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Cambridge, Ohio – The Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department has been notified of one new COVID -19 confirmed case with positive test result residing Guernsey County.

The new case is a female in her 50's. This case is linked to an outbreak in another county. Our county currently has twenty three confirmed cases and 2 documented probable cases.

Health Commissioner, Dr. Colby emphasized, "We will not be releasing any demographic information relating to this new case. We want to protect the privacy of the individual during this time of illness. Our staff will be notifying contacts to this case."

Case numbers in Guernsey County for coronavirus (COVID-19) are expected to increase due to new reporting practices, which will now include probable cases in addition to confirmed cases.

A confirmed case is defined as a person with a positive laboratory result for COVID-19. A probable case is generally defined as someone who has not been tested for COVID-19 but is likely to have the illness based on close contact with a confirmed or probable case, symptoms, and/or exposure to an area with ongoing community spread. A probable case must also have no alternative diagnosis, such as influenza or strep throat.

The Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department will be releasing only confirmed cases at 2 p.m. daily through a news release, on our website: www.guernseycountyhealthdepartment.org Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Case numbers posted on the Ohio Department of Health website will include both confirmed and probable cases for Guernsey County.

The Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department will continue to work closely with local health care systems, healthcare providers and community partners to respond to possible cases of COVID-19 in our county.

The Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department continues to remind residents to abide by the new **Director's Stay Safe Ohio Order** to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Which was revised at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

This new order can be found on the Ohio Department's of Health website:

www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

Other websites available:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

The Ohio Department of Health updates their number of cases daily at 2:00 p.m. on the Coronavirus.ohio.gov website.

Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)
7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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