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PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Possible Exposure in Isabella County

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At least two individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 reported attending services and being at Maranatha Baptist Church on Airport Road in Mt. Pleasant. During the case investigations conducted by the Central Michigan District Health Department, it was determined that numerous individuals who attended services or any gatherings at the church from September 24, 2020 to October 1, 2020, may have been exposed to COVID-19. Additional cases could be seen in the coming days.

If you were at the Maranatha Baptist Church during the dates listed above, you should monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Call your physician if you think you are developing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 described below. You can also find testing locations at www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or by calling 2-1-1.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

"We continue to see cases in situations where preventive measures are not being followed", says Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for Central Michigan District Health Department. It is very important to continue to take the only steps we have to keep COVID-19 from getting worse. That includes staying home when ill, avoiding crowded areas, keeping at least 6 feet apart from others, wearing a mask when in public, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent hand washing."

Stay current on coronavirus information at https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus. Central Michigan District Health Department has set up a Coronavirus message center. After hours, please call 989-773-5921 extension 1444 if you have any questions, leaving your name, phone number and county of residence. Staff will return calls as soon as possible.

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