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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW TOTALS: 130 CASES OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED IN DELAWARE COUNTY; 10 TOTAL DEATHS

DELAWARE COUNTY, IN- The Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) reports Monday of additional individuals within Delaware County having tested positive through lab testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19 infection); bringing the latest total to 130 confirmed cases and now 10 attributed deaths.

The DCHD continues working closely with the local and state officials to ensure that contacts of the patient are identified and that all infection control protocols are being followed.

The 4 most recently confirmed cases being reported since Saturday's Press Release include: 1 female over the age of 20, 1 female over the age of 40, 1 female over 50, and 1 male over 70. The 9th and 10th Delaware County death occurred among previously identified and confirmed COVID-19 patients. No additional information about the patients will be released at this time due to privacy laws.

"These recent increases in both case confirmations as well as deaths show us yet again that this pandemic is not over yet. As discussions and planning begin transitioning to include steps for re-opening America, we are hopeful our local citizens can keep in mind that re-opening of some aspects of life does not mean we are back to the old life we once knew. We are also hopeful that as these growing numbers continue to be announced, Delaware County will continue to recognize that each of these numbers is more than a statistic. These are our friends, neighbors and family members." stated DCHD Administrator, Jammie Bane.

Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

- Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and
- Rarely, fecal contamination.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness, including the flu, is to:

- Wash your hands often w/ soap & water for at least 20 seconds. If soap & water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) provides statewide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the ISDH website at in.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Indiana.

For updated local information: The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the Delaware County GIS Department, have created and are maintaining a central location for local updates. Please visit the Delaware County, Indiana Coronavirus Hub at www.dcema.com.

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