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UPDATE – MHHS COMPLETES ITS INITIAL CONTACT TRACING AND INVESTIGATION OF THE TWO POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED ON AUGUST 20, 2021

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) is informing the public that initial contact tracing and investigation revealed twenty-four (24) close contacts of the two individuals who tested positive of COVID-19 last Friday, August 20, 2021. All close contacts were tested with the Binax antigen and PCR GeneXpert, and their results were negative. They are currently in quarantine and will undergo further testing on day 3. Based on these test results and other considerations, the Bureau of Public Health will continue to monitor the situation. You may still be contacted if investigation reveals that you have been in close contact. Close contact means you were within 6 feet from a person for about 15 minutes (revised).

The public is advised to remain calm and to continue the following preventive measures:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask as appropriate
- Limit large indoor gatherings and practice physical distancing (3-6 feet apart)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and spaces
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Stay home, away from others and call the Hospital for advice if you are sick

At this time, public services including schools and government offices and facilities, will continue to operate as usual. The MHHS Emergency Operations Center has been re-activated, and working with other agencies to monitor the situation closely and update the public as new information becomes available.

We continue to thank the community for its support and understanding.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS Incident Commander, Ms. Ritter Udoi (775-0084) or the Deputy Incident Commander/Liaison Officer, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.