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STATEMENT: Allegan County Health Department Addresses Quarantine Warning Notice Letters

(Allegan) – Over the past week, the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) has received several inquiries about our Quarantine Warning Notice Letters. ACHD provides the information below to address many of these inquiries.

Quarantine letters have been issued to individuals identified as close contacts since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic for reasons which include:

- 1) to provide education for what to look for as far as symptoms, ensuring basic needs are being met and who to call based on what an individual or family needs;
- 2) to notify individuals they are required to quarantine;
- 3) to provide individuals documentation for work or school; and
- 4) the letters are required under MCL 333.5205.

Under the Public Health Code, the requirement to issue the letters is not limited to COVID-19. Historically, the letters have been a part of approved departmental procedures and have been issued in other matters related to stopping the spread of an infectious disease.

In light of the recent questions received and concerns expressed, the quarantine letters have been amended to place greater focus on the educational element and actions that are necessary to be followed, while still maintaining the required language that is mandated to be included.

ACHD will continue to focus on providing support to individuals who are in isolation or quarantine.

For more information, please visit www.allegancounty.org/covid.

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