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MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Monroe County Health Department Latest Update on COVID-19 Response

Monroe, Mich. March 23, 2020, 3:30 p.m., Eastern Time Zone – The County of Monroe’s response to the National Emergency Declaration and the State of Michigan’s statewide state of emergency against the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Emergency response plan for public health has been activated and implemented.

Update on (COVID-19 Cases) in Monroe County-

- The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) confirmed the county count of positive Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases increased to eight (8);
- The MCHD continues working closely with each positive confirmed individual to identify and contact others who may have been potentially exposed.
- Individuals who have been in contact with the confirmed case will be notified as part of the investigation as necessary.

Other Testing Updates:

- The number of Monroe County cases being tested is now at one-hundred forty-three (143); Monroe County’s population is 152,021.
- In the State of Michigan, there are 1,328 total positive cases of COVID-19; see table at bottom of press release for more information.

Who Should be Tested for COVID-19:

1. Individuals with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 infection who are identified as having contact with someone else with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection and are not members of the same household or congregate living situation as the confirmed case (unless as part of a public health investigation).
2. Individuals who become symptomatic while being in a 14-day monitoring and quarantine period (such as, but not limited to, monitoring due to travel from a region with widespread transmission).
3. Symptomatic individuals who are part of a public health investigation of a cluster of illness associated with a vulnerable population (e.g., long term care facility).
4. Symptomatic individuals who may be more likely to infect many people or a vulnerable population (e.g., healthcare providers and those living in congregate settings like dorms, camps, long term care facilities).
5. Individuals presenting with severe illness requiring hospitalization or causing mortality and having no other identified etiology.

Practice Proper Personal Hygiene:

- Proper hand washing is vital in slowing the spread of the illness in our homes and community. Hand sanitizer can be substituted when soap and water is not available. Sanitizer should have a 60% alcohol strength solution.
- There is no vaccine for COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to it. To do this, practice social distancing (maintaining 6 feet or more from other individuals).
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick. Do not be afraid to ask someone if they are feeling healthy.
- Every citizen is asked to be considerate of others. Stay home and away from others in your home if you are not feeling well. Cough into an elbow or sleeve.

Hotlines for Information:

Monroe County Hotline Number: 734-243-8600
8:30 A.M. through 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday

Public Health Public Professionals are staffing the County Hotline. Call volumes are high at various times so please be patient as these calls are answered to provide the best guidance to our citizens.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services hotline number: 1-888-535-6136
8:00 A.M. through 5 P. M., Daily

Overall Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by County

County	Cases	Deaths
Allegan	1	
Barry	1	
Bay	1	
Berrien	5	
Calhoun	3	
Charlevoix	2	
Chippewa	1	
Clare	1	
Clinton	2	
Detroit City	411	6
Eaton	2	
Emmet	1	
Genesee	23	
Gladwin	1	
Grand Traverse	1	
Ingham	12	
Jackson	1	
Kalamazoo	3	
Kent	28	1
Leelanau	1	
Livingston	9	
Macomb	175	2
Midland	5	
Monroe	7	
Montcalm	1	
Muskegon	1	
Newaygo	1	
Oakland	329	4
Otsego	3	
Ottawa	11	
Roscommon	1	
Saginaw	2	
St. Clair	7	
Tuscola	1	
Washtenaw	42	
Wayne	227	2
Wexford	1	
Out of State	4	
Total	1,328	15

This table is taken from www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. It is updated daily by the State of Michigan at 2 P.M. Cases listed may not be the most up to date information. Information about the number of cases in Monroe County contained in the body of the press release is up to date information, as of the time of this press release.