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Two Additional Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed at Denton State Supported Living Center

March 24, 2020 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) has announced two additional laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Denton State Supported Living Center (DSSLC). This increases the total confirmed COVID-19 cases at DSSLC to six.

These two new cases include one resident in their 40s and one resident in their 50s, both in hospital isolation. To protect the privacy of the individuals, no additional identifying information will be released. DCPH is working alongside DSSLC to identify potential contacts and coordinating to expand testing efforts for exposed residents and staff of DSSLC.

As previously reported, Texas Health and Human Services suspended nonessential visitation and on-campus events beginning March 13th at state supported living centers across the state. On-campus events such as family association meetings, volunteer services council meetings and express hiring events have been cancelled until further notice.

DSSLC has implemented additional infection prevention and control measures, including temperature and symptom screening of employees, expanding utilization of personal protective equipment, and active monitoring of residents for symptoms of respiratory infection, including COVID-19.

“Denton County Public Health, in concert with Denton State Supported Living Center and Texas Health and Human Services, is coordinating directly with public health and commercial laboratories to expand testing efforts for residents and staff that may have been exposed to COVID-19,” stated Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of Public Health. “These testing efforts will allow for enhanced detection of COVID-19 and implementation of specific efforts to reduce further exposures.”

DCPH will continue to monitor and investigate COVID-19 within Denton County. Visit www.dentoncounty.gov/COVID19 for additional local information regarding COVID-19. For additional information from Texas Health and Human Services, please visit hhs.texas.gov.

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