Health Department Reports Second COVID-19 Related Death in Cecil County

Elkton, MD – The Cecil County Health Department today reported the second COVID-19-related death of a Cecil County resident. The patient was a man in his 80s with underlying health conditions who was a resident at the Calvert Manor Healthcare Center.

“Our condolences go out to the family and friends of the patient,” said County Executive Alan McCarthy. “Now more than ever, we must come together as a community to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our county’s most vulnerable residents. Please follow the Governor’s orders and stay home. Only go out when it is essential and wear a cloth mask if you do.”

An outbreak of COVID-19 among residents and staff at the Calvert Manor Healthcare Center was identified by the Health Department late last week. On Saturday, April 11, a Maryland National Guard medical strike team was dispatched to Calvert Manor. The strike team conducted an assessment of the facility and found that Calvert Manor is taking appropriate steps to contain the outbreak. “The strike team commended the staff of Calvert Manor for their tireless efforts to protect their patients and control the spread of infection. I visited the facility with the strike team on Saturday and personally witnessed the diligence of Calvert’s staff in caring for their patients. I am grateful for their dedication to their residents,” said Health Officer Lauren Levy.

We want to assure Cecil County residents that appropriate measures are being taken to keep residents, as well as staff and their families as safe as possible. Calvert Manor is working closely with the Cecil County Health Department and the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services to ensure that the facility has an adequate supply of personal protective equipment and that all staff receive training on its proper use. Additional testing supplies have been provided by Christiana Care Union Hospital to identify any new cases so that proper isolation procedures can be implemented.

For additional information on COVID-19, visit the Cecil County Health Department’s web page at cecilcountyhealth.org/coronavirus or call the Health Department’s COVID-19 call center at 410-996-1005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with any questions.

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the health of Cecil County and its residents by providing leadership to find solutions to our health problems through assessment, policy development and assurance of quality health services and education.