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COVID-19 Outbreak Reported at Angelica Nurseries

March 19, 2021- On Wednesday March 17th, the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) was informed by Choptank Community Health System that 53 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 at Angelica Nurseries in Kennedyville. Another 25 have been exposed but have tested negative. Five individuals have been hospitalized. Two have been released.

“Angelica Nurseries has been working closely with KCHD and a multi agency team of healthcare providers to respond to the situation. Management has been fully cooperative and engaged in addressing the healthcare needs of their employees and the risk this poses to the community. Their leadership has been receptive to the guidance offered by the Kent County Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, and Choptank Community Health,” commented Bill Webb, Health Officer for Kent County.

The Kent County Health Department has delivered personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfection supplies, and is assisting the business with implementing enhanced safety protocols. At this time contact tracing indicates that the outbreak is contained to those residing on the grounds of Angelica Nurseries or its affiliated properties.

“I implore our community to continue to take this virus seriously and be vigilant to prevent its spread,” said Webb. “Continue to wear your mask, maintain at least six feet of distance, wash your hands frequently, and get the vaccine when it is your turn. We have been at this for a year and I know we are all tired of this message, but now is not the time to let down our guard.”

For more information, visit:

- **Maryland Department of Health** covidlink.maryland.gov
- **Kent County Health Department:** Testing offered Tuesdays by appointment- call 410-778-1350 kenthd.org

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