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B.1.1.7 Variant of COVID-19 Identified in Saginaw County

(SAGINAW) -- An 80-year-old woman with the B.1.1.7 variant of COVID-19 has been identified in Saginaw County. Her COVID-19 test was done on February 18 at a local hospital and was among samples randomly sent to the CDC for further testing and subtyping.

She is no longer hospitalized and would have been out of isolation as of 2/28.

The Saginaw County Health Department urges individuals to continue to take precautions against COVID-19, especially as new variants of the virus become more prevalent, including the South African variant B.1.351 – which was discovered in Jackson County yesterday:

- Wash your hands. Wear your mask. Watch your distance.
- Get vaccinated for COVID-19 when available and eligible.
- Avoid large indoor gatherings.
- Ventilate indoor spaces.

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