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Grand Traverse County COVID Report, public exposure site

For Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 17 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the cumulative case total to 710 with 433 recovered and thirteen deaths, leaving 264 active cases.

Since October 1, 2020, Grand Traverse County has reported 272 new cases of COVID-19 and have traced over 1,000 close contacts to positive cases who were instructed to quarantine. With that in mind, it is an understatement to say that case investigations are an invaluable component to limiting further spread of the virus in our area. **We urge anyone that receives a telephone call from the Grand Traverse County Health Department to please return the call promptly and comply with case investigations.**

Due to the large volume of cases, case investigations and contract tracing, **Grand Traverse County Health Department is asking anyone who is told that they tested positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate at home until the health department is able to reach you. Additionally, any and all household contacts should quarantine until the case investigation and contact tracing occurs.** Do not go to work, school, or any other public place while you are infectious.

If you are under a health department ordered quarantine, a negative test does not end the 14-day quarantine period early. You can both come down with symptoms AND infect others during the entire two week period. Quarantine times are disease specific based upon infectious periods of the disease and transmission period. You must stay quarantined for the entire 14-day possible infectious period. If you are a household contact to someone who is in quarantine, you do not need to quarantine.

While conducting case investigations, the listed location, during the specified dates and times was discovered to be a place of potential public exposure. Exposure sites not open to the public are contacted directly.

Civic Center Pool and Locker Room:
Friday, October 23 from 10 - 11:00 a.m.

If you were present at the above location 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 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.

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