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## **Grand Traverse County COVID Report and Case Investigation Breakdown Oct. 26 - 27**

For Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 42 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the cumulative case total to 751 with 437 recovered and thirteen deaths, leaving 301 active cases. This is the highest number of cases reported out in a single day as well as the highest number of active cases since the pandemic started.

Since October 1, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department has reported 313 positive cases of COVID-19, nearly doubling our cumulative caseload since March 22, 2020.

Due to the large volume of cases, case investigations and contact 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.**

To reduce transmission in our community, please do not attend large gatherings, wear a mask, wash your hands and do not go anywhere if you are sick. We continue to ask that anyone getting tested for COVID-19 isolate until they get their results. Recently there has been an increase in the number of reported close contacts of confirmed cases. A challenge is that the infectious period for COVID-19 begins 2 days before the development of symptoms, so by the time a person knows they are sick they have already exposed others for a couple of days. That is why quarantining after exposure and/or testing is so important. Typically, if someone is maintaining quarantine when/if they develop symptoms, the only people exposed are household members which then reduces the amount of transmission.

**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 below locations during the specified dates and times were determined to be a place of potential public exposure. Places not open to the general public are contacted directly.

### **Market Bar (inside State Street Market):**

Sunday, October 18 from noon - 3:00 p.m.

### **Sweet Pea:**

Monday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21 from 9:30 am - noon

If you were present at any of the above 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 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 October 26 - 27, the Grand Traverse County Health Department completed **40** case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following is information known at this time:

- **38** cases are primary residents.  
**2** cases are visitors
  
- Ages:
  - 20-29 6
  - 30-39 12
  - 40-49 3
  - 50-59 6
  - 60-69 9
  - 70-79 4
  
- Symptomatic: **35**                      Asymptomatic: **5**
- **8** are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- **9** are linked to large group gatherings or social events
- **22** cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately **93** 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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