

Grand Traverse County COVID-19 Community Update - August 28, 2020



DAILY NUMBERS

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) has reported 58 new positive cases since Friday, August 21, bringing the total to 302 total cases, 169 recoveries, and six deaths, leaving 127 active cases in Grand Traverse County. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and information will be shared when it is available. Approximately 17,806 tests have been administered to date with a 7 day average of 3.7% positivity rate. Grand Traverse County is listed at a medium-risk level on the [MI Safe Start Map](#). Additional statistics are available on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 4 pm.

From August 26 through August 27 Grand Traverse County Health Department completed 29 case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following is information known at this time:

- All **29** cases are primary residents.
- Ages:

0-19	5
20-29	10
30-39	1
40-49	6
50-59	4
60-69	1
70-79	2
- Symptomatic: **26** Asymptomatic: **3**
- **10** are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- **13** are linked to large group gatherings or social events
- **23** cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately **64** close contacts were identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine.

Case Investigations were also completed on 4 probable case (individuals who were close contacts of a positive COVID case who became symptomatic during their quarantine)

While conducting case investigations, the below locations during the listed dates and times were identified as places of potential community exposure.

The Omelette Shoppe (124 Cass Street location):

Wednesday, August 19 from 9 - 10:30 am

Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery

Wednesday, August 19 from 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Chateau Chantal Winery and Inn

Wednesday, August 19 from 4 - 5 p.m.

If you were at these locations during the listed time period, you should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days since the possible exposure, **particularly if you were not wearing a mask or practicing 6 feet of social distancing**. 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 keep away from the public, family, close contacts and roommates as much as possible.

Anyone who was identified as a close contact is contacted directly by the Grand Traverse County Health Department individually and told to quarantine.

Please note that regardless of any listed locations, community exposure is happening across Grand Traverse County. Be sure to practice safety measures while out in public, including wearing a mask in public, washing your hands often, maintaining six feet of social distance.

Regionally, Munson Healthcare is reporting COVID-19 testing results on [its website](#) for each of its hospitals. Numbers listed are by hospital, not county of residence.

[Michigan has reported](#) 100,699 positive cases and 6,446 deaths of COVID-19. 72,580 have recovered in Michigan as of 8/28/20.

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center Network and the Commission on Aging each have disposable masks available for seniors in Grand Traverse County. Parties may call either office to arrange for curbside pick-up or could be mailed upon request.

Senior Center Network: 231-922-4911

Commission on Aging: 231-922-4688

COVID-19 TESTING:

Grand Traverse County testing sites include:

- [Munson Healthcare Foster Family Community Health Center](#) (priority 1 & 2 only)
- [Northwest Michigan Health Services](#) (testing all by appointment)
- [Rite Aid at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)
- See [Michigan's COVID-19 test finder](#) for more options

Testing sites have capacity and tests are available. Individuals seeking tests can call:

- Their healthcare provider
- The Munson Healthcare Covid-19 hotline: 231-935-0951
- The Michigan COVID-19 hotline: 888-535-6136

If you seek testing, please remember once you get tested you should not be going out and visiting local shops and restaurants or other public spaces while waiting for test results. Anyone who gets tested for COVID-19 must remember to stay home and away from others as much as possible until they have received a negative test result, or once they have passed their isolation period as advised by the health department if they test positive. The public should also assume the potential risk for COVID-19 exposure when going into any business and should always be wearing masks, social distancing and follow other safety guidelines to reduce the spread in Grand Traverse County.

STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN

Residents, businesses, and visitors are encouraged to ***Stay Safe to Stay Open***. This includes the following measures while in public:

- Staying 6 feet apart
- Wearing masks
- Limiting large social gatherings
- Continuing basic prevention measures like frequent hand washing
- Following workplace safety protocols.

Businesses and individuals can download ***Stay Safe to Stay Open*** resources and get additional information at the [gtcountycovid19.com website](https://gtcountycovid19.com) and communication templates and graphics on the [Traverse Connect website](#).

ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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