

## Grand Traverse County COVID-19 Community Update - August 14, 2020



### DAILY NUMBERS

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) has reported out 26 new positive cases since Friday, August 7, bringing the total to 210 total cases, 128 recoveries, and 5 deaths, leaving 80 active cases in Grand Traverse County. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and information will be shared when it is available. Approximately 14,633 tests have been administered to date with a 7 day average of 1.9% positivity rate. Grand Traverse County is listed at a medium-risk level on the [MI Safe Start Map](#). Additional statistics are available on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 4 pm.

From August 12 through August 13 Grand Traverse County Health Department completed **13** case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following is information known at this time:

- All 13 cases are primary residents.
- Ages:
  - 20-29 7
  - 30-39 1
  - 40-49 3
  - 50-59 2
- Symptomatic: **12** Asymptomatic: **1**
- **4** are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- **0** are linked to large group gatherings or social events
- **8** cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately **44** 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).

While conducting case investigations, the Grand Traverse County Health Department identified several locations in which a confirmed COVID-19 case was present at. See below for location, date and times.

#### **Leelanau Sands Casino:**

**Saturday, August 8 from 8 - 9 p.m.**

If you were at this 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 practicing 6 feet of social distancing**. 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.

Please note that regardless of any listed locations, community exposure is happening across Grand Traverse County. Be sure to practice safety measures while out in public, including wearing a mask in public, washing your hands often, maintaining six feet of social distance.

Regionally, Munson Healthcare is reporting COVID-19 testing results on [its website](#) for each of its hospitals. Numbers listed are by hospital, not county of residence.

[Michigan has reported](#) 91,140 positive cases and 6,300 deaths of COVID-19. 63,636 have recovered in Michigan as of 8/7/2020.

### **SAFE HARBOR/HOMELESSNESS**

Safe Harbor's day shelter is closing on September 30 and their winter shelter is not scheduled to open until November 14. The agency is in search for possible day shelter locations and additional volunteer staff to assist with the six week gap.

### **JOC MEETINGS UPDATE**

Until further notice, the Grand Traverse County Joint Operations Center will now be meeting on Fridays only. The JOC began meeting daily on Friday, March 13 to collectively coordinate the community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors. Updates from the JOC will continue to be distributed by the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

### **COVID-19 TESTING:**

Grand Traverse County testing sites include:

- [Munson Healthcare Foster Family Community Health Center](#) (priority 1 & 2 only)
- [Northwest Michigan Health Services](#) (testing all by appointment)
- [Rite Aid at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)
- See [Michigan's COVID-19 test finder](#) for more options

Testing sites have capacity and tests are available. Individuals seeking tests can call:

- Their healthcare provider
- The Munson Healthcare Covid-19 hotline: 231-935-0951
- The Michigan COVID-19 hotline: 888-535-6136

If you seek testing, please remember once you get tested you should not be going out and visiting local shops and restaurants or other public spaces while waiting for test results. Anyone who gets tested for COVID-19 must remember to stay home and away from others as much as possible until they have received a negative test result, or once they have passed their isolation period as advised by the health department if they test positive. The public should also assume

the potential risk for COVID-19 exposure when going into any business and should always be wearing masks, social distancing and follow other safety guidelines to reduce the spread in Grand Traverse County.

### **STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN**

Residents, businesses, and visitors are encouraged to ***Stay Safe to Stay Open***. This includes the following measures while in public:

- Staying 6 feet apart
- Wearing masks
- Limiting large social gatherings
- Continuing basic prevention measures like frequent hand washing
- Following workplace safety protocols.

Businesses and individuals can download ***Stay Safe to Stay Open*** resources and get additional information at the [gtcountycovid19.com website](https://gtcountycovid19.com) and communication templates and graphics on the [Traverse Connect website](#).

### **ABOUT THE JOC**

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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