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**MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Monroe County Health Department Latest Update on COVID-19 Response**

**Monroe, Mich. March 25, 2020, 3:00 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 number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Monroe County is currently twenty (20);
- 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:**

- In the State of Michigan, there are 2,295 total positive cases of COVID-19; see table at bottom of press release for more information.

***“What is critically important for Monroe County citizens to know, is that of the 2,295 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Michigan, 85% are within the tri-county area of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, including the City of Detroit. It seems clear that in areas where there is a dense population and social distancing is difficult to achieve, there is an increased level of confirmed cases,” said Ms. Kim Comerzan, Health Officer at the Monroe County Health Department. “Social distancing does work. It is imperative that Monroe County citizens restrict travel to do their individual part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 virus. Again, only essential travel should be taking place,” she added.***

**The Monroe County Health Department strongly encourages all of its citizens to continue to practice proper personal hygiene, by adhering to the following:**

- 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 5:00 P. M., Daily**

Overall Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by County		
County	Cases	Deaths
Allegan	1	
Barry	1	
Bay	3	
Berrien	10	
Calhoun	6	
Charlevoix	4	
Chippewa	1	
Clare	1	
Clinton	6	
Detroit City	705	12
Eaton	3	
Emmet	2	
Genesee	46	
Gladwin	2	
Grand Traverse	3	
Hillsdale	2	
Ingham	18	
Iosco	1	
Isabella	2	
Jackson	12	
Kalamazoo	5	
Kalkaska	2	
Kent	36	1
Lapeer	1	
Leelanau	1	
Lenawee	1	
Livingston	16	1
Luce	1	
Macomb	281	7
Manistee	1	
Marquette	1	
Midland	6	
Monroe	18	
Montcalm	2	
Muskegon	3	
Newaygo	1	
Oakland	543	10
Otsego	6	
Ottawa	16	
Roscommon	1	
Saginaw	9	
Sanilac	2	
St. Clair	10	
Tuscola	2	
Van Buren	2	
Washtenaw	72	3
Wayne	417	9
Wexford	1	
Out of State	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>43</b>

This table is taken from [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://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.