ONE NEW POSITIVE CASE IDENTIFIED
August 12, 2020

The GTB Health Department is notifying the community that there was a new positive COVID-19 case identified today. The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department (BLDHD) has been notified based on county of residence. The positive case resides in Leelanau County, not on GTB reservation lands, and is a non-tribal member. The individual has been instructed to isolate at home. The case was symptomatic. Symptomatic individuals are carriers of the virus that causes COVID-19 and exhibit signs or symptoms during the course of the infection. It is important to note the significance of symptomatic spread in local cases. Approximately 60% of positive cases have been reported as symptomatic by BLDHD.

The BLDHD will contact the positive case and complete a full case investigation, including contact tracing. BLDHD will provide information regarding possible exposure dates, times, and locations as a public notice, once information is received 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 BLDHD 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, this is the fourth (4th) positive case identified in the last 7 days. In order to protect the community from further spread, it is important you strictly follow social distancing measures, masking, practice hand hygiene, and limit gatherings. Additionally, whether you are asymptomatic or symptomatic, we strongly encourage you to test at the clinic at this time.

The GTB Health Department has to date performed 481 tests with 4 positive results on the Abbott ID Now platform. Two positives were asymptomatic and 2 additional positives were symptomatic. Confirmatory testing is pending on 1 positive result. 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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