washing hands often
- Staying home when you feel ill. Get tested if you have symptoms
- Ventilating indoor spaces

COVID-19 vaccines are offered at locations throughout the County. To find a vaccine clinic near you, visit www.allegancounty.org/covid or www.vaccines.gov.

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