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For Immediate Release
Two More Positive Cases in Wood County

Parkersburg, WV April 14, 2020 – Two more positive cases of COVID-19 in Wood County were confirmed by Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department which brings the county's total to 22 individuals. Wirt and Roane counties have two cases each.   Pleasant is still at one, and Calhoun and Ritchie counties still do not have reported confirmed cases.

A reminder to individuals that have been tested for COVID-19 that they should remain at home and monitor their temperature until they receive their results back and are confirmed as negative. If you must be out, it is recommended to wear a mask or face covering and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Washing your hands frequently for 20 seconds with warm soapy water or using hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol will help eliminate self-contamination.

On Saturday, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department enacted a more stringent order for businesses and individuals based on Governor Justice naming Wood county as a hot spot. The order further restricts gatherings to five or less people. Businesses must limit members of the public in their establishments to two persons per 1000 square feet of public space at any given time. All businesses are to allow employees to work from home whenever possible. It is recommended that individuals are to wear a mask or face covering when out in public.   The complete order can be read at: www.movhd.com. **PHYSICAL DISTANCING REMAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.**

If you want information about what to do if exposed to COVID-19 and other items, you can access links at www.movhd.com; information about guidance and protocols are available at www.cdc.gov (COVID banner) or www.wv.gov (COVID-19 tab). Operators are available 24/7 at the toll-free West Virginia Coronavirus hotline at 1-800-887-4304 to provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response.

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