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Grand Traverse County COVID report, public exposure sites and correction

For Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 14 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the cumulative case total to 833 with 481 recovered and thirteen deaths, leaving 339 active cases.

If you are a newly diagnosed/COVID 19+ tested case, please self-isolate. Due to the continued large volume of cases and case investigations needing to be completed, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is asking for your patience and cooperation until we can reach you directly. Additionally, notify any of your close contacts that they will need to quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with you, until contact tracing can be completed and to monitor for symptoms. If symptoms arise, get tested. If you have school-age children, they should stay home from school and all school related activities as part of their quarantine.

While conducting case investigations, the below locations, during the specified dates and times were determined to be a place of potential public exposure. **Exposure sites not open to the public are contacted directly.**

Blue Tractor Barbeque:

Thursday, October 22	from 5 - 10:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23	from 4 - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24	from 4 - 11:00 p.m.

The Candle Factory and Home Elements:

Monday, October 26	from 4 - 11:00 p.m.
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Additionally, it was previously reported that there was an exposure at Rove Vineyard on October 31, 2020. However, **the correct date of potential exposure was October 30, 2020.** The correct date and times are below. We apologize for misreporting on November 2.

Rove Vineyard:

Friday, October 30 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

If you were present at the above location 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.

If you should become symptomatic while quarantining, you should seek testing.

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.

Many of our recent cases have been tied to social gatherings of all sizes and people working while infectious. With community spread evident, we must all remain vigilant and follow mitigation measures any time we leave our home.

When socializing with friends or family:

- Get together outside whenever possible. Risk of transmission is increased when indoors.
- If inside, include no more than two households and never more than 10 people.
- If you feel sick, do not attend any gatherings.
- Wear a mask, removing only to eat and drink.
- Social distance away from others.

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