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Delta Variant Identified in Calhoun County

Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) is confirming the first case of the Delta COVID-19 variant was identified in a case of an individual living in Calhoun County. At this time, CCPHD is conducting contact tracing and disease investigation related to the case.

The Delta variant was first identified in India and resulted from mutations to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. According to CDC, early findings show that the Delta variant may be associated with an increased risk of death but more research needs to be done. Research also shows that the Delta variant may be significantly more transmissible than other variants.

Based on available evidence, vaccines are effective in lowering your risk of severe adverse health outcomes due to the Delta variant. The Calhoun County Public Health Department is urging individuals to continue to take precautions against COVID-19, especially as new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 to become more prevalent.

Recommendations include: Get fully vaccinated
Wear a mask around others if not vaccinated; especially in crowded indoor areas
Stay six feet apart from others if not vaccinated
Wash hands often
Stay home when you feel ill. Get tested if you have symptoms
Ventilate indoor spaces

Vaccines are available at the Calhoun County Public Health Department and many other locations throughout the community. Schedule an appointment by calling 269-969-6363 or visit calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine.