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Grand Traverse County reports seventh COVID-19 death, public exposure sites

For Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting three new cases of confirmed COVID-19, and announcing the death of another resident. The county's seventh COVID-19 death comes exactly five months after reporting it's first of the pandemic on April 1, 2020. The individual was a female in her 70s, who was being cared for at Munson Medical Center.

"We went from no reported deaths since late April to having to report two in the last week. Sharing news like this never gets any easier," said Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, Grand Traverse County Health Department.

The Grand Traverse County Health Department was notified from another local health department that a COVID-19 positive case was present at the below locations, during the listed dates and times.

Red Mesa Grill:

Saturday, August 22 from 8 - 10 p.m.

Turtle Creek Casino:

Saturday, August 22 from 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Sunday, August 23 from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

If you were present at either of these 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 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.

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