EIGHTH POSITIVE CASE IDENTIFIED

September 17th, 2020

The GTB Health Department is notifying the community that the eighth (8th) positive COVID-19 case was identified today. The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) was notified as the county of residence. The positive individual has been instructed to isolate at home. The case was asymptomatic.

GTCHD will contact the positive case and complete a full case investigation, including contact tracing. GTCHD will release additional information regarding possible exposure dates, times, and locations resulting from the case investigation. If you’ve been identified as a close contact (i.e. contact greater than 15 minutes within 6 feet) during the course of the case investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from GTCHD or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. It is critically important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.

Please note, our last positive case occurred on September 8th, 2020. This case represents the eighth (8th) overall case in 43 days since our first case on August 5th, 2020. In order to protect the community from further spread, with the Labor Day holiday just behind us, it is important you continue your safety precautions like following social distancing measures, masking, practicing hand hygiene, and limiting gatherings. Additionally, whether you are asymptomatic or symptomatic, we strongly encourage everyone to test at the GTB Health Department at this time.

The GTB Health Department has to date performed 1,078 tests with 8 positive results. Five (5) positives were asymptomatic and three (3) positives were symptomatic. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTB Health Department for concerns regarding this notice or questions about COVID-19 testing.

Respectfully,

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