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Grand Traverse County COVID report, case data Nov. 13 - 15

The Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 100 new cases of COVID-19 and two deaths since Friday, November 13, 2020, bringing the cumulative case total to 1,216 with 597 recovered and 17 deaths, leaving 602 active cases. This is the first time since August 4, 2020 that the active cases in the community are greater than the reported recovered cases, which is an indicator of the accelerated transmission of COVID 19 in our county.

Yesterday, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Gordon released a new [Epidemic Order](#) regarding gathering restrictions and face mask requirements. This order will take effect at 12:01AM on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 and remains in effect through December 8th, 2020. The order was issued to enact a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates.

While conducting case investigations, the below locations, during the specified dates and times were determined to be a place of potential public exposure. **Exposure sites not open to the public are contacted directly.** (With the number of cases continuing to grow at an accelerated pace, we have widespread community transmission. Although these locations have been identified, It should be assumed that every venture out into public is a possible risk.)

The Omelette Shoppe (Front Street):

Wednesday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you were present at the above locations during the listed time periods, you should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days since the possible exposure, **particularly if you were not wearing a mask or maintaining 6 foot distance from others.**

Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, repeated shaking with chills, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

Anyone that is self-monitoring as a result should have a heightened sense of awareness that you could become infectious at any point during the 14-day self-monitoring period. Please keep this in mind when interacting with family, friends and the public.

From November 13 - 15, Grand Traverse County Health Department completed **21** case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The below information known at this time. *Please note that due to technical difficulties with the Michigan Disease Surveillance System database, we were unable to pull all case investigation data from Nov. 13 - 15. We will include the additional data in a future press release.

- All 21 cases are primary residents.

Ages:

0-19	2
20-29	7
50-59	6
60-69	5
70-79	1

Symptomatic: **20** Asymptomatic: **1**

- 6 are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- 0 linked to large group gatherings or social events
- 8 cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately 84 close contacts were identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine.

Case Investigations were also completed on 1 probable case (individuals who were close contacts of a positive COVID case who became symptomatic during their quarantine).

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