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Grand Traverse County Case COVID Report and Case Investigation Breakdown Oct. 9 - 11

The Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 15 new cases of COVID-19 and one death since October 9, 2020, bringing the cumulative case total to 521 with 373 recovered and ten deaths, leaving 138 active cases. The latest death, a male in his 80s, was being cared for at Munson Medical Center.

There are no places of potential public exposure to report today.

From October 9 - 11, Grand Traverse County Health Department completed **11** case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following is information known at this time:

- All 11 cases are primary residents.
- Ages:
 - 0-19 1
 - 30-39 5
 - 40-49 1
 - 50-59 2
 - 60-69 2
- Symptomatic: **9** Asymptomatic: **2**
- **4** are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- **4** are linked to large group gatherings or social events
- **8** cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately **38** close contacts were identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine.

Case Investigations were also completed on 2 probable cases (individuals who were close contacts of a positive COVID case who became symptomatic during their quarantine).

On Friday, October 9th, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued [an Emergency Order](#) under section 2253 of the Public Health Code. This order provides additional detail and clarity around the major areas of protection including facial coverings, worker protections, and limits on gathering sizes. The new provisions in the MDHHS orders provide for capacity limits in businesses, masks in childcare centers, added protections for workers, and requirements for contact tracing. The state also released an [infographic](#) and a [fact sheet](#) to provide a better understanding of the latest orders.

The Grand Traverse County Health Department stresses that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic with no vaccine or cure. The best steps each person can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are to wear a facemask in public, avoid large gatherings of people, stay 6 feet away from

others outside your household, wash your hands often, and do not work or go out in public when you are sick or have symptoms.

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